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We recommend you come with a support person the day of the consultation. Many people find it helpful to have someone else hear the information too.

- Please arrive early to allow time to check in.
- When you arrive at Lurie Children’s, you may park in the parking garage attached to the hospital, between Huron and Superior streets; the bridge is located on the second floor of the garage. Please check in on the second floor of the hospital, where you will be issued a visitor pass and directed where to go. Your parking ticket can be validated at that time for a fee of $1.
- You will be greeted by a Fetal Health team member and given a folder with information about the program. Included in the folder is a notepad and pen so you can take notes during the consultation.
- The care team will meet with you to discuss the baby’s diagnosis, help you prepare for the birth and learn what to expect after the birth, and discuss the specialized follow-up care needed.
- We encourage questions; please feel free to ask all of your questions.
- At the conclusion of the consultation, you will be provided with contact information for all of the specialists you met. We understand that questions may arise after the consultation; do not hesitate to call and ask your questions.
- A letter will be sent to your provider with a detailed account of the consultation.

Frequently asked questions
Is prenatal consultation new to Lurie Children’s?
The Fetal Health team comprises leaders in both research and clinical service in prenatal diagnosis and counseling for more than 40 years.

Can I deliver my baby at Lurie Children’s?
Lurie Children’s does not provide obstetrical services, but will work closely with your obstetrician at your local hospital. When our specialized care is required immediately at birth, delivery can be coordinated to occur at Northwestern Memorial Hospital’s Prentice Women’s Hospital, which is connected to Lurie Children’s by a pedestrian bridge.

Do I have to transfer my baby’s care to Lurie Children’s to obtain a consultation?
A consultation may solely consist of information gathering and does not impact where you decide to have your baby receive care.

If I choose, may I get specialty care and/or surgery at Lurie Children’s and still continue with my local pediatrician?
The team at Lurie Children’s is committed to working with your local pediatrician before and after birth.

Can I bring my partner or a family member to consultations and decision-making sessions?
Your partner or family member is encouraged to take an active part in the process.

May I bring my other children along when I come to speak with the Lurie Children’s team?
As long as they don’t have any communicable diseases (such as colds, flu or chickenpox, which are a danger to other children), your children are welcome during your visit. During flu season, visitors under age 16 are not allowed. However, many parents find it easier to focus on the discussion if children are not present.

Do doctors mind if parents ask for a second opinion?
Our doctors look at second opinions as an opportunity for the patient to receive confirmation of the diagnosis and benefit from a fresh perspective of treatment options.

Where is Lurie Children’s, and how can I get there?
Lurie Children’s is located at 225 East Chicago Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611. For maps and directions, please call 1.800.KIDS DOC® or visit our website at luriechildrens.org.

Are there locations in addition to the main hospital where I can arrange to speak with Lurie Children’s doctors?
Many specialties have outpatient services in our Chicago and suburban locations. Please check with the coordinator for specifics.

Prenatal Consultations
Lurie Children’s Institute for Fetal Health

More questions?
For additional questions or more information, please call Institute for Fetal Health Manager Mary Kamvisis, MSN, RNC-NIC, at 312.227.4724, or Fetal Health Program Coordinator Ralphella ‘Nicki’ Washington at 312.227.4747 or e-mail FetalHealth@luriechildrens.org.

Information resources and support services
Please visit luriechildrens.org