

PERINATAL RESIDENCE

The Regional Perinatal Residence is a restored 2 story 20 unit apartment like home located 1 block from the main campus. It was created for high-risk pregnant women who need to be close to the hospital but do not require hospitalization. The patient is discharged from the hospital or sent from their clinic to the Residence where they can come and go freely. The purpose of the Residence is to increase the number of deliveries at UTMB and decrease the cost of health care. The average cost per day at the Residence is \$80 as opposed to \$1112 inpatient. There is no cost to the patient to stay at the Residence.

- Patients that are **appropriate** for the Residence are
 - High risk OB patients at any gestation
 - Patients needing to stay the night for an appointment the next morning (US, MFM, induction, scheduled C/S)
 - Any patients AFTER 38wks for indications such as transportation, hx rapid labor
 - Failed inductions, latent labor
 - Please consider the Residence instead of sending patients home from L&D that live far from the hospital
 - Gyn-Onc patients when rooms are available
- Patients that are **Not** appropriate for the Residence are
 - Noncompliant patients- must keep all appointments, have all meds and no AMA
 - Patients with psychiatric problems
 - Homeless (utilize other resources)
 - Abused (utilize other resources)
 - Drug or Alcohol use (utilize other resources)
 - Galveston Island residents
- We provide 3 meals daily to the patients
- A visiting RN is available to see the patients daily for vital signs and fetal heart tones if the patient wants—the patient can decline
- RN is not on duty 24/7
- A house manager is available 24/7 to provide transportation to the hospital
- Guests are allowed to bring a family member or friend with them (2 max)
- A/C, microwave, refrigerator, cable TV, double bed, private bathrooms
- Physician Order sheet needs to be completed and follow up appointments need to be scheduled prior to discharging the patient to the Residence
- The patient needs to be sent with medications and supplies
- Minors < 18y/o are allowed to stay at the Residence, but their male partner can only be there if the patient's parent is with them. At no time are the minor and the boyfriend allowed to be in the patient's room alone. They are only allowed to be together in the common area. If they are a minor who are married, they must show their marriage license.
- Children are allowed for a max of 2 nights along with another adult with the patient.