Community Impact

Pre-natal care, birth rates, and outcomes are of particular concern in the Quad Cities region. According to the 2021 Community Health Needs Assessment, 24.2% of all Rock Island County residents did not receive prenatal care in the first trimester of pregnancy. The Obstetric (OB) Emergency Department located at Trinity Moline is the only hospital in the Quad Cities that provides 24/7 in-house physician coverage (including evaluation and treatment, admission, and on-going inpatient management services) for unassigned or emergent obstetric patients and unassigned or emergent gynecology patients through a hospitalist program. 40% of the 4,900 patients seen by Trinity Moline providers in 2020 were Medicaid or Self-Pay, resulting in $6 million of charity care.

The 340B program provides supplemental funding to support maternal and obstetric care in the Quad Cities. The 340B savings help fund the following services:

- Obstetrical Emergency Department coverage
- Hospitalist Coverage
- Main Emergency Department Consult Availability
- OB Hospitalist Back Up
- Staff Physician Call Coverage
- Collaboration with Patient Safety Initiatives

The hospitalist program benefits mothers and babies through timely care which may otherwise be delayed awaiting an OB physician. More widely, the community is benefited by easing OB caseloads which aid in OB physician recruitment and maintain existing OB physicians who may be tempted to transition to a gynecology-only practice.

Trinity Moline also provides OB services to rural counties located in its secondary service area. Henry and Mercer County hospitals located adjacent to Rock Island County are critical access hospitals and do not provide obstetrical services. In 2020, Trinity Moline had a total of 228 inpatient obstetrical discharges from Henry and Mercer counties.