



Pregnancy Care Clinicians:

The Michigan Plan for Appropriate and Tailored Healthcare in Pregnancy (MiPATH)

You can use this grid to think about which pregnancy care clinician is the best fit for you for your medical care. You will review your preference with the nurse during your intake call. If you know you would like to see a specific doctor or midwife, you can tell the clerk who scheduled your appointment.

	Certified Nurse Midwife	General Obstetrician Gynecologist (Ob/Gyn) Doctor	Family Medicine Doctor	High-risk (Maternal Fetal Medicine) Doctor
What care does this type of clinician provide?	Specialists in normal birth who focus on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individualized care • Education • Choices in pregnancy and birth 	Doctors with expertise in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routine pregnancy • Complicated pregnancy • Gynecologic care after birth 	Doctors who can provide pregnancy care and care for the whole family.	Doctors with expertise in complicated pregnancies, including issues for you and your baby.
Who can choose this clinician?	Patients without medical or pregnancy complications.			Patients with medical or pregnancy complications.
Does this clinician offer group prenatal care (in a learning setting with other pregnant people)?	Yes, these doctors and midwives offer group care.			No, these doctors do not offer group care.

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Will the clinician who does my pregnancy care be there for the birth of my baby?	A member of the group will be there for the birth of your baby.			
Can this clinician do a cesarean birth (C-section) if I need one?	No, an OB/Gyn doctor working with your midwife would do a cesarean birth.	Yes, all Ob/Gyn doctors can do cesarean births if needed.	Some Family Medicine doctors can do cesarean births.	Yes, all high-risk doctors can do cesarean births if needed.
Can this clinician also provide care for my baby?	No, midwives only care for you.	No, general Ob/Gyn doctors only care for you.	Yes, Family Medicine doctors care for you and your family.	No, high-risk doctors only care for you.
Can this clinician support me for the 12 months after the birth of my baby?	Yes, midwives care for you in the first year after birth.	Yes, Ob/Gyn doctors care for you in the first year after birth.	Yes, Family Medicine doctors care for you in the first year after birth.	No, high-risk doctors specialize in pregnancy through the first 6 weeks after the birth of your baby.

Your pregnancy care provider (nurse midwife, nurse practitioner or doctor) will determine whether you need high-risk (Maternal Fetal Medicine) care during your pregnancy. This could occur at the beginning of pregnancy or as the pregnancy progresses. High-risk clinicians care for you and your baby, in

pregnancy and through the first 6 weeks postpartum. Your referring pregnancy care provider then takes care of you for the first year after birth.

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