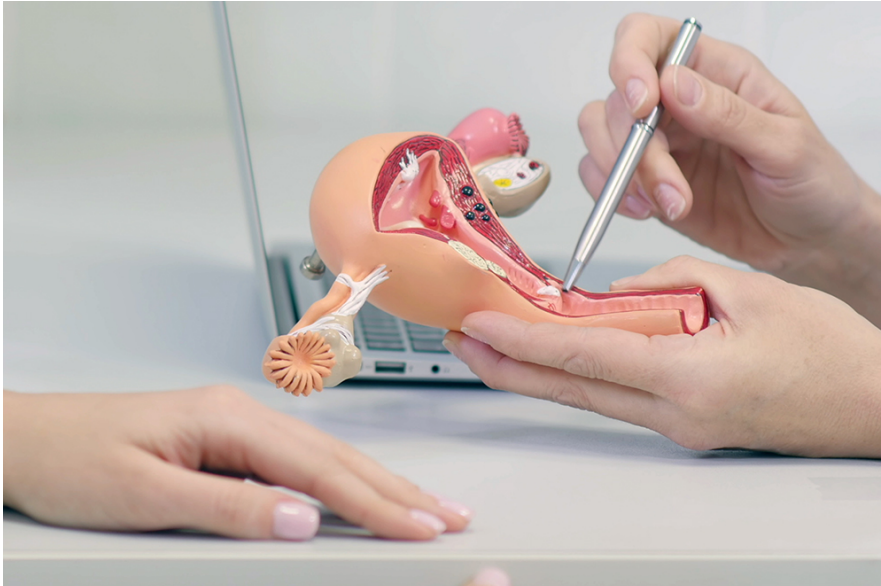




## What Does an OB-GYN Do?



### Overview

An OB-GYN is a doctor who specializes in women's health. "OB-GYN" stands for "obstetrician-gynecologist." These doctors deal with all aspects of the female reproductive system. They care for women throughout the different stages of life.

### What do they treat?

Why would you need to see an OB-GYN? They perform a wide range of services. They treat urinary tract and vaginal infections. They manage abnormal bleeding and pelvic pain. They provide regular screenings for things like sexually transmitted diseases and cancer. They treat hormone disorders, infertility and many other issues. And they give you info about safe sex, birth control and other topics.

### Pregnancy and birth

Your OB-GYN also helps you with pregnancy. They can help you plan for pregnancy. While you're pregnant, they watch for issues that can put you or your baby at risk. They can deliver your baby. And after the birth, they provide support you need as you recover.

### Menopause

Later in life, your OB-GYN helps you through menopause. They help you manage issues like vaginal dryness and hot flashes. They monitor you for bone density loss. And they help you manage changing hormone levels.

### Working with you

A big part of an OB-GYN's job is sharing info with you. So they teach you about your health. They make sure you know about all of your care options. They explain how these options affect you. They help you live a healthy life.

### Conclusion

Your OB-GYN is a key part of your care team. For more info, talk to your doctor.