Healthcare Organization Commitment

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Commitment Details

Commitment Name
Eliminate preventable mortality and morbidity in maternity care

Participants
Hospital Quality Institute (HQI)
American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG)

What Patient Safety Challenge does your Commitment address?
OB Safety
Commitment Summary
Childbirth is the most common reason for hospitalization in the United States, yet we rank low in outcomes among other developed countries. California delivers 500,000 babies each year, representing 1/8 of the birth in United States. From 1990 through 2010, mortality and morbidity almost tripled. The key drivers were post-partum hemorrhage and pre-eclampsia. Nationally ten percent of premature babies (under 39 weeks) require care in Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). There is a variation in the Early Elective Delivery (EED) Rate. A goal is a full term safe delivery.

Commitment Description & Detail
Strategic partnership with California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative (CMQCC) consisting of Association of Women’s Health, Obstetric & Neonatal Nurses, American College of Nurse Midwives, California Academy of Family Physicians, Patient Safety First (PSF), and practice groups and hospitals.

Action Plan
1. Recruit hospitals with maternity services to CMQCC and PSF
2. Increase data reporting to CMQCC database: California Maternal Data Center (CMDC)
3. Develop method of data capturing at state level
4. Distribute evidence-based guidelines and playbooks
5. Provide ongoing performance feedback
6. Conduct collaboratives to support hospital and medical staff in change management
7. Develop mentors for hospitals and medical staff

Commitment Timeline
Calendar year 2015 and be renewed each year.