

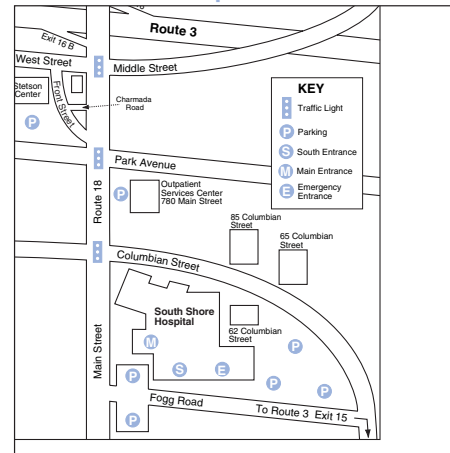
At South Shore Hospital, our family-centered care is the primary reason why we've become the region's number one choice for maternity care.

Family-centered care means honoring patient and family preferences. Our approach is built on five principles: respect, information sharing, collaboration, family-to-family support, and confidence building. When you combine our philosophy with our medical and nursing expertise and our partnerships with world-renowned academic medical centers, families experience an ideal blend of skill and compassion.

## OUR NEONATAL INTENSIVE CARE UNIT STAFF BELIEVES:

- ◆ In caring for babies with tenderness and love.
- ◆ That families are not visitors.
- ◆ In promoting strong family bonds.
- ◆ In working with parents so they develop confidence and skill to care for their babies in the hospital and at home.
- ◆ In maintaining a warm and nurturing environment for families.
- ◆ In providing the most advanced technology delivered by a skilled team of professionals.
- ◆ In welcoming families to provide care and comfort for their babies.
- ◆ In creating opportunities for mother/baby intimacy within the context of a high-tech environment.

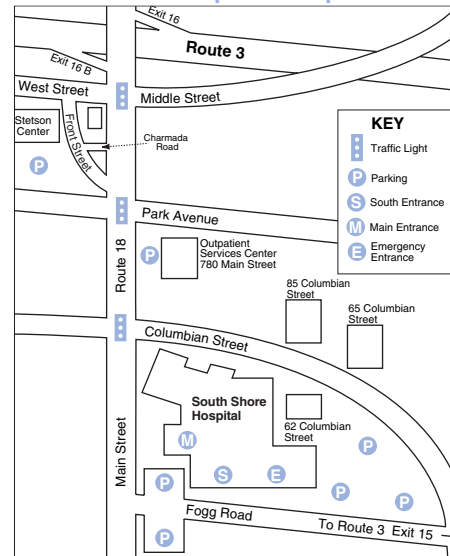
### South Shore Hospital Service Area



#### Directions to South Shore Hospital:

Northbound on Route 3, take exit 16; southbound take exit 16B. Travel south on Route 18 (Main St.). At third traffic light, turn left on to Columbian St. Turn right on to Fogg Rd., pass the hospital's emergency entrance on your right, and then turn right into the main entrance parking lot. Parking is free.

#### South Shore Hospital Campus



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## NEONATAL INTENSIVE CARE UNIT

*at South Shore Hospital*



Level III newborn care

*There is a difference™*



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At South Shore Hospital, we understand that the birth of a premature or sick baby can be an upsetting experience.

Our dedicated team of physicians, nurses, nurse practitioners, and social workers — as well as respiratory, physical and occupational therapists — are here to provide expert care for your baby.

Our Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) is staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week by neonatologists who are on staff at both South Shore Hospital and Children's Hospital Boston.

If needed, physicians from Children's Hospital and New England Medical Center with specialized expertise in particular newborn health complications are available for immediate consultation.

South Shore Hospital's neonatal intensive care unit is the Commonwealth's first and only NICU for families of our region to be located outside of Boston. Our NICU cares for premature and frail newborns who need respiratory and other support until they can thrive without medical assistance.

Infants born at South Shore Hospital with serious medical complications are transferred to the neonatal intensive care unit at Children's Hospital Boston.

Families are important members of our team. By involving you as partners in your baby's care, we encourage and support you in caring for your baby. Our professional and highly skilled nursing staff respects the individual choices parents have for their babies.

Our goal is to prepare both you and your baby to go home. After many days — or sometimes months — in the hospital, we are committed to assuring a safe transition home.



## SPECIAL FEATURES

- ◆ Overnight family rooms are available for you to rest and spend the night near your baby.
- ◆ If you choose to breastfeed your baby, we offer lactation consultant services and support services. Our Gentle Beginnings™ lactation boutique offers products for breastfeeding mothers.
- ◆ Our family resource center, thanks to support from the Ronald McDonald Foundation, gives you and your family a place to relax and learn important information about your new baby.
- ◆ We offer individual discharge planning and education, including care and feeding of your baby and medication administration.
- ◆ Follow-up care is available at South Shore Hospital from specialized physicians from Children's Hospital and New England Medical Center.
- ◆ The Friends of NICU provides ongoing grassroots support to the NICU through special events and activities. Please call (781) 340-4170 for more information.

**Call the NICU at  
(781) 340-8373 for more  
information and a tour.**