

# Neonatal Opioid Withdrawal Syndrome (NOWS) Initiative

Action Period Call – Supportive Maternal Discharge April 28, 2021



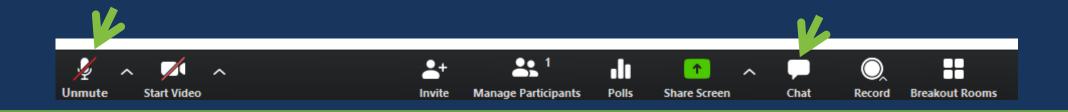




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- We are now recording









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- Thank You!







# Agenda



NOWS Updates

12:00 – 12:05

Data Updates

12:05 – 12:15

Supportive Maternal Discharge

& Team Talk

12:15 – 12:50

Q & A



12:50 - 1:00

Next Steps



1:00







# **NOWS Updates**

Monthly Data Reporting

March data due April 30, 2021

 March of Dimes Breaking Though Bias Training

Extension through April 30, 2021

Data sharing agreements

Please email csnowden@alaha.org





# Data Updates

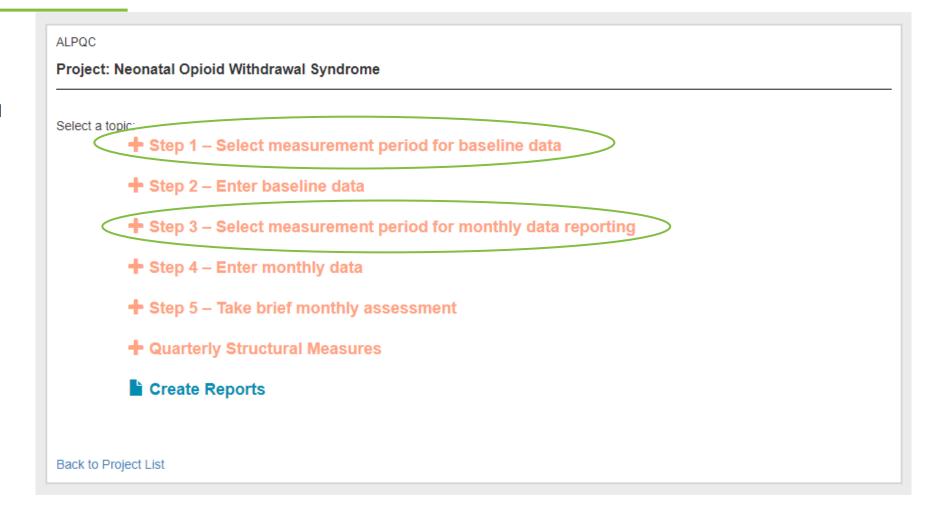
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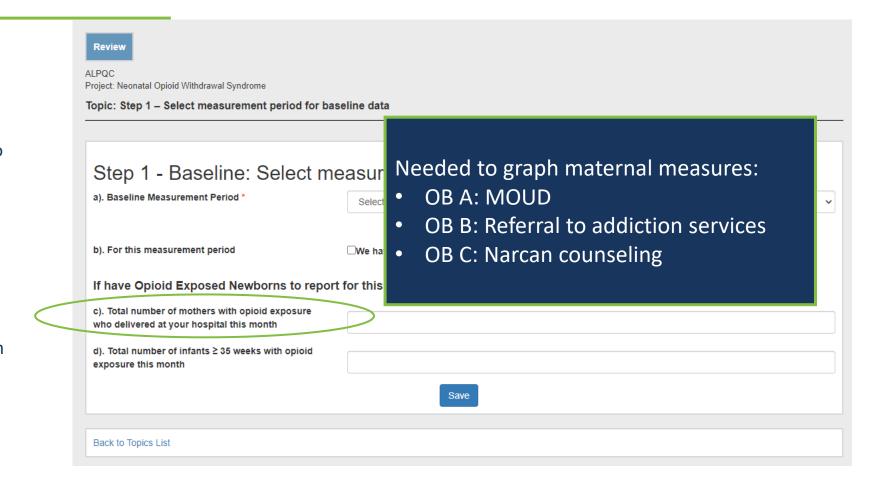
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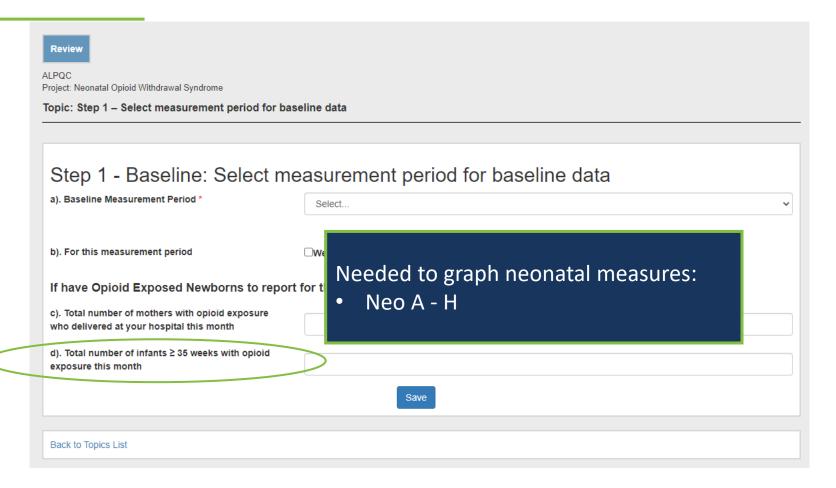
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- ✓ "Step 3" (monthly)
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  - If some OENs that month were transferred in: "d" may be larger than "c"



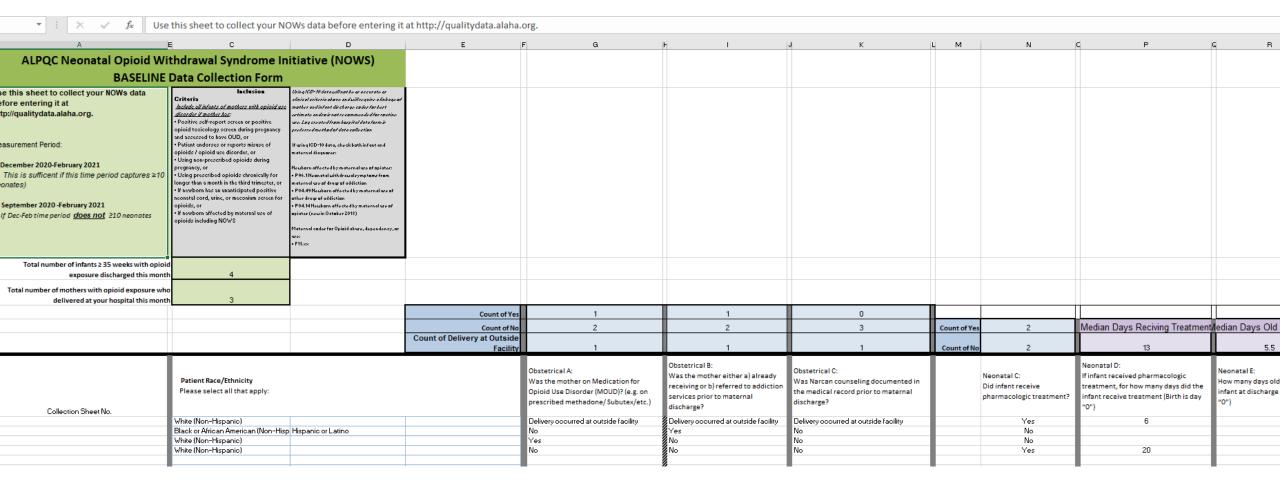
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# Highly recommend using our worksheet to organize and visualize data before entering in portal!



- ✓ Makes calculations for you, including denominators (total number of mother and infants you'll enter in "Step 1"/ "Step 3".
- ✓ Can help ensure data was captured accurately by the portal when you run report



Visualizing your dataevery month

#### ALPQC

Project: Neonatal Opioid Withdrawal Syndrome

Select a topic:

+ Step 1 - Select measurement period for baseline data

+ Step 2 - Enter baseline data

+ Step 3 – Select measurement period for monthly data reporting

+ Step 4 – Enter monthly data

+ Step 5 – Take brief monthly assessment

+ Quarterly Structura Measures

Create Reports

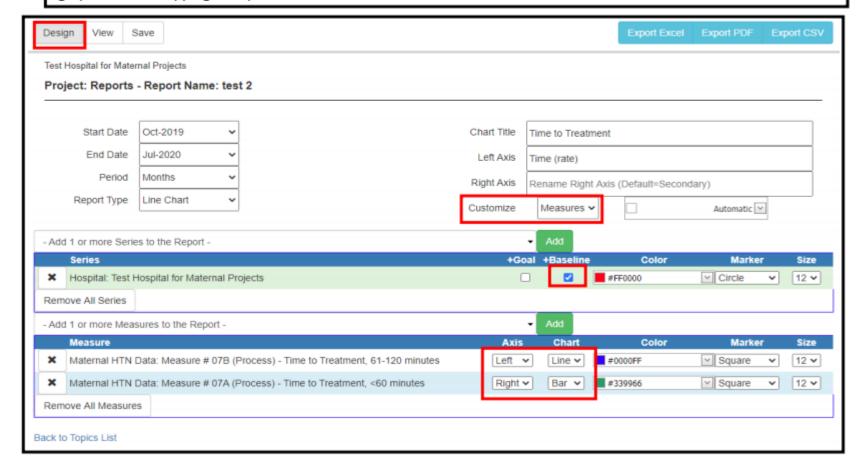
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#### HTN AND NOWS: LINE GRAPHS AND BAR GRAPHS

#### Alabama Hospital Association - Quality Data Portal

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### **Global Aims**

To optimize inpatient care strategies for mothers with opiate use disorder\* and opiate exposed newborns

### **SMART Aims**

By April 1,2022, in infants born at ≥35w GA with NOWS:

- 1) Reduce length of stay by 20%
- 2) Reduce exposure to pharm care by 20%
- 3) Increase the % of mothers and infants discharged with Collaborative Discharge Plan to 35%

### **Population**

Mothers with opiate use disorder and opiate exposed newborns in the state of Alabama

### Neonatal Opioid Withdrawal Syndrome Key Driver Diagram



### **Primary Drivers**

Identification and Assessment of Opiate Exposed Newborns

Inpatient
Management of
Infants with NOWS

Supportive Discharge for Mothers and Baby

### **Secondary Drivers**

Strengthen Family/Care Team Relationships

Withdrawal scoring consistency

Non-pharmacologic care standardization

Pharmacologic care consistency: initiation, weaning, and cessation

Keeping mother-baby dyad together

Hospital specific Plan of Supportive Infant Discharge

Hospital specific Plan of Supportive Maternal Discharge

#### <u>Interventions</u>

Stigma education as part of ongoing education procedures

Standardize education for all staff on withdrawal scoring

Non-pharmacologic care guidelines for opioid exposed newborns

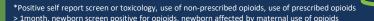
Pharmacologic treatment guidelines

Establish hospital policy for infant transfer and rooming in

Establish hospital specific Collaborative Discharge Plan









# Supportive Maternal Discharge

NOWS Discharge Checklist

NOWS Toolkit

NOWS Resources

Peer Recovery Support

Narcan Counseling

Collaborative Discharge Plan







# NOWS Discharge Checklist





#### NOWS Discharge Checklist

This NOWS Neonatal Discharge Checklist needs to be completed for every Opioid-Exposed Newborn (OEN) before infant discharge

#### I. Clinical Readiness

- 4-7 days of inpatient monitoring for infants exposed to <u>buprenorphine</u> and <u>sustained-release opioids</u>
   <u>who</u> do not require pharmacotherapy
- 5.7 days of inpatient monitoring for infants exposed to methadone who do not require pharmacotherapy
- 72 hours of inpatient monitoring after pharmacotherapy for infants who require pharmacotherapy
- The infant should feed well and gain weight over two consecutive days
- Consultation with social work or hospital equivalent completed
- Medication dispending schedule and demonstration of ability to dose the infant, as applicable
- Scheduled a developmental follow-up appointment and/or physical and occupational therapy appointments as applicable
- Hepatitis B/ Hepatitis C/ HIV exposed infants-Pediatric infectious disease appointment scheduled or if preference is to follow infant in primary care, please refer to 2018 American Academy of Pediatrics Red Book for current recommendations

#### II. Family Preparedness

- Education provided regarding:
  - Understanding components of NOWS Collaborative Discharge Plan
  - Importance and benefits of breastfeeding, unless contraindicated
  - Increased risk of visual problems including strabismus
  - Developmental follow-up, physical and occupational therapy
  - □ Safe sleep practice
  - Non-accidental trauma
  - CPR
- Narcan counseling offered.
- Linkage to addiction services and MOUD/MAT made, as applicable.
- Patient received "Neonatal Opioid Withdrawal Syndrome: What you need to know - A Guide for Families"

#### III. Transfer of Care

- Completion of NOWS Collaborative Discharge Plan in partnership with care team, family, and community pediatrician.
- Communication and coordination with primary care provider completed:
  - Discussion of medical and social information, including infant custody
  - Description of hospital course
  - Plan for outpatient medication wean, if applicable
  - ☐ Heightened need for vision screening for refractive errors/strabismus
- Coordination and clearance with local Department of Human Resources (DHR) office completed, as applicable





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# **NOWS Toolkit**





**NOWS Toolkit: Collaborative Discharge Plan** 

<u>Discharge education specific to the unique needs of infants with NOWS should be provided to caregivers.</u>

In creating a Collaborative Discharge Plan, all involved stakeholders should ensure that support is offered to caregivers to ensure that four essential foundations of health are met, these include:

- 1. Responsive Caregiving
- 2. Safe and Secure Environment
- 3. Adequate and Appropriate Nutrition
- 4. Health Promoting



# **ALPQC Website**



### Family Education

- NOWS: What You Need to Know A Guide for Families
- Peer Support Services for Pregnancy and Postpartum Patinets
- Pregnancy: Methadone and Buprenorphine
- ESC Caring for Your Baby with Love
- NAS: What You Need to Know Be with Your Baby: You Are the Treatment!
- MORE Hope: Helping our Parents Excel
- Better Together to Prevent Neonatal Opioid Withdrawal Syndrome
- NAS Brochure



# **NOWS Resources**





#### NOWS Resources in Our Service Area

Contact information for resources below found in the ALPQC Perinatal Resource Directory Map

#### FOR STAFF USE

#### MAPPING RESOURCES

ALPQC Resources Directory -\_ALPQC PERINATAL RESOURCES DIRECTORY (arcgis.com)

Jefferson County Pregnant and Parenting Women Resources -

https://www.google.com/maps/d/drive?state=%7B%22ids%22%3A%5B%22101PP1s95e\_4mggzBLfCDNbTu20ZBOgPV%22%5D%2C%22action%22%3A%22open%22%2C%22userid%22%3A%22104619027012769224629%22%7D&usp=sharing

#### Alabama Coordinated Health Network

Provider and/or Program Name: Alabama Care Network Mid-State

Contact Information: Call by phone at 1-833-296-5245 (toll-free); TTY: 711. Our care team is available Monday through Friday from 8am to 5pm.

Helpful Tips for a Successful Referral: Alabama Care Network Mid-State serves Medicaid recipients in Jefferson and Shelby Counties.

#### **Community Health Center**

Provider and/or Program Name: Alabama Regional Medical Services

Contact Information	: https://alabamaarms.org/location	ons/metro/	
205-407-6900	712 25th Street, North	Birmingham	35203
205-407-5600	2817 30th Avenue North,	Birmingham	35207
205-783-9300	417 19th Street, Ensley	Birmingham	35218
205-421-9615	7001 Crestwood Blvd., Suite 822	Birmingham	35210

Helpful Tips for a Successful Referral: Federally Qualified Health Clinic (FQHC), General Dentistry Practitioner, Obstetrician/Gynecologist, Plan First

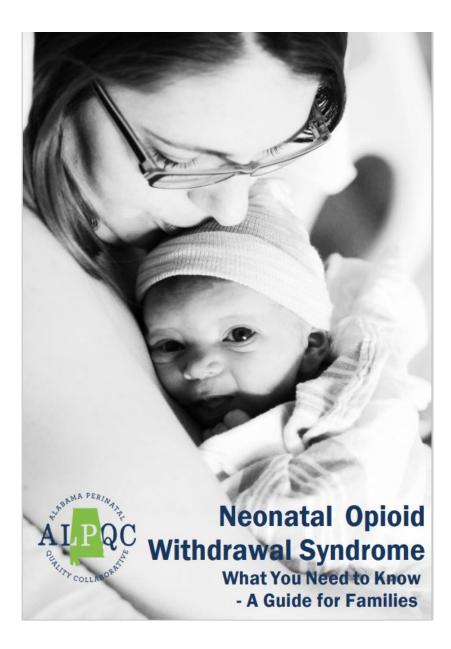
### **Mapping Resources**

ALPQC Perinatal Resources Directory

<u>Jefferson County Pregnant and Parenting</u> Women Resources







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Gratefully adapted with permission from the ILPQC Mothers and Newborns affected by Opioids (MNO) Neonatal Initiative.





# Peer Recovery Support



Julie Ray, CRSS Shanika Webb, CRSS

Recovery Organization of Support Specialists (R.O.S.S.)



# R.O.S.S.



- The Recovery Organization of Support Specialist is the first peer-run organization in Alabama.
- All our certified peers are individuals in recovery from a substance use disorder.
- We started R.O.S.S. to reach the people who fall through the cracks and all our services are free of charge.



# R.O.S.S.



- R.O.S.S. has 3 Recovery Community Centers in Alabama;
- 1. Birmingham
- 2. Montgomery
- 3. Marshall County
- 24/7 Helpline
- R.O.S.S. Outreach Program
- Mentorship Program in Jefferson, Montgomery and Marshall counties.











# **R.O.S.S.** 24/7 Helpline



- Our R.O.S.S. 24/7 Helpline is 844-307-1760
- All calls are confidential
- You are always talking to a Certified Recovery Support Specialist.



# **R.O.S.S. 24/7 Helpline**



- A caller receives contact information for recovery resources including;
- 1. Treatment provider in one's area as well as support groups, shelters and anything else requested
- 2. Someone to talk to who has been where they are
- 3. Connection to an Outreach peer to help them navigate the substance use disorder system of care







# R.O.S.S. Outreach Program



• Our R.O.S.S. Outreach Program is in 35 counties across Alabama, literally boots on the ground, going out to communities and helping to enrich the lives of whoever chooses to connect.

Our R.O.S.S. Outreach Specialist stays with that individual every step of the way.

 We also have our R.O.S.S. Certified Recovery Support Specialists in OTP Clinics across Alabama providing peer support services to individuals on Medically Assisted Recovery.



## **Outreach for Success**

### Services Available

- Assist in navigating the substance use disorder system of care.
- Connect individuals and family members to available resources.
- Provide support for individuals and family members.
- Provide transportation to recovery resources.
- Engage individuals at risk for overdose.
- Educate the community on substance use disorder and the resources needed to obtain and maintain recovery.





 We work with expectant mothers and help them to meet the challenges they face together.



**R.O.S.S.**, has peer services available in Alabama's Emergency Rooms for nonfatal opioid overdoses. The peers will take advantage of the "window of opportunity" to provide overdose prevention education, naloxone, support, and linkage to treatment services. This is a novel and replicable response to the opioid epidemic. Patients with opioid use disorder (OUD) who connect to a peer in an emergency department will be at reduced risk for a later overdose.

#### R.O.S.S RECOVERY ORGANIZATION OF SUPPORT SPECIALISTS

**Recovery Mentorship Program** – a work-force development program focused on providing the necessary training, supports and experience for peer mentors with one year of recovery to prepare for the Alabama peer certification.

**R.O.S.S, Road to Recovery Program** is a peer recovery support program for individuals in early recovery. **R.O.S.S.** offers a variety of options to help participants achieve their recovery goals.

Peer-Lead Recovery Classes – provides a safe haven for participants to share concerns and receive recovery information and solutions that prevent addictive behaviors and support successful recovery journeys.

One-On-One Peer Mentoring – customized to meet the on-going recovery support needs on an individual basis to assist participants in maintaining abstinence and realizing the freedom of choices in living in recovery.

Recovery Check-Ups – telephonic check-ins by peers.

Sober Living Activities – Access to an array of social activities designed to support recovery.

Recovery Planning - including the development of individual recovery plans.

#### Get the help and support you need!

Reducing Opioid Addiction through Diversion, R.O.A.D. is a project to divert an individual with a substance use disorder from incarceration to recovery. This project is available for any individual in Montgomery (and surrounding counties), Etowah, Jefferson, and Walker Counties with involvement with the criminal justice system.

Pardons & Parole Project – Connect a former inmate with a substance use disorder to a peer support specialist to assist with maintaining recovery to avoid returning to prison for a drug related offense. Services offered in Jefferson, Madison, Marshall, and Montgomery Counties.

### Are you pregnant and have a substance use disorder? YOU ARE NOT ALONE!! WE CAN HELP!

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 R.O.S.S. is developing ongoing relationships between our peers and all the Emergency Departments, Neonatal/OB Departments and first responders in Alabama.

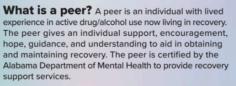


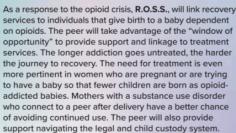
Neonatal/OB Department

Mothers with a substance use disorder who connect to a peer after delivery have a better chance of avoiding continued use.

**Recovery Organization of Support Specialist, R.O.S.S.**, is a peer-run organization assisting individuals with a substance use disorder in obtaining and maintaining recovery. **R.O.S.S.** offers peer support to help improve an individual's emotional

health, well-being, and sense of belonging.





Please Call the 24/7 Helpline



R.O.S.S. peers will provide the following services for individuals and family members:

- Use their lived experience in active addiction and recovery to connect to the individuals and family members. (This takes away the individual feeling, "You don't understand").
- · Introduce and explain recovery resources, including the many pathways to recovery.
- Provide support for the individual before, during, and after treatment to provide hope that we do recover.
- Provide support and information for family member(s).
- Connect the individual to the appropriate treatment resources of their choice.
- Assist you to navigate the substance use disorder system of care, legal system, and child custody system
- Provide transportation through a "warm-off" method to recovery resources. A warm hand-off mean we will transport you to and from treatment and visit you as you desire.
- In-person peer response from 7:00am 7:00pm; Phone support only 7:00pm 7:00am.
- · All services are free of charge.







# R.O.S.S.



- We are the people we serve, and we believe recovery is about the journey not the destination. There is hope out there so let's love people to a better life!
- Visit us at ross4u.org or rosshelpline4u.org
- Visit us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @rossbhm4us
- Email us at rossbhm4us@gmail.com

# **Contact Information**



- Julie Ray CRSS, R.O.S.S. Outreach Administrator over Women's And Special Children's Programs, ross4us.julieray@gmail.com, 205-267-7893
- Shanika Webb CRSS, R.O.S.S. Outreach Specialists working with Expectant Mothers in Jefferson County, ross4us.swebb@gmail.com, 205-878-1421
- Mark Litvine CRSS/CPS, Director Of Marketing for R.O.S.S., <u>ross4us.mlitvine@gmail.com</u>, 205-470-7870

# Online Naloxone Training



Darlene Traffanstedt, MD
Jefferson County Department of Health



## Online naloxone training web address: jcdh.org/naloxone

#### **Naloxone Training Registration**

A phone number or email address is required to complete the online naloxone training. If you are unable to provide a phone number or email, please call (205) 930-1065 for assistance.

### Fill out online form and then select registration type: First & Last Name: Street Address: City: Zip Code: Phone Number: Email: ☐ I live outside of Jefferson County HOW DID YOU LEARN ABOUT US? Choose at least one: ☐ a sticker on a prescription ☐ a radio/tv/news source □ a social media post ☐ a friend or family member □ a community organization (please list) □ other (please list) If you would like to receive Narcan training in order to receive a free Narcan kit, please click Receive Narcan Training. RECIEVE NARCAN TRAINING

If you have already been trained by JCDH on the use of Narcan and need a replacement kit, please click Receive Replacement

RECEIVE REPLACEMENT KIT



Watch the video and complete the certification statements.

#### **Naloxone Narcan Training**

To receive your certificate of completion you must watch the required video, check all 4 boxes, and enter your digital signature



- I am a person at risk of an opioid overdose, or I am a family member, friend, or other person in a position to assist someone else at risk an opioid overdose.
- I have received information on how to recognize and respond to a possible opioid overdose.
- ☐ I have received basic instructions on how to administer naloxone.
- $\hfill \square$  By adding my digital signature I certify that I have watched the video.

Enter First & Last Name

#### **HOW TO RECEIVE YOUR FREE KIT**

OPick up kit at JCDH (1400 6th Ave S, Birmingham, AL 35233)

• Have kit mailed to you

OPick up kit at Local Pharmacy

#### Address must be in the state of Alabama

Enter First & Last Name..

Enter Address.

Apt # / Building # / Suite #

Enter City...

Enter Zip...

COMPLETE SUBMISSION AND RECEIVE CERTIFICATE



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For any questions, please email naloxonetraining@jcdh.org or call (205) 930-1065.

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View the list of pharmacies here.

#### Local participating pharmacies (select one)

Instructions for Pickup: you can go to one of listed pharmacies to pick up your free kit.

OBirmingham Apothecary: 1032 20th St S, Birmingham, AL 35205

OCahaba Medical Care Pharmacy: 1308 Tuscaloosa Ave Suite P, Birmingham, AL 35211

OEastwood Pharmacy: 4500 Montevallo Rd Suite E103, Birmingham, AL 35210

OFMS Pharmacy: 1819 13th Ave N, Bessemer, AL 35020

OHinkle Pharmacy: 1090 9th Ave SW # 110, Bessemer, AL 35022

OHomewood Pharmacy: 940 Oxmoor Rd, Homewood, AL 35209

OMills Pharmacy - Corner: 10107 Corner School Rd, Warrior, AL 35180

OMills Pharmacy - Gardendale: 835 Odum Rd Ste 101, Gardendale, AL 35071

OMills Pharmacy - Pinson: 6662 Hwy 75, Suite 118, Pinson, AL 35126

OMills Pharmacy - Parkway East: 9709 Parkway East Suite F, Birmingham, AL 35215

OMills Pharmacy - Woodlawn: 6501 1st Ave N, Birmingham, AL 35206

OMills Pharmacy - Leeds: 8420 1st Ave SE Leeds, AL 35094

OMills Pharmacy - Bluff Park: 758 Shades Mountain Plaza, Hoover, AL 35226

OMills Pharmacy - McCalla: 4750 Eastern Valley Rd, McCalla, AL 35111

OMills Pharmacy - Midfield: 30-A Phillips Dr Midfield, AL 35228

OMills Pharmacy - Pleasant Grove: 847 Park Road Suite A, Pleasant Grove, AL 35127

ORock Creek Pharmacy: 6817 Warrior River Rd, Bessemer, AL 35023

Jefferson County residents or those who deliver in Jefferson County or live in adjacent counties may take their training certificate into one of these pharmacies to pick up a free kit.

#### COMPLETE SUBMISSION AND RECEIVE CERTIFICATE

For any questions, please email naloxonetraining@jcdh.org or call (205) 930-1065.



# **Ideas for Partnership**



Stickers

- Promotional Materials
  - Hand sanitizer, lip balm
- Providing an IPAD or other technology
  - Completion prior to discharge
- Establishing a MOU for dispensing free kits









## ALPQCWebsite-NOWSToolkit

### **Care Team Education**

- Increase Use of Appropriate Language
  - Beyond Labels: Do Your Part to Reduce Stigma
  - Say This Not That Language Matters
  - SAMHSA Words Matter: How Language Choice Can Reduce Stigma
  - OPQC Substance Abuse 101: MythBusters
  - Reducing Stigma Education Tools (ReSET) Modules PCSS
- · Other Resources
  - PCSS Resources for Health Professionals, Patients and Community
  - IHI Achieving an Exceptional Patient and Family Experience of Inpatient Hospital Care
  - SAMHSA: Clinical Guidance for Treating Pregnant and Parenting Women with Opioid Use Disorder and Their Infants
  - Provider Education Resources, FPQC
  - Partner with Mothers to Seek and Support Recovery Post Prenatal Opioid Exposure
- Naloxone
  - Talking to Patients About Naloxone
  - Naloxone Save a Life Poster
  - Naloxone Training and Kits



### **Collaborative Discharge Plan**

- ALPQC NOWS Toolkit: Creating a Collaborative Discharge Plan
- Collaborative Discharge Tools
  - ALPQC NOWS Discharge Checklist
  - ALPQC NOWS Resources in Our Service Area
  - ALPQC NOWS Collaborative Discharge Plan (Updated 4/20/2021)
  - ALPQC Perinatal Resource Directory
- Naloxone education
  - Naloxone Patient Education Brochure
  - Opioid Safety and How to Use Naloxone
  - Naloxone Training and Kits
- Family Education
  - NOWS: What You Need to Know A Guide for Families

# Collaborative Discharge Plan



## **Team Talk**

Lauren Padalino, LICSW

UAB Comprehensive Addiction in Pregnancy Program (CAPP)



# Q&A



- Please feel free to **unmute** and ask questions
- You may also enter comments or questions in the "chat" box (with Everyone selected)









## Next Steps



- Monthly data due April 30, 2021
  - Please submit *baseline* data if have not done so already
- March of Dimes Breaking Through Bias 1-hr online training
  - Complete training by this Friday April 30, 2021.
- Submit data agreement
- Continue running PDSAs!
  - Samples and template on our website under "Key Documents"







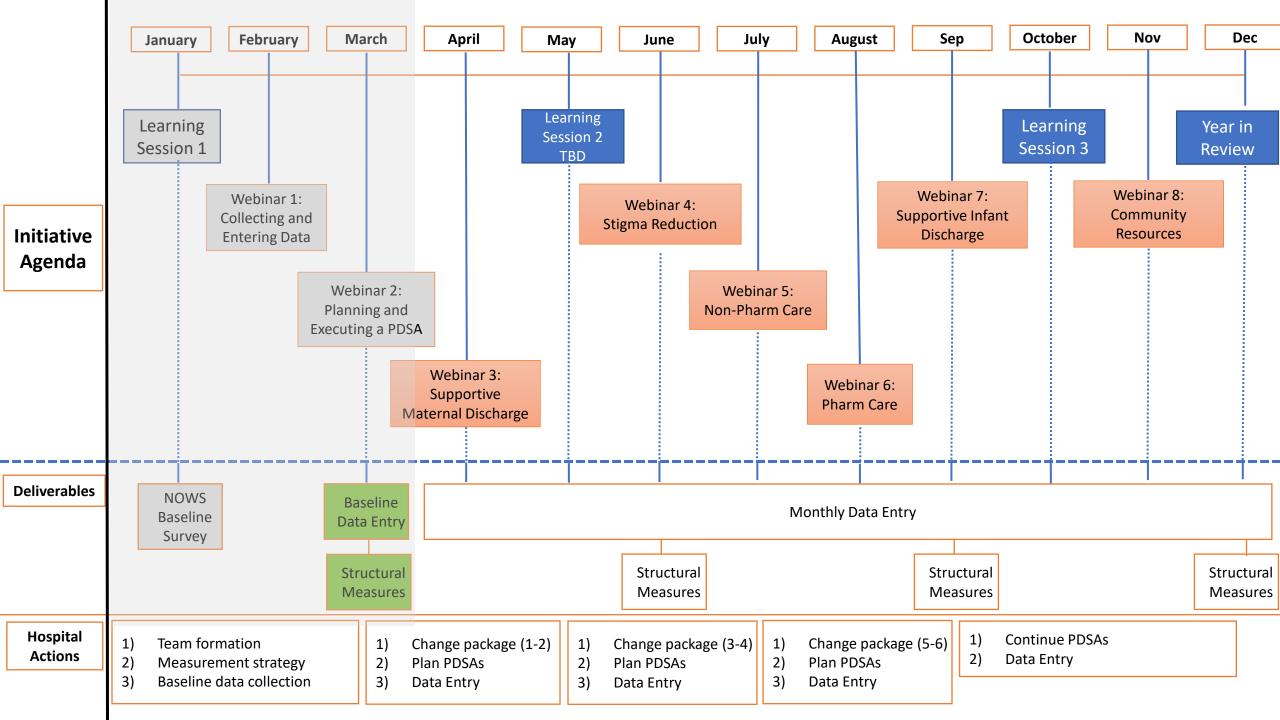


# Thank You

Next Call: Wednesday, May 26 at 12:00 PM



# **APPENDIX**



# Heading

### **Subheading**

Info







## **Why This Matters**

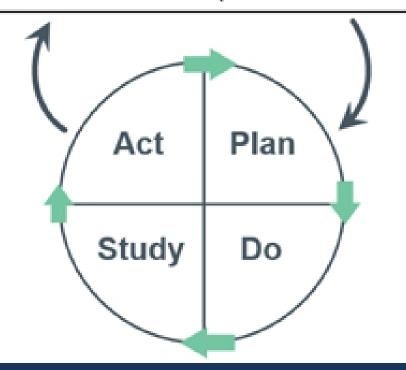


## Model for Improvement

What are we trying to accomplish?

How will we know that a change is an improvement?

What change can we make that will result in improvement?





Setting your SMART aim



Measurement Strategy



Key Driver Diagram



Testing Changes via PDSA cycles

## Baseline Data Collection



Measurement Type	Measurement
Outcome	Neonatal C: Did infant receive <b>pharmacologic treatment</b> ?
Outcome	Neonatal D: If infant received pharmacologic treatment, for <b>how many days</b> did the infant receive treatment (Birth is day "0")
Outcome	Neonatal E: How many <b>days old</b> was the infant at discharge
Process	Obstetrical A: Was the mother on <b>Medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD</b> )? (e.g. on prescribed methadone/ Subutex/etc.)
Process	Obstetrical B: Was the mother either a) already receiving or b) referred to <b>addiction services</b> prior to maternal discharge?
Process	Obstetrical C: Was <b>Narcan counseling</b> documented in the medical record prior to maternal discharge?
Balancing	Balancing Measure H: Was the infant <b>readmitted</b> for any cause within 10 days of discharge?







## Structural Measures



- 1. Hospital has implemented education practices for hospital staff for reducing stigma in opioid-exposed newborns (OENs)
- ☐ Haven't started☐ Working on it☐ In place
- 2. Hospital has implemented education practices for hospital staff for scoring OENs
- 3. Hospital has implemented standardized nonpharmacologic guidelines for OENs
- 4. Hospital has implemented standardized practices of when to transfer infants with NOWs to a higher level of care
- 5. Hospital has implemented standardized pharmacologic guidelines for infants with NOWS
- 6. Hospital has implemented standardized protocols/guidelines for Collaborative Discharge Plan for mothers and infants







# Additional Measures for Monthly Data Entry



Measurement Type	Measurement
Process	Did the infant have evidence of opioid withdrawal?
Process	Was a non-pharmacologic bundle used consistently with the infant?
Process	Was a Collaborative Discharge Plan completed prior to discharge?
Process	If not born at your facility, how many days old was infant when transfer was received?









# PDSA Cycles







## **PDSA**

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OUTHING COLLABORATION

- Happening constantly
- Not all changes result in improvement
- •Important to adapt components of the change package to the actual environment
- Start with small tests of change
- PDSA cycles



## Plan

- Assemble a team
- Identify the issue
- Ask basic questions:
  - How do we do it?
  - What are steps in the process?
  - Who should we involve?
  - How can we reduce variation in the process?
- Predict what will happen





## Do



- Test your idea
- Prepare (training, resources)
- Start small (n=1); less risk, work out kinks
- Monitor your progress (continuous system)



# Study

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- Reflect on your test
- What has changed?
- Was it effective?
- Changes worth keeping?
- How does this differ from your prediction?



## Act



- Adapt, Adopt, Abandon
- Act on your reflection
- Implement positive changes
- Consider spread
- If negative results, consider removing/revising
- Failures during testing can be useful!



TEST DETAILS				
Project Name: ALPQC NOWS Initiative				
Project SMART Aim:				
⊠Reduce length of stay by 20%				
☑Reduce exposure to pharm care by 20%				
□Increase the percentage of infants discharged with a coordinated care plan to 95%				
Component of Change Package:				
□Stigma Reduction				
□Withdrawal Scoring				
⊠Non-Pharmacologic Care				
□Transfer Policy				
□Pharmacologic Guidelines				
□Coordinated Care Plan				
Test Name: Nursing implementation of non-pharmacologic guidelines				
Test Start Date: 4/1/2021				
Test Complete Date: 5/1/2021				
What key driver does this test impact? Non-pharmacologic care standardization				
What is the objective of the test? To increase the use of non-pharm care in opiate				
exposed newborns so as to reduce the number of infants requiring pharmacologic care.				





### **PLAN**:

Briefly describe the test: We have developed a comprehensive non-pharm guideline to implement at bedside including: 1) reduction of stimuli 2) swaddling 3) non-nutritive sucking 4) on demand feeding 5) clustered care. All nursing staff has been provided with education on this intervention to occur prior to consideration of pharmacologic treatment.

**How will you measure the success of this test?** The number of infants with NOWS symptoms that have nursing documentation of these non-pharm interventions.

What would success look like? 1) >90% of NOWS infants receiving non pharm care What do you predict will happen? There may be inconsistency in the documentation as well as implementation of non-pharm care at the bedside.

**Plan for collection of data:** Nurses will complete the bedside non-pharm checklist for each assessment.

### Tasks:

Name of Task	Person Responsible	Dates:	Location
Form Collection	Julie (RN)	4/1-5/1	Red pod
Nursing Reminders at huddles	Barbara (Nurse Educator)	4/1-5/1	Red pod
on Monday			
Just in time education when a	Barbara (Nurse Educator)	4/1-5/1	Red pod
baby with NOWS is admitted			





DO:
Was the cycle carried out as planned? ⊠ Yes □ No
Record data and observations: We had 3 infants with NOWS during this monitoring period.
What did you observe that was not part of the plan? Some data forms were not returned.
STUDY:
Did the results match your predictions? ☐ Yes ☒ No
Compare the result of your test to your previous performance: There was inconsistency in what
components of non-pharmacologic care were performed/documented. There were also many assessments
in which there was no documentation. Additionally, in some instances, families created a stimulating
environment.
What did you learn? We need to better specify our expectations for nursing staff and continue with nursing
huddles/reminders to emphasize the need for documentation. Family education needed.
ACT: Decide to Adapt, Adopt, or Abandon
☑ Adapt: Improve the change and continue testing the plan.
Plan/changes for the next test: Modify our bedside worksheet. Weekly updates via nursing huddle
regarding form completion. Education pamphlet for families regarding non-pharm care.
$\square$ Adopt: Select changes to implement on a larger scale and develop an implementation plan and plan for
sustainability
☐ Abandon: Discard the change idea and try a different one