



## **LSU Interim Hospital Opens OB & Neonatal Service It Fills a Pressing Need in Metro New Orleans**

**Baton Rouge (February 13, 2007)**— LSU Interim Hospital, 2021 Perdido St, New Orleans, LA, is opening its Obstetrics and Neonatal Service today. It will initially open as a level 2 service, which can care for well babies and for babies who have some medical problems or who are too small to be admitted to the well baby nursery. The service also has level 1 and level 2 nurseries.

"We're gratified to bring full service OB back to our hospital system in New Orleans," said Dr. Michael Butler, Chief Medical Officer for the LSU Health Care Services Division.

The Labor and Delivery Unit and Inpatient Obstetric Unit is full service and open for women who require a delivery site as well as inpatient care before and/or after delivery.

"We're expecting to do about 3,000 deliveries a year," said Gail Gibson, R. N., M.N., director of maternal and child and medical surgical services for the hospital. "We're projecting the first year that we'll do about 1,500 to 2,000, depending on how quickly people learn we're open."

The unit cannot open soon enough. "Other hospitals are now overwhelmed," she said. "My peers there tell me their capacity is maxed out. They're looking for some relief in Ob/Gyn."

LSU Interim Hospital Obstetrics and Neonatal Service will ramp up to a level 3 in a few weeks. Level 3 offers the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit for the sickest and smallest babies.

All units have the latest equipment and technology. The patient rooms and nurseries have updated and remodeled.

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