

A Primer: Council on Patient Safety in Women's Health Care

Vision: Safe health care for every woman

Mission: Continually improve patient safety in women's health care through multidisciplinary collaboration that drives culture change

The Council on Patient Safety in Women's Health Care's purpose is to reduce harm to patients by fostering:

- Investigation to better understand the causation of harm
- Programs and tools to implement patient safety initiatives
- Education to promote patient safety
- Dissemination of patient safety information
- A health care culture of respect, transparency, and accountability

Composition

The Council comprised of 19 core organizational members and two patient representatives. To further support its work the Council also has an Industry Forum. The Forum serves in an informational capacity to the Council and is a vehicle for engagement with members from industry.

Engagement Activities

Safety Action Series

Launched in May 2014, the Safety Action Series are free teleconference sessions on topics relevant to the Council's deliverables. They are designed to be interactive, with adequate time for participant questions during each session and are archived for free download and playback from the Council's website.

National Improvement Challenge & National Improvement Video Challenge

Launched in November 2014, the National Improvement Challenge seeks to improve care through the development of patient safety and quality improvement programs at the residency and educational program level. Programs in all disciplines are encouraged develop programs to improve care in their institution through the utilization of Council developed tools and resources. In 2016, the National Improvement Video Challenge was launched with the intention of facilitating innovative peer-to-peer sharing of best practices



related to implementation and use of the Council's Patient Safety Bundles. Programs are encouraged to develop a short video showcasing how a Council bundle has been implemented and utilized within their organization. Entries are judged and voted on by members of the Council and monetary awards are given to help further QI activities.

Endorsed Materials

Patient Safety Bundles

- **Maternal Mental Health: Depression and Anxiety**
- **Obstetric Hemorrhage***
- **Patient, Family, and Staff Support After a Severe Maternal Event***
- **Postpartum Care Basics for Maternal Safety: From Birth to the Comprehensive Postpartum Visit***
- **Prevention of Surgical Site Infections After Major Gynecologic Surgery**
- **Reduction of Peripartum Racial/Ethnic Disparities***
- **Safe Reduction of Primary Cesarean Birth: Supporting Intended Vaginal Birth***
- **Severe Hypertension in Pregnancy***
- **Venous Thromboembolism in Pregnancy***

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Patient Safety Tools

- **Implementing Quality Improvement Projects Resource Toolkit**
- **Maternal Early Warning Criteria**
- **Severe Maternal Morbidity Review Forms**