



Proud Recipient of the Smart Care Honor Roll Award

The San Joaquin General Hospital Family Maternity Center (FMC) was recognized by the California Health and Human Services Agency for our performance in maternity care. The Hospital received the Smart Care Honor Roll Award for surpassing a statewide target three years in a row aimed at reducing births via cesarean section in first time mothers with low-risk pregnancies.

The FMC was able to achieve and maintain this level of excellence through collaboration with the highly specialized team of registered nurses, physicians, midwives, and certified registered nurse anesthetists available twenty-four-hours per day. All staff including providers were required to attend mandatory education on labor support which included a Spinning Babies® Workshop. Additionally, with the support of the medical director we instituted a hard stop for scheduling elective inductions less than 39 weeks unless medically indicated.

The Hospital's midwife program employs midwives with advanced degrees, they are nationally certified and provide individualized care and support to our first-time mothers with low-risk pregnancies. They are highly skilled to support labor and guide our patients to have low intervention labor management, to support the mother's birth plan and if chosen goal of natural birth.

In addition, we have accomplished this in partnership with the California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative. The Hospital continues to monitor its birth rates closely and benchmark nationally to sustain this important patient safety and patient satisfaction measure for our mothers and babies.