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The Council on Patient Safety in Women's Health Care has announced the winning submissions for the first cycle of the National Improvement Challenge which focused on obstetric hemorrhage. The Council received more than 20 highly qualified submissions and awards were granted after a rigorous review, including an evaluation of the use of the Council's patient safety materials, improvements in processes and outcomes, and demonstrated multidisciplinary collaboration.

## The National Improvement Challenge on Obstetric Hemorrhage award winners are:

- First Place (\$3,000): University of Pennsylvania
- Second Place (\$2,000): University of Utah Health Care
- Third Place Tie (\$500 each): Banner University Medical Center Phoenix AND Trinity Health

You can learn more about each of the winning programs and the innovative initiatives that they have deployed to address obstetric hemorrhage during an upcoming Safety Action Series. Additional details will be made available on the Council's website as registration is opened.

## About the National Improvement Challenge

The National Improvement Challenge is the Council's initiative that seeks to improve women's health care through the development of patient safety and quality improvement projects at the residency and educational program level. Through the challenge the Council and its member organizations seek to foster a culture of collaboration, teamwork, patient safety, and communication between clinicians and patients while concurrently increasing widespread implementation of the safety tools and resources put forth by the Council.

The next cycle of the Challenge focused on the Severe Hypertension in Pregnancy Patient Safety Bundle and is expected to open in October 2015.

To learn more about the challenge and the Council's other efforts, visit: www.safehealthcareforeverywoman.org