



## Pregnant and Protected from COVID-19



Worrisome statistics reveal that fewer than a quarter of pregnant individuals are currently up to date with their COVID-19 vaccines. To address this gap, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Foundation has launched the maternal COVID-19 vaccine campaign, *Pregnant & Protected*. This initiative aims to empower clinicians to encourage pregnant individuals to safeguard themselves and their babies against the COVID infection. The campaign

encompasses patient-focused media and resources emphasizing the importance of COVID-19 vaccines during pregnancy. Stay informed by following the [Pregnant & Protected campaign on CDC Foundation's](#) social media platforms, including [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [X \(formerly known as Twitter\)](#).

**Together for Better Care** Patient, Clinical and Research Strategies to Support Perinatal Patients with Substance Use Disorder



Beginning in January 2024, the *Together for Better Care* webinar series, a collaborative effort between OPQC and the [EMPOWER Project](#), aims to raise awareness of key perinatal care issues for individuals with substance use disorder. These monthly webinars will highlight practical strategies to address the stigma surrounding opioid use disorder (OUD), approaches to promote breastfeeding for mothers navigating OUD challenges, how to improve access and distribution of Narcan, and the need for continued support in the postpartum period.

Join OPQC and the EMPOWER Project in this initiative designed to foster a supportive and informed community dedicated to the well-being of both mothers with OUD and their newborns.

***Impact of Stigma on Perinatal Patients with Substance Use Disorder: Recommendations for Moving Forward***

**Date: January 24th  
Time: 1:00 PM ET**

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***Breastfeeding for Patients with Substance Use Disorder***

**Date: February 21st  
Time: 12:00 PM ET**

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

**Date: March 20th  
Time: 12:00 PM ET**

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

**Date: April 17th  
Time: 12:00 PM ET**

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**Launch of the Compassionate, Accountable, Respectful and Equitable (CARE) Project**

OPQC, in collaboration with the Ohio Department of Health and the Ohio Hospital Association, launched the [Compassionate, Accountable, Respectful and Equitable \(CARE\)](#) Learning Community in October 2023. Aligned with the [Joint Commission Health Equity Safety Standards](#), the CARE Project includes twelve maternity hospitals and one fetal care team from across Ohio working collaboratively on strategies to ensure optimal care for pregnant and postpartum patients. This is a testament to their commitment to fostering compassionate, accountable, respectful and equitable healthcare practices for all.

[Compassionate, Accountable, Respectful, and Equitable Care Project](#)



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