

Women's Health Care – The Way it Should Be

The Women's Health Services Program at Hoag Hospital

Women have been talking about the way healthcare should be delivered and one Orange County Hospital has been listening.

“Women want integrated care across a broad range of services with ‘one-stop-shop’ convenience, so that’s exactly what we’ve developed here at Hoag,” says Vivian M. Dickerson, M.D., Medical Director of Hoag’s Women’s Health Programs and Care. “Through screening, prevention and treatment, we provide everything a woman might need in a single, patient-centered environment.”



The Sue and Bill Gross Women's Wellness Center provides women with a totally integrated approach to their healthcare needs, at every stage of their lives.

This approach to total woman well-being is a first for Southern California, because not only do patients of Hoag Women’s Health Services benefit from sophisticated treatments and technologies, they also receive attentive, personalized care that addresses the mind, body and spirit — a visionary approach Dr. Dickerson believes can make all the difference.

“Our primary intent is to offer healing,” says Dr. Dickerson. “Everyone here,

from the volunteers at the front doors to our nursing staff and physicians, is completely dedicated to creating an environment in which healing may occur. Health and wellness encompasses much more than just medicine and tests. A healing environment, a sense of well-being... these things are so important to a woman’s overall health and the ultimate outcome of her medical care.”

A Revolutionary Approach to Comprehensive Care

Hoag Women’s Health Services incorporates many of the most important facets of a woman’s health, including the Hoag Breast Care Center, the Hoag Continence Center, the Women’s Wellness Center and Hoag’s Family-Centered Maternity Care. Within each of these specialties, women find care that is open to choice and individual healthcare decisions.

“Women should have options,” says Dr. Dickerson. “They should demand choices. A perfect example would be treatment for fibroids. Across the country, countless women are still being told that if they have fibroids, they need a hysterectomy. Here at Hoag, we offer a fibroid treatment program with options that range from uterine artery embolization and MRI-focused ultrasound all the way up to minimally-invasive surgery and, if a woman chooses, hysterectomy. The important thing, though, is that we empower women with education and options so that each patient can make the decision that’s right for her.”

Another groundbreaking feature of Hoag’s Women’s Health Services is its unique Family-Centered Maternity Care. “We believe maternity care



Rated among the top 5% of hospitals nationwide and receiving the 2006 Distinguished Hospital Award for Clinical Excellence by HealthGrades, Hoag Hospital has stood for excellence in medical services for 50 years.

is about creating and strengthening the family bond before mom and baby even leave the hospital,” Dr. Dickerson explains. “We include the whole family in the decision-making process all the way through pregnancy, delivery and post-partum care. Having a baby should be about what the family wants, not what a hospital arbitrarily decides is best.”



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The focus on integrating individual needs, wants and concerns together with the most advanced medical care available is what sets Hoag Women’s Health Services apart — and it’s what women deserve. Find out more about the comprehensive range of services offered at Hoag’s Women’s Health Services Program today by calling 800/701-HOAG. Visit the website at www.hoaghospital.org.