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| Patient Safety Week



Ohio celebrates Patient Safety Awareness Week from March 10-16, 2024. OPQC and our partners are committed to promoting safe quality care throughout the perinatal journey. OPQC highlights several efforts addressing quality care and patient safety in this month's newsletter.

**The CARE Project: Ensuring
Compassionate, Respectful and
Equitable Care for Birthing People**



In collaboration with the Ohio Department of Children and Youth and the Ohio Hospital Association, OPQC launched the Compassionate, Accountable, Respectful and Equitable (CARE) Care Project in fall 2023. This initiative aims to enhance equitable care for birthing individuals and their partners, aligning with the Health Equity Safety Standards set forth by the Joint Commission.

In its pilot phase, the CARE Project is actively engaging with 13 clinical teams in a Learning Community. These teams, from Ohio Equity Initiative communities, have engaged institutional and maternity care leadership and are focused on the following objectives:

- Ensuring collection of self-reported patient demographics.
- Using site-selected stratified maternity care data to guide improvement.
- Developing processes for patient and community feedback about maternity care experiences and co-produced action plans.
- Assessing and responding to patient health-related social needs.

Stay informed about the project's progress

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AIM Maternal Safety Hypertension Project



OPQC is providing quality improvement support for the Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health (AIM) Maternal Safety Hypertension Project, which has engaged 87 maternity hospitals across Ohio in working and learning together to improve care processes such as timely treatment and appropriate follow up. The Ohio Department of Children and Youth leads this project in collaboration with The Ohio Colleges of Medicine Government Resource Center (GRC), The Ohio State University's Wexner Medical Center, Cleveland Clinic, University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center, MetroHealth, and the Ohio Hospital Association.

[Maternal Safety AIM-HTN Toolkit](#)

[Summarized Manuscript](#)

AIM Data Learning Institute





Pictured: Greg Braylock, ProMedica; LaCrecia Thomas, OPQC; Nichole Nidey, OPQC; Michelle Menegay, GRC; Susan Ford, OPQC and Ryan Everett, OHA.

Title: Measuring Equity Barriers and Opportunities for Data-Driven Quality Improvement

Presenter: Greg Braylock

Title: What is Data for Quality Improvement?

Presenter: Susan Ford, MSN, RN

Title: Planning Your Evaluation: Choosing Methods Based on Program Activities and Team Strengths

Presenter: Nichole Nidey, PhD

Title: Building the Plane Midflight: Adapting Evaluation Strategies for Emerging Implementation Needs

Presenter: LaCrecia Thomas, RN, MSN, CPNP-AC/PC

Several individuals representing OPQC presented at the February 2024 AIM Data Learning Institute in Washington, DC. AIM Change Packages and activities address patient safety in an effort to improve maternal health.



OPQC and EMPOWER Webinars: Improving Perinatal Care for Patients with OUD

Join us for the Together for Better Care series, presented by OPQC and the EMPOWER Project, focusing on strategies and support for birthing individuals and parents with opioid use disorder (OUD).



**Narcan for the Perinatal
Patient with Opioid
Use Disorder**

Date: March 20

Time: NOON PM EST

[Register Here](#)

**Supporting Perinatal Patients
with Substance Use Disorder During the
First Year Postpartum**

Date: April 17

Time: NOON PM EST

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[Addressing Disparities in Substance Use Disorder
Care and Outcomes](#)

Presenters

OPQC **EMPOWER**
PROJECT



Lastascia Coleman,
CNM, ARNP, MSN, FACNM



Allison Gurney-McMaster, MD



Kamilah Dixon, MD

Date: May 22

Time: NOON PM EST

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Celebrating International Women's Day



In recognition of International Women's Day on March 8, OPQC celebrates the contributions of women in healthcare and those women for whom OPQC teams provide care. We continue our commitment to reduce preterm births and improve maternal and birth outcomes across Ohio.

Ohio Perinatal Quality Collaborative

