

## NEWS RELEASE

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# JPS Recognized for Maternal, Neonatal Care

JPS Health Network has earned two important designations from the State of Texas for the care it provides to women and newborns.

Dr. Elizabeth Spooner, Maternal Medical Director, and Jeri Ames, Maternal Program Manager, announced the health network has been designated as a Level IV institution for Maternal Care, the highest designation possible. It has also been re-designated as a Level III provider for Neonatal Care, reaffirming the high quality of services provided in that area.

“Thank you all for being on this journey that started several years ago to help us reach our goal of receiving Level IV designation,” said Jessica Weathers, RN Clinical Manager, Labor & Delivery and Women’s OR, noting the accomplishments took a total team effort. “We could not have done it without each and every one of you!”

Dina Dent, Vice President and Chief Nursing Officer, said the designations demonstrate to the Tarrant County community the high quality of care that’s available at their local public hospital.

“This is great recognition for the organization,” Dent said.

Level IV Maternal Care institutions are recognized as being able to handle everything from the most routine to the most complex medical surgical, and/or obstetrical conditions, according to the State of Texas. Level III Neonatal designation allows healthcare institutions to care for expecting mothers in their 23 week of pregnancy. Without it, the health network couldn’t care for expecting mothers who hadn’t reached 40 weeks. JPS was originally recognized with the designation in 2018.

Roopina Sangha, Senior Physician Executive for Woman & Infant Services and Chair of OBGYN at JPS, recognized that earning the accolades took a lot of hard work over the course of several months.

“I am very proud of our accomplishment, and so glad we persisted and went for a Level IV designation,” Sangha said. “Congratulations to all with deep appreciation for everyone’s efforts over the past months in our ongoing journey to excellence in maternal care delivery.”

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