



*"Partners in Perinatal Quality"*

**Season's Greetings from the TIPQC Operations Committee!**

- **Tennessee Initiative for Perinatal Quality Care (TIPQC)** became official October 1st, and it has been a busy start-up. The excitement expressed by all of you affirms that we are moving in an important direction. Thanks to all who have volunteered to serve. We still have places on our **committees, so please let us know if you are willing to serve for your region or as a statewide representative.** We are looking for volunteer families, providers, payors, data managers, and advocates.
- **Save the Day--March 5-6, 2009 for the Annual TIPQC Conference at the Franklin/Cool Springs Marriott.** Again, a quality forum with great speakers, including:
  - ❖ Dr. Dan Ellsbury, Director of Continuous Quality Improvement, Pediatrix Medical Group, Inc.
  - ❖ Dr. Paul Miles, VP for Quality and Maintenance of Certification, American Board of Pediatrics
  - ❖ Ms. Diane Frndak, VP of Organizational Excellence, West Penn Allegheny Health System
- **VON Meeting—December 5-7, 2008, Washington, DC**  
For those of you attending this year's annual meeting, please look for the TIPQC poster, and come by and meet us.
- **Hospital Site Visits**—The TIPQC Operations Committee will begin visiting the Tennessee NICUs, neonatology groups, and hospitals in January and February. We look forward to meeting you and learning more about how TIPQC can best serve your needs, as we collaborate to improve quality care. Watch for more information in the next few weeks about this wonderful opportunity.
- **Please let us know of others** who will want to be part of this exciting initiative...we want to stretch our circle wider. Contact us at [TIPQC.office@TIPQC.org](mailto:TIPQC.office@TIPQC.org) or call the office at 615-343-8536 and we will add you or others (with permission) to our list serve.

**Join us as we "Partner in Perinatal Quality."**

**Sincerely,**

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