



UAB WOMEN & INFANTS SERVICES

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### NICU Facts & Figures

- Together with Children's of Alabama, UAB is the only Regional Level IV (the highest level) Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) in Alabama and the only unit in the state with full perinatal and CV services. UAB's NICU is housed in the award-winning-design Women & Infants Center.
- In addition to the NICU, the Continuing Care Unit (CCN) is also housed in the Women & Infants Center. Level IV NICU/CCN beds total 120. The CCN provides extended step-down care.
- UAB is one of the original eight National Institute of Child Health and Development (NICHD) research sites commissioned in 1986 and the only facility in the country involved in all three of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) research initiatives for maternal, child and family health; these include the Neonatal Research Network, Maternal-Fetal Medicine Units Network, and the Global Network for Women's and Children's Health Research. Involvement in these networks means that NICU patients at UAB have access to the latest and most advanced care available at only the top places in the nation, years before they are available elsewhere.
- UAB is one of only 18 NIH Neonatal Research Network Clinical Centers in the country, enabling us to offer the latest in cutting-edge advances in neonatology.
- The NICU treats approximately 1,300 babies every year.
- The NICU staff boasts 16 full-time neonatologists, Magnet-certified nurses, as well as many other related health professionals such as respiratory therapists and pharmacists, among others.
- UAB has the one of the lowest rates of Bronchopulmonary Dysplasia (BPD), sometimes called chronic lung disease, in the NIH network, and was selected by the NIH to be a national benchmark center for BPD.
- UAB has one of the lowest rates of neurodevelopmental impairment/death for NICUs nationwide.
- With our state-of-the-art CO2 monitoring equipment, we can more closely monitor premature babies' CO2 intake, greatly reducing the need for and accompanying risk of surgery for Pneumothorax (collapsed lung) and surgical repair. In Alabama, this equipment is only available at UAB.
- UAB's survival rate for all premature babies significantly exceeds the national average, as does its rate for survival without apparent mental, auditory, and visual disabilities.
- UAB is the only NICU in the state with neonatologists available in-house 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
- UAB has a Neonatal Follow-up program that follows neonates for two years after birth.