



DT: 10.31.2016  
TO: ALL JOCO EMS System Providers  
RE: St. Joseph Medical Center and OB/GYN Patients

Effective November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 St. Joseph Medical Center will no longer have the ability to care for OB/GYN patients.

Effective November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 patients who are having an **OB/GYN related issue** will NOT be transported to St. Joseph Medical Center ED.

Any patient experiencing any OB/GYN complaint including but not limited to the following examples: vaginal bleeding, active labor, concern about possible ectopic pregnancy, pre-eclampsia/eclampsia shall not be transported to St. Joseph Medical Center.

A patient who has a complaint **not related to pregnancy** may be transported to St. Joseph Medical Center. An example could be a patient who has a minor extremity injury and happens to be pregnant may still be transported to St. Joseph Medical Center if requested after advising them that they no longer have any OB/GYN capabilities at that facility.

Please don't hesitate to call or email with any questions/concerns.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan C. Jacobsen", written over a white background.

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