

Dear Physicians, Midwives, Patients and Staff,

At Touro, we understand how special the birthing experience is for our new moms. The Family Birthing Center and the department of Obstetrics and Gynecology is dedicated to providing the women in our community a variety of birth options in a safe environment. Recently, the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecologist (ACOG) issued a recommendation, limiting hydrotherapy (water births), to laboring in the tub but delivering outside of water.

In order to provide the safest quality of care to our patients, we are currently complying with the ACOG recommendation. Our providers are conducting due diligence to make a departmental decision with our patients' best interest at heart. As we continue in this process, we will keep our patients informed and updated on any new decisions that are made. We appreciate your understanding and support in our commitment to patient safety and quality.

Sincerely,



Deborah Keel
Touro Interim President & CEO