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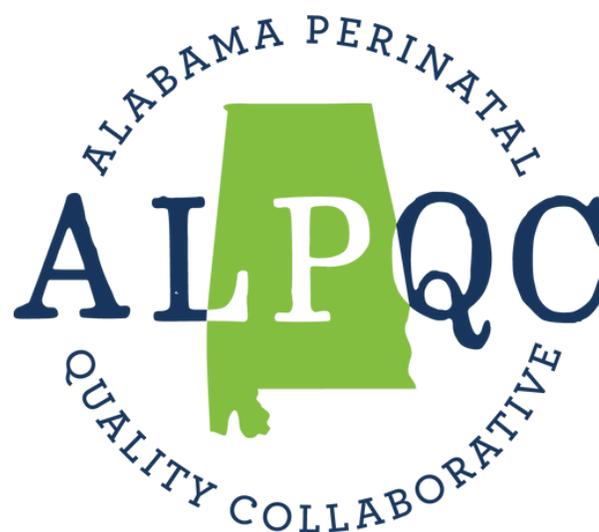
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REGISTER FOR THE 2023 ALPQC ANNUAL SUMMIT

The ALPQC 2023 Hospitals Summit will be held Wednesday, September 20, 2023, from 8 AM – 4 PM at Montgomery Marriot Prattville Hotel & Conference Center at Capitol Hill, 2500 Legends Circle, Prattville, AL 36066. Breakfast and networking opens at 8 AM and a call to order begins at 9 AM.

The ALPQC Hospitals Summit will bring together hospital representatives from obstetric and pediatric/neonatal units who have been engaged in clinical quality improvement projects over the past year. These yearly events provide hospital teams the opportunity to engage with each other in-person, share best practices, challenges, and lessons learned, and resources. The 2023 Hospitals Summit will include launch details regarding the 2024-2025 Obstetric Hemorrhage Initiative, and the opportunity to vote on a 2024-2025 Neonatal/Pediatric project.

For registration information, please click [here](#).



Hospitals Summit Agenda

- 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM** Breakfast
Networking & Gallery Stroll
- 9:00 AM – 9:30 AM** Welcome & Opening
Remarks
- 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM** The Year in Review
 - Maternal Hypertension
 - Neonatal Opioids Withdrawal Syndrome
- 10:30 AM – 10:45 AM** Break
- 10:45 AM – 12:15 PM** Guest Speakers/Panels
Keynote Speaker: Dr. Zsakeba Henderson, MD, FACOG, NICHQ Senior Health Advisor
Topic: Equity in Quality Improvement Work
- 12:15 PM – 1:00 PM** Lunch
- 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM** Breakout Working Session
 - Obstetric Hemorrhage Change Package
 - Nominal Group Activity & Project Selection

****Break included****
- 3:30 PM – 4:00 PM** Next Steps & Closing
Remarks



2024-2025 OBSTETRIC AND NEONATAL QUALITY IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVES

The ALPQC staff is hard at work preparing for the rollout of the new 2024-2025 initiatives. Our quality improvement bundle for obstetrics will focus on Obstetric Hemorrhage (OBH) and will be aimed at reducing the rate of severe maternal morbidity and mortality among patients who experience an OBH.

The neonatal/pediatric initiative will be selected during our 2023 Annual Hospitals Summit. Attendees of the summit will have an opportunity to learn more about the initiative candidates and will vote on the final 2024-2025 neonatal/pediatric bundle during the breakout session.

2023 NATIONAL MATERNAL HEALTH INNOVATION SYMPOSIUM

The Maternal Health Learning and Innovation Center (MHLIC) will be hosting a virtual symposium August 9-10, 2023. The in-person event is sold out, but virtual participants can register [here](#). The keynote speaker is Sabia Wade, CEO for The Black Doula, Inc., who will be discussing Collective Liberation as a Pathway to Equitable Perinatal Care. There will be a variety of other topics presented during the virtual event.



New Resources Available for Current ALPQC Initiatives

Thanks to your feedback during our 1-on-1 ALPQC Quality Improvement sessions. The ALPQC identified the need for resources to support the hospitals throughout the state. We have added a peer-to-peer video from Dr. Brian Brocato on our ALPQC.org website that encourages provider utilization of the evidence-based severe maternal hypertension bundle. Additionally, we have partnered with ADPH, VitAL, and JCDH to create a flyer for distribution to help prompt patient conversations with providers regarding opioid use during and after pregnancy, as well as resources regarding naloxone kits. The flyer will be distributed to hospitals via email and posted on our website.

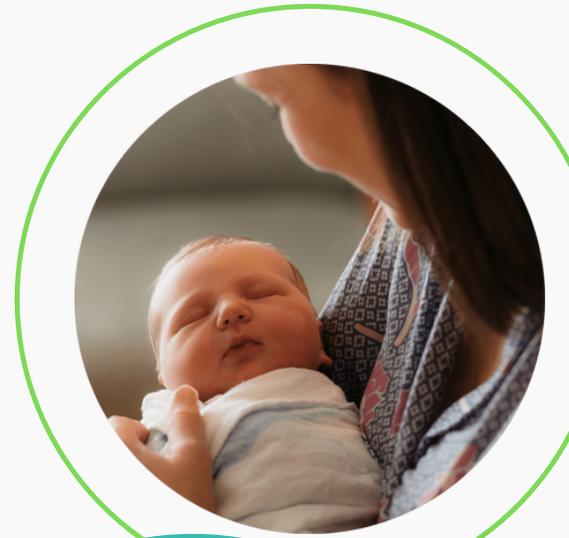
ALPQC PARTICIPATION HELPS HOSPITALS WITH CMS & BCBS DESIGNATIONS

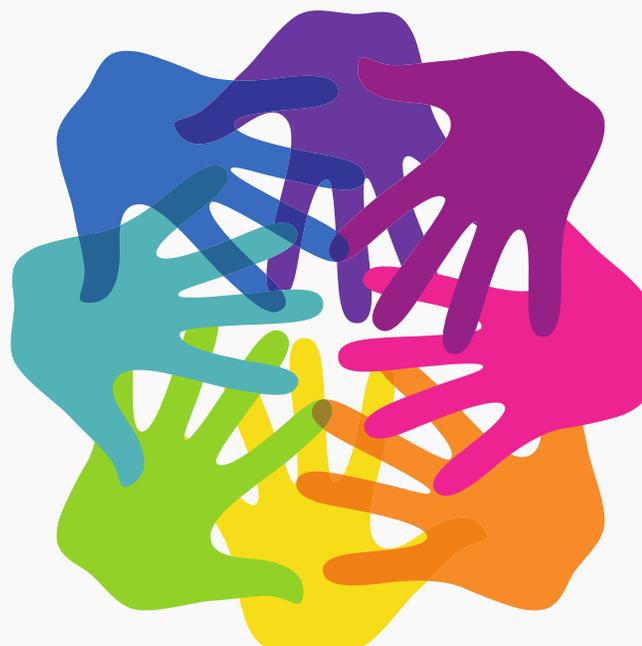
The Alabama Perinatal Quality Collaborative aims to share opportunities for education and training through collaborative cooperation, evidence-based practices, and equitable approaches to improve maternal and infant health outcomes. CMS and BCBS have recognized the role that national and statewide quality collaboratives play in improving the overall health of communities and have added participation in such collaboratives as a requirement for receiving certain designations.

As part of CMS's 2023 Inpatient Prospective Payment System (IPPS), CMS will be launching a publicly-reported "Birthing-Friendly" hospital designation in the Fall of 2023 for hospitals that participate in a national or statewide quality collaborative (such as ALPQC) and implement all recommended interventions. The designation would be displayed on the CMS websites to identify hospitals that have demonstrated a commitment to improving health outcomes for pregnant and postpartum patients.

Similarly, BCBS has created the Centers for Maternity Care Blue Distinction and Blue Distinction+ designations for hospitals that meet overall quality measures for patient safety and outcomes. Hospitals that receive these designations can be accessed by the public on the BCBS website.

By participating in the ALPQC, hospitals become part of a supportive community of collaborating hospitals - all working towards improving perinatal outcomes in Alabama. Our evidence-based initiatives have been developed by the Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health (AIM), as well as a nationwide network maternal and neonatal quality collaboratives.





REMINDERS

2023

August 9-10, 2023 - NMHIS Virtual Symposium

August 31, 2023 - Monthly Data Measures Due for July 2023

September 20, 2023 - ALPQC Annual Summit

September 30, 2023 - Monthly Data Measures Due for August 2023

October-December, 2023 -TBA- Training Sessions for New Initiatives

October 31, 2023 - Monthly Data Measures Due for September 2023

October 31, 2023 - Quarterly Data Measures Due for July-September 2023

2024

January 1, 2024 - Obstetric Hemorrhage Initiative baseline data collection begins

January 31, 2024 - Quarterly data measures due for October-December 2023

TBA - Neonatal/Pediatric baseline data collection begins

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