

Obstetrical Consolidation

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The purpose of the Obstetrical Consolidation Project is to implement a regional two-site Women's Health model for maternal/newborn care. It involves the closure of the obstetrical unit at the Victoria General Hospital (VGH) and consolidation of obstetrical care at the Health Sciences Centre (HSC) and St. Boniface General Hospital (SBGH).

The project evolved from the recommendations generated by the ABC Women's Health Regional Model for Maternal/Newborn Care Project. The ABC project conducted an in-depth analysis and determined that the most efficient and effective model of care was a two-site model of maternal/newborn care originally recommended by Deloitte & Touché in 2002. On December 16, 2004 a presentation of the Women's Health Consolidation Plan was made to the Minister of Health and was the culmination of the groundwork laid with WRHA Senior Management, Manitoba Health and the Minister in the preceding months. On February 8, 2005 a formal submission was made to WRHA Executive and MB Government recommending the closure of the VGH to obstetrics. The project was launched on March 15, 2005 when Dr. Brian Postl made a formal announcement of the closure to obstetrical care at VGH and consolidation of this care at HSC and SBGH.