

North Carolina Women's Hospital
**HAVING YOUR BABY AT N.C. WOMEN'S HOSPITAL
THE STORK ENTRANCE**

What is the Stork Entrance?

The Stork Entrance allows you to come to the Labor and Delivery unit without first going to our Emergency Department. You may enter through the lobby of the N.C. Women's Hospital or the N.C. Children's Hospital.

Who should use the Stork Entrance?

Women who are in their last month of pregnancy (36 weeks or more) and in labor should use the Stork Entrance for admission to Labor and Delivery.

Who should not use the Stork Entrance?

You should use the Emergency Department rather than the Stork Entrance if you are **not yet in the last month** of pregnancy (less than 36 weeks pregnant) or have

- The desire to “push or bear down” with labor contractions
- Vaginal bleeding
- Any condition that you feel might be an emergency

Where is the Stork Entrance?

The Stork Entrance is reached by walking in the front doors of the Women's or Children's Hospitals. Stork signs are posted at the front doors of both of these hospitals. By following the signs you will reach our Labor and Delivery unit located on the 4th floor of the Women's Hospital. If you have questions or need assistance, ask at the information desk located in the lobby of each hospital.

What are the hours of the Stork Entrance?

The Stork Entrance is available 24 hours a day. However there are some important differences between day time and night time hours.

From 7:30 AM until 7:30 PM

- Come to the Main Entrance of the **N.C. Women's Hospital**
- Parking – Valet Parking Service, in front of the Hospital, will park your car
- Cost - \$8.00 per day (same cost as a full day in the visitor parking decks)

From 7:30 PM until 7:30 AM

- Come to the Main Entrance of the **NC Children's Hospital**
- Parking – park in the special Stork Parking spaces in front of the Children's Hospital (the Information Desk can help you locate these). You will get a 30-minute pass. If you haven't moved your car in 30 minutes, a security officer or parking attendant will move it to Valet parking
- Cost - \$8.00 if car stays in lot overnight