A proud member of Luminis Health, Doctors Community Hospital (DCH) has a history of serving as a beacon of hope and wellness for Prince Georgians. Our commitment to providing high-quality, accessible care means regularly examining our community to develop new programs that address the growing needs of our diverse residents. In 2019, the Prince George’s County Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA) found that “our population is going outside of the county for (their) care.” We believe people in the county need and deserve accessible women’s health services. To do our part, we will develop a comprehensive women’s health program at DCH.

By the Numbers

In 2018, there were nearly 11,000 babies delivered by Prince George’s County residents. But most of those deliveries did not happen in the county.*

- About 8 out of 10 babies were delivered outside of the county
- 84% were born in other Maryland counties or Washington, D.C.
- Of the 11,000 deliveries, 9,250 were from DCH’s service area

Community Needs

Each year, the need for quality obstetrics care in Prince George’s County grows.

- The county birth rate exceeds the state rate and drives the need for more obstetrics care
- The county has one of the highest infant mortality rates in Maryland with the highest rate noted for non-Hispanic, African-American deliveries
- CY18 average charge per case in Maryland hospitals was lower relative to the average charge per case at hospitals in Washington, D.C.

Comprehensive Care

Our vision is to build a comprehensive women’s health program that supports community needs now and into the future. We will provide:

- Preconception health and family planning
- Prenatal and postpartum care
- Labor and delivery services
- Minimally invasive gynecologic surgery and urogynecology
- Breast health services
- Hormone replacement therapy
- Heart disease prevention services
- Osteoporosis services
- Nutrition education and weight management services
- Diabetes care and prevention services
- Behavioral and mental health care
- Education, prevention and wellness services

*2018 data from DC Hospital Association and MD Health Services Cost Review Commission
Emerging themes for next 5-10 years

- Residents feel safe accessing health related services (regardless of migrant status)
- Residents will have better perception of health care in county
- Better utilization of local services
- Systems that allow residents to access services close to home
- Consideration of the needs of all residents

Top priorities of Prince George’s County 2019 CHNA

- Social Determinants of Health
- Behavioral Health
- Obesity and Metabolic Syndrome
- Cancer
- Women’s and Children’s Services

Our vision for a comprehensive women’s health program helps address the needs found in Prince George’s County’s 2019 CHNA.