



TEXAS HOSPITAL LONGVIEW REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER ACHIEVES **LEVEL III NICU** DESIGNATION

➤ CHALLENGE

In 2016, Texas legislators created a Perinatal Advisory Council which developed and recommended new criteria for designation of neonatal levels of care. Per new laws, any TX hospital seeking to provide neonatal care for the community would be required to apply for, and pass, an extensive review based on the level of care they were seeking.

The neonatal program at Longview Regional Medical Center (LRMC), a 21 bed NICU, was working towards meeting the stringent guidelines for a level III designation. The program lacked several key components that were required. In conjunction with obtaining this designation, Longview was also striving to improve their consistency and availability of highly trained neonatologists and neonatal nurse practitioners.

➤ SOLUTION

In an effort to provide the highest level of care for their patients, in the spring of 2017 LRMC partnered with Onsite Neonatal Partners to provide 24/7 in-house coverage by neonatologists. Onsite quickly established a core team of neonatologists and strong local leadership who collaborated with Longview's administrative and clinical leadership. Through prompt communication and collaboration with Onsite Neonatal Partners, Longview was able to implement the extensive requirements that would support a Level III designation in the state of Texas.



“ Achieving this designation in our NICU is an indication of our elevated standard of neonatal care, and it is a reflection of the commitment we have made through the years of delivering the highest quality of medical care to all newborn infants in Longview and the surrounding communities in East Texas. ”

--Casey Robertson, CEO
Longview Regional Medical Center



➤ RESULTS

After an extensive application process culminating in an on-site survey with numerous multi-disciplinary evaluators, the Texas Department of State Health Services designated Longview Regional Medical Center's neonatal intensive care unit a level III neonatal facility in the summer of 2018. Partnering with Onsite provided the higher level of care, commitment, and consistency that Longview's hospital administration was striving for.

➤ WHY A LEVEL III DESIGNATION IS IMPORTANT

A level III designation reflects the hospital's commitment to excellence, and their ability to care for and treat critically ill newborns and premature infants born as early as 23 weeks gestation. Now, Longview Regional Medical Center can do everything in their power to care for their tiniest, most fragile patients and their parents right at home in their community, closest to their support network.



ABOUT ONSITE NEONATAL PARTNERS:

Onsite Neonatal Partners has been serving hospitals and their communities since 1996 providing cost effective, 24/7 in-house coverage by neonatologists. Driven by evidence-based medicine and inspired by the principles of excellence, passion, and love, Onsite has risen to become one of the largest neonatology practices in the country.

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