

Louisiana Perinatal Quality Collaborative (LaPQC): Reducing Maternal Morbidity



What is LaPQC?

The Louisiana Perinatal Quality Collaborative (LaPQC) is an initiative of the Louisiana Commission on Perinatal Care and Prevention of Infant Mortality. LaPQC is a voluntary network of perinatal care providers, public health professionals and patient and community advocates who work to advance equity and improve outcomes for women, families, and newborns in Louisiana.

The first initiative of the LaPQC is the *Reducing Maternal Morbidity Initiative*. The goal of this initiative is to achieve a 20% reduction in severe maternal morbidity among women who experience hemorrhage and severe hypertension/preeclampsia, during pregnancy or postpartum, in LaPQC participating birthing facilities, in 12 months.

What does the LaPQC do?

The LaPQC provides support to hospitals for continuous quality improvement on perinatal outcomes. It works to:

- Facilitate collaborative learning opportunities through Learning Sessions and monthly calls
- Identify and share best practices
- Facilitate mentorship between hospitals
- Provide teams with a data portal to allow for real-time evaluation to guide decision-making
- Provide subject-matter experts who are brought on as Faculty
- Coordinate a guiding Advisory Committee
- Ensure Louisiana’s work is connected to national initiatives

What will participating hospitals do?

Identify a team to that consists of a senior sponsor, a day-to-day lead, and a data lead. Teams will need to include a nurse and physician member, as well as a patient or family advisor (or ensure there is a plan for community advisory). One person can fulfill more than one of these roles on the team.

Create an internal facility Charter that specifies the team’s aim, measures, change ideas, and team composition.

Complete pre-work activities to prepare for Learning Sessions and monthly calls.

Designate one physician and one nurse member of the quality team to attend monthly coaching calls.

Send team representatives to all Learning Sessions (anticipated as 1 statewide meeting and 2 regional meetings).

Test change ideas using the Model for Improvement and Plan-Do-Study-Act (PDSA) rapid cycles during Action Periods (time between Learning Sessions).

Collect and report data for project process and outcome measures using the Collaborative data portal (Extranet).

Share change ideas, best practices and lessons learned with other teams during and between Learning Sessions.

Report on team experiences and results at Learning Sessions and monthly calls.

Prepare to sustain the changes beyond the initiative.

Upcoming Dates:

- June 27, 2018 - 12:00pm: Informational call, *Reducing Maternal Morbidity Initiative* enrollment information
- July 11, 2018 – 12:00pm: Alternate LaPQC Call and Open forum to address sign on questions and concerns
- July 25, 2018 - 12:00pm: Facility enrollment, welcome packets, kick-off call
- August 29, 2018: First Learning Session, Woman’s Hospital, Baton Rouge

For More Information

Contact lapqc@la.gov or visit PartnersforFamilyHealth.org/LaPQC.

