



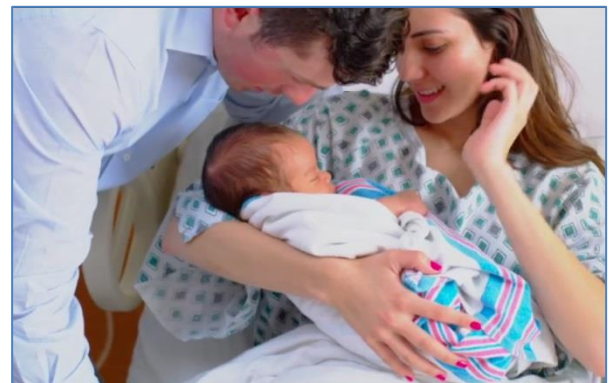
UMC Earns Level 4 Maternal Designation



University Medical Center of El Paso has received El Paso's first and only Level 4 designation for its maternal care, the highest possible rating from the Texas Department of State Health Services. UMC is now one of only three hospitals in Texas with the same level of certification. No other hospital in El Paso is as highly rated.

"This is a milestone for UMC and the many mothers and families in our region who can rely on us for the highest level of care when a newborn arrives," said Jacob Cintron, President & CEO. "Our facilities and amenities for new mothers are second to none, along with the exceptional expertise of our partner physicians from Texas Tech."

A Level 4 Maternal Care designation gives certification that UMC has the critical care expertise, physicians, training and equipment able to meet stringent state guidelines for new and expectant mothers. Healthcare



providers throughout the region, for the first time, have access to a Level 4 Maternal Care hospital.

The Level 4 designation requires that the hospital be prepared to care for the most complex patients. This means being ready for high-risk situations with expertise, preparedness and facility coordination of high-risk patients, said Sireesha Reddy, M.D., professor and chair of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso's department of obstetrics and gynecology. In addition to their duties at TTUHSC El Paso, all university professors practice medicine, either at UMC or at Texas Tech Physicians of El Paso clinics.



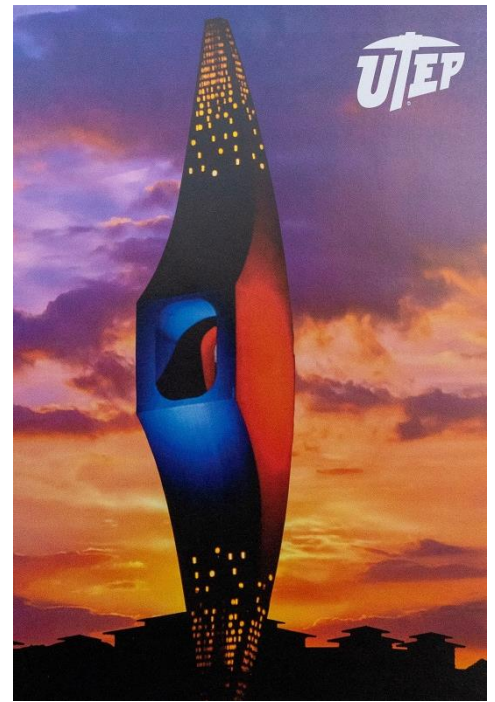
“Not all hospitals can do everything you need to be a Level 4,” Dr. Reddy said. “We’ve concentrated resources at UMC that allows it to be designated Level 4, maintain its certification and maintain its level of expertise. Women and their obstetrics doctors in El Paso can feel at ease knowing there is a Level 4 hospital in the area that can meet the highest standards for maternal and neonatal care.”

“Our teams have worked efficiently and carefully over the last few years to raise the standard of care not only at UMC but in El Paso,” said Roxanne Weisendanger, UMC Interim Chief Nursing Officer. “Our nursing staff, physicians and maternal care programs are all focused on ensuring positive outcomes for our patients, especially during critical care situations involving the delivery of a new child. This designation tells the rest of the Texas that we are ready.”

As a partner in care with El Paso Children’s Hospital, mothers delivering at UMC also have immediate access to the EPCH and its Level 4 Neonatal Intensive Care unit, yet another layer of high-level care and reassurance for expectant mothers.



For more information about UMC’s Maternal Care programs, logon to UMCelpaso.org.



UTEP Honors UMC With Golden Impact Award

The University of Texas at El Paso honored UMC during ceremonies at UTEP May 24, bestowing upon UMC the Golden Impact Award. The Award signifies the strong partnership between UMC and UTEP. Many of UMC's nurses, administrators and other healthcare professionals received their education through the many ongoing programs at UTEP that foster and promote health sciences. UTEP's rigorous education has helped ensure UMC maintains a highly educated, well-qualified healthcare workforce.

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