

2026 Spotlight Award Winners

Gold

Ascension St. John Medical Center

Ascension St. John Medical Center is proud of its Women's & Children's team for achieving Safe Sleep Gold Certification through Cribs for Kids. The team strengthened safe sleep education for staff and families, standardized evidence-based practices, and reinforced safe sleep modeling throughout the hospital stay.

Choctaw Nation Health Care Center

Choctaw Nation Health Care Center is proud of its successful implementation of TeamBirth. Through bedside huddles and shared decision-making, patients, families, nurses, and providers work together to create a birth experience built on trust, communication, and respect. Since launching in 2026, TeamBirth has strengthened teamwork and patient engagement. Choctaw Nation Health Care Center also recently became TeamBirth Recognized.

Duncan Regional Hospital

Duncan Regional Hospital is proud of its Post-Birth Warning Signs QR-code patient bracelet program, which provides critical educational resources at the bedside and strengthens communication among patients and clinical teams. To strengthen their emergency response, Duncan Regional Hospital coordinated and executed interdisciplinary emergency drills involving its Birth Center, Emergency Department, and rural access facility teams.

Hillcrest Medical Center

Hillcrest Medical Center is proud of the opening of its OB Emergency Department in October 2025, expanding timely access to specialized care for pregnant and postpartum patients. The dedicated environment allows postpartum mothers to receive care quickly while keeping their newborns safely by their side, supporting early intervention and a more family-centered experience.

INTEGRIS Health Baptist Medical Center

INTEGRIS Health Baptist Medical Center is proud of achieving TeamBirth recognition and the progress its team has made in communication, patient engagement, safe sleep, Baby-Friendly goals, and newborn metabolic screening. These efforts have helped patients feel at the center of their care while also positively impacting the experience of the care team.

INTEGRIS Health Canadian Valley Hospital

INTEGRIS Health Canadian Valley Hospital is proud of its efforts to strengthen communication and education among caregivers. By developing unit representatives who share policy updates and educational information directly with staff, the hospital has improved communication between educators and caregivers and helped ensure staff remain up to date.

INTEGRIS Health Edmond Hospital

INTEGRIS Health Edmond Hospital is proud of its Milk Bar, which provides free breastfeeding education and support to families regardless of where they delivered. Through individualized lactation consultations, support groups, and online education, the program served more than 1,000 patients last year and continues to support families beyond the hospital stay.

INTEGRIS Health Enid Hospital

INTEGRIS Health Enid Hospital is proud of its progress in maternal hemorrhage preparedness and hypertension treatment. The team achieved 100% compliance for several months in assessing hemorrhage risk before delivery and postpartum, strengthening readiness and response. The hospital also achieved a 92% year-end rate for timely treatment of acute peripartum hypertension.

McAlester Regional Health Center

McAlester Regional Health Center is proud of becoming a TeamBirth recognized site in 2026, reflecting its commitment to communication, teamwork, and including patients and families in the birth process. The hospital also partnered with the Oklahoma State Department of Health to provide a safe sleep sack to every newborn discharged, supporting its pursuit of Cribs for Kids Gold status.

Memorial Health System of Southwest Oklahoma

Memorial Health System of Southwest Oklahoma is proud of successfully bringing together obstetric services following the December 2025 merger of Comanche County Memorial Hospital and Southwestern Medical Center. The combined team retained nursing staff who chose to continue with the new organization and has built a cohesive unit focused on achieving the best outcomes for mothers and babies in southwest Oklahoma.

Mercy Hospital Ardmore

Mercy Hospital Ardmore is proud of its continued commitment to patient safety, teamwork, and emergency preparedness. The team conducts monthly drills covering neonatal resuscitation, shoulder dystocia, hypertension, and postpartum hemorrhage, strengthening the knowledge and confidence needed to respond to emergencies and keep patients safe.

Norman Regional Health System

Norman Regional Health System is proud of its transformational care delivery model integrating the OB Emergency Department, Labor & Delivery, and Newborn Transition Team. Through redesigned workflows, cross-training, and seamless collaboration, the team has strengthened communication and care coordination during maternal and neonatal emergencies.

Oklahoma Children's Hospital at OU Health

Oklahoma Children's Hospital at OU Health is proud of its multidisciplinary shoulder dystocia education and simulation program. Nursing leadership, L&D nurses, educators, attending physicians, and residents developed standardized training addressing diagnosis, roles, communication, and documentation. Every L&D nurse and OBGYN resident completed the training.

Saint Francis Hospital

Saint Francis Hospital is proud of its progress in maternal hypertension care, including implementation of a nurse-initiated hypertension protocol and a post-discharge phone call process for patients with qualifying hypertension. The three-day follow-up process has helped patients with medications and timely follow-up, with compliance reaching 95%.

Stillwater Medical Center

Stillwater Medical Center is proud of the growth of its Level II NICU, which has cared for more than 100 babies in its first year. The hospital has also strengthened staff education with an OPS instructor and co-instructor on staff and an AWHONN-certified Fetal Monitoring instructor providing routine Intermediate Fetal Monitoring education. Stillwater Medical also recently became TeamBirth Recognized.

Silver

Ascension St. John Owasso

Ascension St. John Owasso is proud of its commitment to staff education and quality improvement, including Spinning Babies training for 100% of nursing staff. The team has also strengthened TeamBirth practices through huddle observations, expanded newborn screening education, and supported staff participation in the Newborn Screening Summit.

Chickasaw Nation Medical Center

Chickasaw Nation Medical Center is proud of its continued investment in nursing excellence and professional development. The hospital is pursuing the Pathway to Excellence® designation, demonstrating its commitment to creating a positive, supportive, and high-quality practice environment for nurses.

Hillcrest Hospital South

Hillcrest Hospital South is proud of the work of its NICU and L&D teams to improve skin-to-skin care in the operating room. By making this effort a performance improvement project, the nursing team has strengthened patient-centered care and helped provide families with an important bonding experience immediately after delivery.

INTEGRIS Health Southwest Medical Center

INTEGRIS Health Southwest Medical Center is proud of adding a dedicated charge nurse role to support staff nurses. This additional leadership support helps create a safer environment for patients while strengthening the quality of care provided by the team.

Lakeside Women's Hospital

Lakeside Women's Hospital is proud of its intentional focus on workforce development and retention through mentorship, onboarding, professional growth, drills, and hands-on learning opportunities. These efforts provide caregivers with opportunities to build confidence and competence in managing more complex clinical situations.

Mercy Hospital Oklahoma City

Mercy Hospital Oklahoma City is proud of its annual Women's Services Skills Fair, which brought approximately 100 caregivers together to learn and refresh a wide range of clinical skills. The event provides staff with hands-on education and opportunities to learn about new products, equipment, and techniques.

Northeastern Health System

Northeastern Health System is proud of the teamwork demonstrated every day by its staff. By working together to provide safe and compassionate care and support families during an important time in their lives, the team has strengthened patient outcomes while also fostering a positive work environment.

SSM Health St. Anthony Hospital - Oklahoma City

SSM Health St. Anthony Hospital – Oklahoma City is proud of implementing a three-tiered communication system for cesarean section timing. The color-coded system clearly communicates whether a cesarean is routine, urgent, or emergent, helping coordinate anesthesia, NICU, and obstetric teams. The project has been particularly successful in reducing decision-to-incision time for urgent cesareans.

Weatherford Regional Hospital

Weatherford Regional Hospital is proud of its continued growth and success in sustaining maternity services. As Oklahoma's only Critical Access Hospital still delivering babies, the Women's Center plays an important role in providing maternity care in a rural maternity care desert. The team remains committed to safe, compassionate, high-quality care close to home.

Bronze

Saint Francis Hospital Muskogee

Over the past year, Saint Francis Hospital Muskogee has strengthened perinatal safety through interdisciplinary OB emergency drills and focused education. The hospital has also expanded collaboration with outpatient and community partners to improve patient access to available resources.

Saint Francis Hospital South

Saint Francis Hospital South is proud of implementing donor breast milk for exclusively breastfed babies, giving families an option for supplementation when needed. The hospital has seen positive results and has also helped several patients transition home with donor breast milk through the OMMB Bridge Program.

SSM Health St. Anthony Hospital – Shawnee

SSM Health St. Anthony Shawnee is especially proud of consistently maintaining patient satisfaction scores above 95% for 2026 all while maintaining optimum NTSV rates.

St. Mary's Regional Medical Center

St. Mary's Regional Medical Center is proud of its significant improvement in timely treatment of severe hypertension. Through physician and nursing education, virtual and in-person simulations, and 100% chart auditing for patients meeting treatment criteria, the team has strengthened adherence to its timely-treatment protocols.