

Obstetrician Interview Questions

Obstetrician name: _____

Following are questions you may want to ask the obstetrician and office staff to determine the characteristics that are important to you.

The Obstetrician's Availability

It's important to know how easily your obstetrician can be reached, day or night, in cases of illness or emergency during your pregnancy.

1. What are your daily office hours? On weekends and holidays?
2. How accessible are you by phone? How soon will you return calls? Is there a specified telephone hour to ask routine questions?
3. What if medical problems occur after office hours? If you're unavailable, who is on call?
4. What hospitals are you affiliated with?
5. How many other obstetricians are in your practice?
6. How much or how little of my care will you delegate to the nurse or receptionist?

The Obstetrician's Professional Background

To feel confident about an obstetrician's qualifications and background, consider asking the following questions:

1. Where did you attend medical school?
2. Where did you complete your residency?
3. Are you a board-certified obstetrician? Are you a member of any professional organizations?

Prenatal Care

1. If I become high-risk, what changes might I expect in my prenatal care?
2. What tests do you routinely perform during a pregnancy?
3. What if I have a concern about a specific test?

Labor and Delivery

1. At what point in my labor do you come to the hospital?
2. What do you suggest to help me deal with labor pain?
3. What procedures do you routinely perform at the hospital (i.e. enemas, continuous fetal monitoring, IVs, episiotomies, etc.)?
4. What if I don't want them?

The Obstetrician's Financial Policies

It's difficult to put a price on good health care, but you need to know how much your obstetric care will cost before you select an obstetrician.

1. Are the obstetrician's fees covered by your insurance plan?

2. What is the payment policy?
3. What financial arrangements are made for visits not reimbursed by your insurance company?
4. Will the office staff help you process insurance claim forms?

Questions to Ask Yourself

1. Did you feel comfortable with the doctor?
2. Is the office conveniently located?
3. How long were you kept waiting?
4. How helpful were the nurses and support staff in the office?