

Oh, baby! Moms-to-be feel pain of ob-gyns' rising insurance rates

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Kim Dahlem, a mother of one, wants to have another baby next year, but she has a problem: She must find a doctor who will deliver it. The obstetrician-gynecologist who delivered her daughter in February 2003 recently decided, after 30 years in practice, to stop delivering babies because he could not afford the high cost of medical malpractice insurance.

Dahlem is one of an increasing number of Chicago-area women whose obstetricians are getting out of the baby business. Ready for labor pains, these women are instead feeling emotional pain at the loss of their health provider.

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Total knee and hip replacement surgery projections show meteoric rise by 2030

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Chicago, Ill. - The demand for total joint replacement is expected to increase so dramatically in the next 25 years that there may not be enough orthopaedic surgeons to perform the surgeries, as indicated by results from recent research on the topic. As presented at the 73rd Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons (AAOS), the study projects the number of hip and knee replacement procedures that will be performed in the United States through the year 2030.