

Baystate OB/GYN Specialists to see Patients at NobleHospital, Westfield

Through a Joint Agreement between Baystate Medical Practices and Noble

Westfield – Working to fulfill an identified community need, Noble Hospital has entered into an agreement with Baystate Medical Practices to bring additional OB/GYN services to Westfield area residents beginning October 3rd. The *Women's Health Partnership* will be located at 115 West Silver Street in Westfield on the campus of Noble Hospital. The telephone number to reach *Women's Health Partnership* office is 413-572-5171.

Under the agreement, Noble Hospital will be contracting with Baystate Medical Practices to provide OB/GYN services provided by two OB/GYN physicians and a nurse practitioner. Women will be able to access an array of women's health services available at Noble Hospital and will also have access to Baystate Medical Center's specialty OB/GYN services and **Wesson Women and Infants' birthing unit**.

OB/GYN physicians Kathryn Sharpless, MD and Roman Starikov, MD from Baystate Medical Practices will each see patients at the *Women's Health Partnership*. Dr. Starikov speaks Russian in addition to English, which should allow for additional services to be made available for the area's Russian speaking community.

Roberta Barron, a certified Nurse Practitioner specializing on OB/GYN services, will also be returning to practice at the Women's Health Partnership. "I'm very delighted about Roberta's return – she has a significant patient following in the Westfield area and she will be providing important services to the women's community," said Susan Greaney, one of Barron's former patients.

Women will have the opportunity to utilize many other OB/GYN related services in conjunction with the *Women's Health Partnership*, including laboratory, digital mammography, and additional scanning services through the Burk Women's Imaging Center.