

Level	Definition
Birth Centers	Peripartum care of low-risk women with uncomplicated term singleton pregnancies with a vertex-presentation who are expected to have an uncomplicated delivery.
Level I - Basic Care	Uncomplicated pregnancies with the ability to detect, stabilize, and initiate management of unanticipated problems that occur during the antepartum, intrapartum, or postpartum period until patient can be transferred.
Level II - Specialty Care	Level I facility plus care of appropriate high-risk conditions, both directly admitted and transferred from another facility.
Level III - Subspecialty Care	Level II facility plus care of more complex maternal medical conditions, obstetric complications, and fetal conditions.
Level IV - Regional Perinatal Center	<p>Level III facility plus on-site medical and surgical care of the most complex maternal conditions and critically ill women and fetuses.</p> <p> ACOG/SMFM Obstetric Care Consensus guidelines recommend these four designations for levels of maternal care. We will carefully review the categories again, following pilot assessment studies, and use the findings to further improve the guidelines.</p>