



Premier Perinatal Safety Initiative: A Collaborative Approach



“As a member of the Premier/IHI Perinatal Innovation Community project, Kettering Medical Center reduced by 50 percent the number of newborn admissions to special care nurseries by complying with evidence-based protocols and improving communication between clinicians on the perinatal healthcare team.”

Frank Perez, president and CEO of Kettering Health Network, Dayton, Ohio

Birth injuries take an emotional and financial toll on families and create operational and clinical stressors on healthcare institutions. While the answers to why some birth injuries occur elude us, the power to significantly improve outcomes is in our hands.

Reduce birth injuries and foster healthy beginnings as a member of the Premier Perinatal Safety Initiative Collaborative.

Led by healthcare experts, including obstetricians, nurses, clinical engineers and professionals certified in quality and healthcare risk management, Premier Consulting Solutions and Premier Insurance Management Services facilitates this vital initiative in participating organizations to:

- ▶ Develop, implement and measure best practices designed to improve reliability of clinical quality and improve patient outcomes in labor and delivery
- ▶ Facilitate the spread of improved healthcare delivery processes
- ▶ Lower costs for the hospital and the patient

Premier invites you to share your hospital's commitment to excellence by joining with leading facilities from across the country as we transform healthcare together through identifying and sharing best practices.

Your 21 month commitment in the Premier Perinatal Safety Initiative Collaborative, patterned after the Perinatal Innovation Community project, will improve your organization's perinatal care environment and mitigate your organization's risk.

As an active Premier Perinatal Safety Initiative member, your organization recognizes enhanced perinatal quality and discovers processes which, once incorporated across procedures and departments, add value to your entire enterprise.

EXTENDED VALUE

- » Increase consistent use of evidence based protocols
- » Obtain measurable improvement in staff culture of safety
- » Improve healthcare teamwork and team communication
- » Enhance patient satisfaction

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Participating hospitals have access to a collection of resources designed and supported by perinatal clinical and risk assessment specialists.

Onsite assessment of the hospital labor and delivery unit will identify performance improvement opportunities in the areas of:

- ▶ Clinical processes
- ▶ Team collaboration and communication
- ▶ Equipment and resource efficiency
- ▶ Avoidable adverse outcomes
- ▶ Risk management
- ▶ Supply chain management

Analysis and performance reports are provided quarterly to hospital leadership and improvement teams which illustrate strengths and areas for improvement. Analysis is based upon:

- ▶ AHRQ patient safety indicators
- ▶ Adverse outcome index measures
- ▶ Related clinical data

Knowledge sharing and benchmarking with a dedicated Web site for participating hospitals

- ▶ Track overall and individual hospital initiative progress
- ▶ Communicate among and between participating hospital teams
- ▶ Share resources developed to support care bundles and improve processes
- ▶ Access subject-matter experts and faculty
- ▶ Benchmark process and outcome measures to demonstrate improvements in perinatal patient safety

Critical resources for success

- ▶ Web-based fetal heart assessment and monitoring training program for physicians and nursing staff
- ▶ Two face-to-face educational conferences for participating hospitals to learn more about improving team work and communication
- ▶ Expert physician and nursing faculty available to respond to clinical questions and discussions
- ▶ Monthly team Web conferences on care bundles, clinical topics, patient safety and risk management