

Seasons of Life Women's Healthcare

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## **Brigitte Rhody, CNM, MSM**

Dear Pediatrician,

Our prenatal care provider is Brigitte Rhody, CNM, MSM. She is a Certified Nurse Midwife with a Masters degree in Midwifery from the Midwifery Institute at Philadelphia University (Now called Jefferson University). She had a career in public health and medical surgical nursing for 5 years before returning for her Midwifery credentials. (See ACNM website for scope of practice). She is well credentialed, has full prescriptive authority, insurance, and several consulting MD relationships, and she has worked within our community attending births since 1999; as the primary attendant since 2009. She has a pediatric RN attending births with her as her assistant. Both are highly skilled and certified in NRP and ACLS.

After our baby is born, Brigitte will perform a complete newborn physical on the day of delivery, at 24 hours old (along with the day one NY State mandated CCHD oximetry test) and again at 72 hours old. She offers both vitamin K injection and Erythromycin eye treatment after birth. She has a IBCLC for breastfeeding support as well. If indicated, Brigitte will do bilirubin screening and glucose screenings if needed. The results of our babies PKU test will be available to you and to her in the NYS DOH system. As CNM she is trained to care for normal newborns through first 28 days of life.

If our baby has any concerning findings on her/his initial assessments, Brigitte will be in touch with you directly and ask you to see our baby as soon as possible, or arrange a consult with a suitable facility. In the likely case that our baby is a normal, healthy newborn, she recommends we transfer care to your practice after the first week of life, and that we arrange that directly with your practice.

In addition, I have given permission for her to share the pertinent parts of my records with you including key lab results and the labor/birth summary. We are grateful for your collaborative and supportive care to ensure our baby has the best start, and Brigitte would be glad to speak with you regarding any questions or concerns at the number listed above.

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