

# The *Happiest* Role in Health Care

*Starting your family with ours.*

Most health care professionals focus on overcoming challenging conditions and treating diseases. Yet some doctors and nurses at Southeast Georgia Health System experience their role a little differently. That's because they have the privilege of participating in a joyful miracle: They deliver babies.



Jonathan A. Egly, M.D., and  
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“We support our patients through a natural process with a happy goal,” says Jonathan A. Egly, M.D., board-certified obstetrician and gynecologist with Southeast Georgia Physician Associates—Obstetrics & Gynecology. “Expecting mothers, unlike many patients, typically anticipate their doctor’s appointment with great joy. There aren’t many specialists who can boast that.”

Dr. Egly joined the Camden Campus in March 2018. He came to the Health System with nearly 10 years of experience in obstetrics and a passion for his profession. Prior to joining the Health System, he practiced at Peterson Women’s Associates and volunteered at a pregnancy resource center in Kerrville, Texas.

Despite stigmas about the quality of care provided at rural versus city hospitals, Dr. Egly believes the Health System’s Camden Campus provides excellent care to pregnant women.

“Our hospital offers the same quality of care as a larger facility, but with a more personalized experience,” he explains. “We are very team-oriented and focus on the safety of both our mothers and babies. Not only are our nurses incredibly competent, many of them are mothers, too, and have great empathy for our patients. We want moms to look back on their birthing experience with joy and say, ‘I was supported.’”

## Cue the midwife

The Camden Campus also has four midwives on staff who are qualified to care for women throughout every stage of their pregnancies, including managing labor and overseeing delivery.

According to Dr. Egly, “Midwives are physician extenders.” He fully supports women who turn to midwives for maternity care — and respects each

midwife’s expertise and medical judgment.

Midwives at the Camden Campus are all registered nurses who have completed a master’s degree in nursing and are nationally certified in nurse-midwifery. Together, they have decades of experience helping women have healthy babies.

Cynthia Wallace, BSN, MN, CNM, is a midwife who works closely with Dr. Egly and has 25 years of experience in her job. Like her fellow midwives, she typically handles normal pregnancies and births but leaves more complicated cases to physicians. And should an unforeseen complication arise at any point during labor for a woman delivering with a midwife, a backup obstetrician is on call 24/7 to assist.

Dr. Egly and Ms. Wallace are deeply committed to listening to women and supporting their preferences for birth within safe boundaries.

“We are invested in our patients,” Ms. Wallace says. “They can choose to go anywhere for their care, but they came to us.”



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