

Kitchener Waterloo Obstetrical Associates

Dear Prospective Patient,

It is the policy of the KW Obstetrical Associates that payment for all obstetrical services will be collected before delivery of these services. You may make payment by debit, credit, e-transfer or cash. **You will be charged rates in accordance with the Ontario Medical Association.**

KW Obstetrical Associates will not accept payment directly from any private insurance company. Your obstetrician will provide you with an itemized invoice of any services they provide. You will be responsible for collecting reimbursement from your insurance company. Private insurance companies often will not reimburse the full cost of physician services. Depending on your coverage, you may not be able to recover the full cost of our services from your insurance company. We are not responsible if your insurance company will not reimburse the full cost of our services. Also, **many insurance companies consider pregnancy a pre-existing condition.** Insurance companies may not cover the cost of obstetrical services if your pregnancy is considered to be a pre-existing condition. You should review your insurance policy to understand if pregnancy is considered to be a pre-existing condition.

Prior to your initial consultation in the office, you are required to **pay a deposit of \$5000 CAD to your obstetrician.** You will receive a copy of the receipt and are asked to keep it with you at all times. You will be asked for proof of this payment upon presentation to Grand River Hospital. This deposit will

only be used to reimburse **the obstetrician's fees for delivering your baby**. We do not expect that the obstetrician's fees for delivering your baby will exceed \$5000 CAD. If the obstetrician's fees for delivering your baby are less than \$5000 CAD, the obstetrician's fees will be withdrawn from your deposit and you will be reimbursed any remaining amount.

Your deposit will not be applied to the cost of any other invoices issued by other physicians that attend your delivery. Your deposit will not be applied to the cost of any invoice issued by Grand River Hospital for your hospital visit. You should expect to receive separate invoices from other physicians involved in your care. These other physicians may include anesthesiologists, pediatricians and family physicians, depending on the nature and timing of your delivery. You should also expect to receive a separate invoice from Grand River Hospital.

Your deposit payment will not be applied to the cost of any other hospital visits with obstetricians, including but not limited to visits to our triage department and/or the emergency room at Grand River Hospital. If you visit triage, you will be expected to pay for your visit prior to assessment by an obstetrician. We expect that the obstetrician's fee for a triage visit will not exceed \$600 CAD. The exact amount will be determined by the time of the visit and specific services provided by the obstetrician. **Please be prepared to pay up to \$600 CAD at each triage visit.**

Your deposit payment will not be applied to the cost of patient visits with your obstetrician in their office. Your obstetrician will collect payment for these visits directly. Prenatal care has been shown to improve outcomes for both you and your baby. It is important to your pregnancy to seek routine care. In the

event of an emergency, please present to Grand River Hospital. Care for you and your baby will not be denied in the event of an obstetrical emergency.

If you would like to be assessed by a KW Obstetrical Associate and plan on delivering your baby at Grand River Hospital under the care of a KW Obstetrical Associate, please complete the following forms from the Canadian Medical Protection Association (CMPA). These forms guarantee we are insured to provide you care by the CMPA. Once you have completed and returned these forms, and payment has been received, an obstetrician will assess you.

Sincerely,

The Kitchener Waterloo Obstetrical Associates.

Dr. Andrea Alarie

Dr. Catherine Andrus

Dr. Cheryl Lee

Dr. Christopher Lusty

Dr. Gillian Oliver

Dr. Wendy McCuaig

Dr. Sarah Norris

Dr. Peter Potts

Dr. Dana Ross

Dr. Jennifer Schnarr

Dr. Alison Salhani

Dr. Andrew Stewart

Dr. Emma Wakim

Summary of expected fees from the KW Obstetrical Associates

Obstetrical Office Visit Fees 2023

Consultation in office	A205A	\$290.42
Second prenatal visit in office	P003A & P005A	\$332.93
Follow-up prenatal visits in office	P004A	\$99.19

Hospital Visit Fees 2023

Triage assessments - Maximum \$600, expected prior to physician assessment at each visit to triage

Labour and Delivery Admission - Pre paid \$5000 to cover delivery and post partem care in hospital

Antenatal admission - Billed daily and fees dependent on length of stay in hospital

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By signing the document below, you agree that you have read and understood the above information.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____