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Louisiana Perinatal Quality Collaborative (LaPQC)

What is the 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.

Leveraging the national presence of perinatal quality collaboratives, the LaPQC is positioned to be a long-term, enduring catalyst for change related to the implementation of best practices in birthing facilities across the state. At present, the LaPQC contains 35 birth facilities covering over 80% of all births in Louisiana.

The first initiative of the LaPQC is the *Reducing Maternal Morbidity Initiative*. The goal of this initiative is twofold:

- 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, by the end of the initiative;
- **reduce the Black-white disparity** across this outcome by the end of the initiative.

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;
- 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.

Areas of Change

Guided by the Change Package for the *Reducing Maternal Morbidity Initiative*, facilities in the collaborative work across four main areas (listed below); each of these areas contain “change concepts” grounded in best practices related to **hemorrhage**, **severe hypertension/preeclampsia**, health **equity/disparities**, and **patient engagement**.

Area of Change	Broad Change Concepts	
Reliable Clinical Processes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • improve recognition & prevention • understand & reduce variation in response 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • eliminate waste • assure readiness
Respectful Patient Partnership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • design for partnership • invest in improvement 	
Effective Peer Teamwork	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reduce variation in reporting • change the work environment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • improve work flow
Engaged Perinatal Leadership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • manage for quality & systems learning • enhance patient & family relationships 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • change the work environment



For More Information

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