

Tennessee Initiative for Perinatal Quality Care



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“Partners in Perinatal Quality”

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Happy New Year!

From the Medical Director's Office

March is rapidly approaching, and as we reviewed in the last huddle, the state as a whole appears to be making progress on Admission Temperature to the NICU. Several centers have seen a remarkable reduction in the fraction of their infants that are hypothermic on admission, but inter-center variation remains broad, and there are still several centers where more than half of VLBW infants have an admission temperature less than 36.0°C. Where did your center start? Where is your team now? Your data are a mirror that show your system as it really is, and the effects of the potentially better practices you've implemented since we started this project in March 2009. Do you like what you see? Can you see where your center sits on the statewide aggregate results? Is your center ready to enter a sustainment phase where you work to hold on to the improvements? Or do you have a few more changes you need to implement to get your system's performance where it should be? In our next webinars we will be looking at the timing of transitioning to a sustainment focus and strategies for successfully maintaining and monitoring the gains you've realized thus far. This is the final part of our introductory course in quantitative quality improvement. We look forward to your questions and hearing about your experiences, as you've worked to improve your local system of perinatal care delivery. We're also looking forward to applying what we've learned as a state collaborative on new projects that will be beginning throughout 2010.

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TIPQC Annual Meeting

Please join us for the 3rd Annual TIPQC Meeting on March 3-4, 2010 at the Cool Springs Marriott in Franklin, Tennessee. Speakers Gautham Suresh, MD, Jay Iams, MD & Lucky Jain, MD will address NICU and OB safety, as well as the 39 Week OB Initiative and the impact of late preterm birth on long term health. The opportunity for Patients & Families to participate in workshops will energize our meeting. We are working hard to incorporate a legislative and gubernatorial forum within our two-day meeting. Stay tuned for more details as we finalized these events. For speaker information, the agenda, and to register go to: www.tipqc.org

Hotel reservations need to be made by **Monday, February 8, 2010** to receive the TIPQC group rate of \$101 per night. (Regular rates are \$225 per night!) Reservations must be made by individual attendees by calling the Marriott directly at 888-403-6772 and ask for the TN Initiative for Perinatal Quality Care (TIPQC) Group Rate, or online at: <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/bnacs-franklin-marriott-cool-springs/?groupCode=tipqa%26app=resvlink%26fromDate=3/1/10%26toDate=3/5/10&replaceCurrent=1&reason=0>

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Project Highlights

NICU--Admission Temperature Project

The 22 NICU hospital teams have had seven phone huddles and three learning sessions. The next monthly huddle will be on January 27, 2010. Each temperature team will have the opportunity to bring a poster to the Annual Meeting and share their improvement story. We look forward to hearing from every hospital. As we enter into the sustainment phase for this project, webinars will be held every six months.

Projects Being Piloted

OB—Reducing Elective Deliveries before 39 Weeks

The Davidson County pilot has completed their data training and reportable data collection has begun.

The TIPQC State meeting this year will feature Dr. Jay Iams with the Ohio Perinatal Collaborative and Dr. Lucky Jain who will both address this topic. This will be a great opportunity to learn more about this project and see how you can be involved in Reducing Elective Deliveries before 39 Weeks!

NICU—CLABSI Reduction

Applications & IRB information is now available by emailing Brenda.Barker@TIPQC.org. The deadline for completed applications is January 8, 2010.

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***TIPQC State-wide Project “Kick-Off”
Central Line Associated Blood Stream Infection Reduction Project
Learning Session #1, January 22, 2010
Location: Monroe Carell Jr. Children’s Hospital at Vanderbilt,
The Board Room, 2nd floor
11-4 PM CST***

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Please RSVP for your team today!

NICU—Human Milk Feeding Project

The four pilot centers are close to finalizing the “tool kit.” This project should be ready for state-wide enrollment at the Annual Meeting in March 2010, with the first learning session and “kick off” in April 2010.

Project(s) Being Developed

OB—Breastfeeding Awareness Campaign

This group of state leaders has met seven times, and is developing a state-wide project. We are currently recruiting obstetricians who are interested in promoting breast feeding to add to the team.

For more information on all projects: <http://www.tipqc.org/projects>.

Family & Patient Corner

Cami Duffy recently shared her experiences of being a mom of two NICU babies. She gave some great ideas to our temperature teams for ways to include parents during the temperature regulation around birth.

The East Tennessee RAC has also identified three parents to be involved in their committees who were able to join them at their last meeting.

Look forward to hearing more about possible NICU family projects at the upcoming State Meeting.

TIPQC is still seeking two parents to serve on our state-wide oversight committee. Send any nominations to Brenda.Barker@tipqc.org.

Upcoming Conferences

Mark your calendar now for the *Annual State TIPQC Meeting on March 3-4, 2010*.

Please note that we have added a calendar feature to our website, where these dates and others can be found at <http://www.tipqc.org/calendar>.

Watch the web for updates throughout the month.

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Sincerely,

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