

CONTRARY TO ACOG'S CLAIMS, OBSTETRICAL SERVICES ARE AVAILABLE IN SEVEN UPSTATE COUNTIES, FEBRUARY 2006

COUNTY	HOSPITAL	OB/GYNs	COMMENTS
Cortland	Cortland Memorial Hospital Inc 134 Homer Avenue Cortland, NY 13045 Cortland County Tel: 607-756-3500 Web: www.cortlandhospital.org Number of beds: 181 ¹	Anna Marie Garcia, M.D. ² In Whan Oh, M.D. ³	<p>More Than 1,000 Obstetrical Procedures Performed at Cortland Memorial Hospital. Physicians at Cortland Memorial Hospital (CMH) performed 1,109 obstetrical procedures on patients discharged during the 12-month period ending in March 2005.⁴</p> <p>Cortland Memorial Hospital's Website Highlights Recent Changes to Its Maternity Department. The following is an excerpt from CMH website's maternity webpage: "At Cortland Memorial Hospital our goal...is to ensure that you have a safe, informed and pleasant childbirth experience. As part of our commitment to this goal, we recently began to renovate our Maternity Department to create more of a family atmosphere. Our three birthing rooms have been updated to provide a warmer, more home-like setting. Four of our maternity suites have been converted to private rooms, decorated with new paint, wallpaper, blinds, and comfortable furnishings. Thanks to this new furniture, Dad or another family member can spend the night with Mom and the new baby .The remodeling of our Maternity Department extends out into the hallways and patient lounge area, with fresh paint and decorative wall hangings helping to create a bright, cheery atmosphere."⁵</p> <p>ACOG Website Lists Four OB/GYNs Practicing in Cortland County. The website for the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) has a "find an OB/GYN" search engine that directs users to four OB/GYNs who practice in Cortland County, NY.⁶ Despite this, ACOG claimed that there are no OB/GYNs in Cortland County.⁷</p> <p>Telephone call by Center for Justice & Democracy (CJ&D) on February 21, 2006 to Cortland Memorial Hospital Inc. confirmed that Dr. Garcia and Dr. Oh practice at Cortland Memorial.</p> <p>Telephone call by CJ&D on February 21, 2006 to Dr. Garcia's office confirmed that she is an OB/GYN.</p> <p>Telephone call by CJ&D on February 21, 2006 to Dr. Oh's office, OB/GYN Associates of Cortland, confirmed that Dr. Oh is an OB/GYN.</p>

¹ N.Y. State Department of Health website: http://hospitals.nyhealth.gov/browse_view.php?id=51

² Cortland Memorial Hospital website: http://www.cortlandhospital.org/pages/frame_src/physician_dir_frmsrc.html

<p>Essex</p>	<p>Adirondack Medical Center - Lake Placid Site 29 Church Street Lake Placid, NY 12946 Essex County Tel: 518-523-3311 Web: www.amccares.org Number of beds: 2⁸</p>	<p>Denise M. Ferrando, M.D.⁹ Waguih Kirolos, M.D.¹⁰</p>	<p>OB/GYNs From Neighboring County Practice in Essex County. Dr. Ferrando and Dr. Kirolos are on the staff of the Adirondack Medical Center (AMC), which has a number of facilities located in the rural Adirondack region of Upstate New York.¹¹ AMC's main facility is in Saranac Lake, N.Y. – a village that is partly is two separate counties: Franklin and Essex Counties.¹² While the main facility sits on Franklin County side of the border, it is less than 12 miles from the Lake Placid facility located in Essex County.</p> <p>Telephone call by CJ&D on February 21, 2006 to Adirondack Medical Center-Lake Placid Site confirmed that Dr. Ferrando and Dr. Kirolos practice there and are OB/GYN's.</p> <p>Telephone call by CJ&D on February 21, 2006 to Dr. Ferrando's office confirmed that she is an OB/GYN.</p> <p>Telephone call by CJ&D on February 21, 2006 to Dr. Kirolos' office, Tri-Lakes OB/GYN, confirmed that he is an OB/GYN.</p>
<p>Essex</p>	<p>Elizabethtown Community Hospital 75 Park Street Elizabethtown, NY 12932 Essex County Tel: 518-873-6377 Web: www.ech.org Number of beds: 15¹³</p>	<p>Caroline Hamel, M.D.¹⁴ Dane M. Larsen, M.D.¹⁵</p>	<p>OB/GYNs From Neighboring County Practice in Essex County. Dr. Hamel and Dr. Lane are both members of the same practice, Advanced Women's Healthcare in Obs & Gyn, P.L.L.C., which services two hospitals in Essex County – Elizabethtown Community Hospital in Elizabethtown, N.Y. and Moses-Ludington Hospital in Ticonderoga, N.Y.¹⁶ Their website note's that one of the practice's specialties is "obstetrics including high risk pregnancies."¹⁷</p> <p>Telephone call by CJ&D on February 21, 2006 to Elizabethtown Community Hospital confirmed that Dr. Hamel and Dr. Larsen practice there and are OB/GYN's.</p> <p>Telephone call by CJ&D on February 21, 2006 to Dr. Hamel's office, Lake Champlain OB/GYN, confirmed that she is an OB/GYN.</p> <p>Telephone call by CJ&D on February 21, 2006 to Dr. Larsen's office confirmed that he is an OB/GYN.</p>

³ Ibid

⁴ N.Y. State Department of Health website: http://hospitals.nyhealth.gov/browse_view.php?id=51&p=vol

⁵ Cortland Memorial Hospital website: http://www.cortlandhospital.org/pages/frame_src/patientserv_frmsrc.html

⁶ American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists website: <https://acog.org/member-lookup/cityQuery.cfm?cityId=Cortland&stateId=NY>

⁷ American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists website: http://www.acog.org/acog_districts/download/Dist2accessmap1.pdf

⁸ N.Y. State Department of Health website: http://hospitals.nyhealth.gov/browse_view.php?id=1

⁹ Adirondack Medical Center website: <http://www.amccares.org/searchDoctors.cfm?action=search&lastname=&specialty=OB%2FGYN>

¹⁰ Adirondack Medical Center website: <http://www.amccares.org/searchDoctors.cfm?action=search&lastname=&specialty=OB%2FGYN>

¹¹ Adirondack Medical Center website: <http://www.amccares.org/directions.htm>

¹² Essex County, N.Y. website: <http://www.co.essex.ny.us/towns.aspx>

¹³ N.Y. State Department of Health website: http://hospitals.nyhealth.gov/browse_view.php?id=59

<p>Essex</p>	<p>Moses-Ludington Hospital 1019 Wicker Street Ticonderoga, NY 12883 Essex County Tel: 518-585-2831 Web: www.interlakeshealth.com Number of beds: 15¹⁸</p>	<p>Dane M. Larsen, M.D.¹⁹</p>	<p>Telephone call by CJ&D on February 21, 2006 to Dr. Larsen’s office confirmed that he is an OB/GYN and practices at Moses-Ludington Hospital and Elizabethtown Community Hospital.</p>
<p>Hamilton</p>	<p>There are no hospitals located in Hamilton County.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Hamilton County has Fewer People than any County in New York State. The lack of OB/GYNs in Hamilton County is likely due to the fact it is the least populous New York county and encompasses one of the most rural areas of the state. According to statistics from the 2000 Census, there are an average of only 3.1 people per square mile living in Hamilton County – the fewest of any county in the state:²⁰</p> <p>Population of the county: 5,379 (fewest in New York State) Total area (sq miles): 1,807.81 Number of people per sq mile: 3.1 (fewest in New York State)</p>
<p>Lewis</p>	<p>Lewis County General Hospital 7785 North State Street Lowville, NY 13367 Lewis County Tel: 315-376-5200 Web: www.lcgh.net Number of beds: 54²¹</p>	<p>Josefina Tan-Domingo, M.D.²² Elena Kirkorian, M.D. (Associate)²³ Gerard Crawford, M.D. (Courtesy)²⁴</p>	<p>More Than 300 Obstetrical Procedures Performed at Lewis County General Hospital. Physicians at Lewis County General Hospital (LCGH) performed 349 obstetrical procedures on patients discharged during the 12-month period ending in March 2005.²⁵</p> <p>Lewis County General Hospital Website: “We’re old pros at delivering new babies.” The following is an excerpt from LCGH website’s maternity webpage: “If you’re expecting a baby, there’s no better place to have it than right here close to home. We’re old pros at delivering new babies.”²⁶ The maternity webpage also includes a photo of their “luxurious” maternity suites.</p>

¹⁴ Elizabethtown Community Hospital website: <http://www.ech.org/hamel.html>

¹⁵ Elizabethtown Community Hospital website: <http://www.ech.org/larsen.html>

¹⁶ Advanced Women's Healthcare in Obs & Gyn, P.L.L.C. website: <http://www.advanced-healthcare.medem.com/>

¹⁷ Ibid

¹⁸ N.Y. State Department of Health website: http://hospitals.nyhealth.gov/browse_view.php?id=122

¹⁹ Advanced Women's Healthcare in Obs & Gyn, P.L.L.C. website: <http://www.advanced-healthcare.medem.com/>

²⁰ U.S. Census Bureau website: http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/GCTTable?_bm=y&-geo_id=04000US36&-_box_head_nbr=GCT-PH1&-ds_name=DEC_2000_SF1_U&-lang=en&-format=ST-2&-_sse=on

²¹ N.Y. State Department of Health website: http://hospitals.nyhealth.gov/browse_view.php?id=96

²² Lewis County General Hospital website: <http://www.lcgh.net/physicians.htm>

²³ Ibid

²⁴ Ibid

²⁵ N.Y. State Department of Health website: http://hospitals.nyhealth.gov/browse_view.php?id=96&p=vol

²⁶ Lewis County General Hospital website: <http://www.lcgh.net/maternity.htm>

			<p>ACOG Website Lists Two OB/GYNs Practicing in Cortland County. The website for the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) has a “find an OB/GYN” search engine that directs users to two OB/GYNs who practice in Lewis County, NY.²⁷ Despite this, ACOG claimed that there are no OB/GYNs in Lewis County.²⁸</p> <p>Telephone call by CJ&D on February 21, 2006 to Lewis County General Hospital confirmed that Dr. Tan-Domingo and Dr. Kirkorian practice there and are OB/GYN’s. Also, revealed that Dr. Crawford is an OB/GYN at Carthage Area Hospital.</p> <p>Telephone call by CJ&D on February 21, 2006 to Dr. Tan-Domingo and Dr. Kirkorian’s office confirmed that they are OB/GYN’s.</p> <p>Telephone call by CJ&D on February 21, 2006 to Carthage Area Hospital confirmed that Dr. Crawford practices there and is an OB/GYN.</p> <p>Telephone call by CJ&D on February 21, 2006 to Dr. Crawford’s office confirmed he is an OB/GYN.</p>
Schoharie	<p>Bassett Hospital of Schoharie County 178 Grandview Drive Cobleskill, NY 12043 Schoharie County Tel: 518-254-3456 Web: www.bassetthealthcare.org Number of beds: 40²⁹</p>	Dana Edward Jock, MD ³⁰	<p>OB/GYN From Neighboring County Practices in Schoharie County. Dr. Dana Jock’s primary practice is located in Cooperstown, N.Y. which is in Otsego County. However, the Bassett Healthcare website notes that his “secondary location” is at the Bassett Hospital of Schoharie County – approximately 30 miles from Cooperstown.</p> <p>Telephone call by CJ&D on February 21, 2006 to Bassett Hospital of Schoharie County confirmed that Dr. Jock practices there and is an OB/GYN.</p> <p>Telephone call by CJ&D on February 21, 2006 to Dr. Jock’s office confirmed that he is an OB/GYN.</p>
Seneca	There are no hospitals located in Seneca County.	N/A	<p>Hospital With OB/GYN Services Located Less than 11 Miles from Seneca County’s Two Largest Population Centers. While there are no hospitals located in Seneca County, there is a hospital in Geneva, NY, which is in neighboring Ontario County. This hospital, Geneva General Hospital, is less than 11 miles from Seneca County’s two major population centers³¹ – Waterloo and Seneca Falls. Physicians at Geneva General Hospital performed 2,127 obstetrical procedures on patients discharged during the 12-month period ending in March 2005.³²</p>

²⁷ American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists website: <https://acog.org/member-lookup/cityQuery.cfm?cityId=Lowville&stateId=NY>

²⁸ American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists website: http://www.acog.org/acog_districts/download/Dist2accessmap1.pdf

²⁹ N.Y. State Department of Health website: http://hospitals.nyhealth.gov/browse_view.php?id=12

³⁰ Bassett Healthcare website: <http://www.bassett.org/Search/pfsearch/Searchspecialty.cfm?mystartrow=11&realstartrow=11&criteria=Obstetrics%2FGynecology&rows=10>

³¹ U.S. Census Bureau website: http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/ThematicMapFramesetServlet?_bm=y&-_MapEvent=displayBy&-errMsg=&-_dBy=160&-redoLog=false&-_zoomLevel=&-tm_name=DEC_2000_SF1_U_M00092&-

<p>Tioga</p>	<p>No hospitals are located in Tioga County.</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>Two Hospitals With OB/GYN Services Are Located Less than 20 Miles from Tioga County’s Two Largest Population Centers. While there are no hospitals in Tioga County, there are hospitals near the county’s two major population centers³³ – Waverly and Owego. Waverly is located on the New York – Pennsylvania border, and is less than 3 miles from Sayre, PA. The Guthrie Clinic in Sayre has four OB/GYNs on its staff.³⁴ Owego is also located near the New York – Pennsylvania border, and is approximately 20 miles from Sayre, PA. In addition, Owego is approximately 20 miles from the Wilson Memorial Regional Medical Center located in Broome County, NY.³⁵ Physicians at Wilson Memorial Regional Medical Center performed 4,077 obstetrical procedures on patients discharged during the 12-month period ending in March 2005.³⁶</p>
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³² N.Y. State Department of Health website: http://hospitals.nyhealth.gov/browse_view.php?id=69&p=vol

³³ U.S. Census Bureau website: http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/ThematicMapFramesetServlet?_bm=y&-geo_id=05000US36107&-tm_name=DEC_2000_SF1_U_M00092&-PANEL_ID=tm_result&-ds_name=DEC_2000_SF1_U&-errMsg=&-_dBy=060&-redoLog=false&-tm_config=|b=50|l=en|t=4001|zf=0.0|ms=thm_def|dw=1.237548757335251|dh=0.6714065653712413|dt=gov.census.aff.domain.map.EnglishMapExtent|if=gif|cx=-76.78367|cy=42.7828065|zl=6|pz=6|bo=|bl=|ft=350:349:335:389:388:332:331|fl=381:403:204:380:369:379:368|g=05000US36099|ds=DEC_2000_SF1_U|sb=50|tud=false|db=160|mn=338|mx=13617|cc=1|cm=1|cn=5|cb=|um=Total%20Persons|pr=0|th=DEC_2000_SF1_U_M00092#?205,206

³⁴ <http://www.guthrie.org/AboutGuthrie/GuthrieFacilities/Regional/default.asp?LOC=101>

³⁵ United Health Services website: <http://www.uhs.net/ohbaby/>

³⁶ N.Y. State Department of Health website: http://hospitals.nyhealth.gov/browse_view.php?id=231