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# OUT FRONT

WITH EXPERIENCE,  
COMMITMENT  
AND CARE

North Oaks Obstetrics and Gynecology has been a leading medical practice in Tangipahoa Parish and the state of Louisiana for obstetrical and gynecological care for over three decades. Since its inception in 1977, the practice has continued to be physician-owned in spite of the trend where more private practices are being purchased by hospitals.

“We’ve always felt that owning our practice would give us the ability to be flexible both with providing innovative patient care and adjusting to the demands in the healthcare industry,” said Dr. Bill Beacham, President and partner of North Oaks Ob-Gyn.

Today the practice is showing that flexibility through its recent decision to begin offering da Vinci Robotic Surgical Procedures for patients looking for alternatives to open or laparoscopic hysterectomies.

“This was a big decision for us,” said Dr. Dwan Mabry, Vice President and partner. “We knew that our patients were looking for alternatives and we wanted to be out front and meet our patient’s needs. With no robot in Hammond, our group engaged the local hospitals and expressed our interest in having the ability to provide state-of-the-art surgical procedures locally.” →

Drs. Bill Beacham and Bill Black



Dr. Dwan Mabry



The physicians  
of North Oaks  
Obstetrics and  
Gynecology



Drs. Brian Ashford and Gary Agena



In the meantime North Oaks Ob-Gyn began the process of getting their team of doctors trained so they would be ready when the decision was made to purchase a da Vinci Surgical System.

Today, both Dr. Mabry and Dr. Gary Agena are certified da Vinci Surgeons and are distinguished as the first surgeons to be certified in Hammond.

“We have been traveling to Baton Rouge when necessary to do robotic surgery,” said Dr. Agena, partner of North Oaks Ob-Gyn. “It’s been a sacrifice; nevertheless, being able to

offer our patients an alternative has made it worthwhile.”

Dr. Agena said the practice is glad that North Oaks Health Systems has announced that they purchased a da Vinci Surgical System. Dr. Agena and Dr. Mabry should be able to provide da Vinci robotic surgery locally within the next few months.

While there is quite a bit of excitement about the future of robotic

surgery in Hammond, the doctors and the staff at North Oaks Ob-Gyn are just as excited about the other changes that have taken place at the practice.

Dr. Brian Ashford, chief resident of the 2010 LSU New Orleans Residency School, joined the group last July.

“Dr. Ashford has been a great addition to our staff,” said Dr. Mabry. “We feel blessed to be able to attract a young doctor with Dr. Ashford’s talent. It really enhances our group dynamics.”

Dr. Mabry said the combination of young skilled physicians like Dr. Agena and Dr. Ashford along with the experience she, Dr. Black and Dr. Beacham bring to the table has made a perfect environment for the doctors to continue to “grow.” The group has also added Peggy Gautreau to their Certified Midwifery Nurse staff.

Additionally, in the last two years North Oaks Ob-Gyn has been working aggressively to be out front with the changes in Health Information Technology (HIT).

The practice upgraded its technology to enhance patient care through the implementation of a new practice management system, a fully integrated electronic medical records system, e-prescriptions and on-line patient services. This information can be securely accessed through the practice’s website at [www.northoaksobgyn.com](http://www.northoaksobgyn.com). Patients can visit the website to view a comprehensive list of services offered and receive monthly updates about the practice.

With all the changes and the focus on the future, the doctors at North Oaks Ob-Gyn seem most excited when you talk with them about delivering babies. With the support of an outstanding team of Certified Midwifery Nurses (CMN), the group is able to provide a solid team approach when it comes to obstetrical care.

“It’s amazing when you think that the practice has delivered over 38,000 babies,” said Dr. Ashford. “If you put

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DR. BILL BLACK

that in perspective, you could say that our doctors have delivered a third of Tangipahoa Parish.”

“I’m proud of our group,” said Dr. Black. “As one of the co-founders of the practice it is really rewarding to see that our new doctors are making the commitment to continue the strong tradition of innovative care that our patients have become accustomed to expect from us.”

Dr. Black said the physicians and staff have always challenged themselves to be a leader not only amongst the medical practices in Hammond, but also in the community.

“I am also excited for our patients that they have choices in healthcare they have never had before in Hammond, Ponchatoula and southeast Louisiana.”

The way physicians deliver healthcare is changing and the North Oaks Obstetrics and Gynecology doctors and staff are committed to stay out front and be a leader in women’s healthcare.

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DR. BILL BEACHAM



Amy Linn, Mary Byars and Peggy Gautreau

# OUT FRONT

## WITH CERTIFIED NURSE MIDWIVES

The North Oaks Ob-Gyn Certified Nurse Midwives (CNM) are trained and licensed in both nursing and midwifery and are certified by the American College of Nurse Midwives.

“Our midwives partner with our physicians to ensure that our patients receive the highest quality of care during their pregnancy,” said Dr. Dwan Mabry. “Delivering babies is a team effort and our midwives have been a key part of our success over the years.”

In addition to delivering babies, the North Oaks Ob-Gyn Certified Nurse Midwives perform annual gynecological exams, family planning and preconception care, prenatal care and menopause management.