Welcome & Introductions
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Kansas Perinatal Quality Collaborative
SPRING CONFERENCE

Hard Conversations, Improved Healthcare

Agenda

8:30 am  Registration

9:00 am  Welcome!
Dr. Parul Nguyen, KPQC Chairperson
Jill Nelson, KDHE Health Planning Consultant,
Maternal & Perinatal Initiatives

9:10 am  KPQC Overview & Updates
Terrah Stroda, CNM, KPQC FTI Co-Coordinator
Kari Smith, RNC, KPQC FTI Co-Coordinator

9:30 am  How insurance companies are answering the
call for help
Virginia Barnes, MPH, Director, Blue Health
Initiatives

10:45 am  Case Studies: DCF and other “hard” talks
Erica Hunter, LBSW, Deputy Director, DCF

11:45 am  Working Lunch
KPQC Business Meeting

12:30 pm  Adjourn
KPQC Updates

1. Payor’s Conversations
   - BCBS
   - United (KanCare)
2. New Partnership: KAFP
3. Data:
   - QHi Data, AIM Data collection
   - 2021 KDHE Vital Statistics, PRAMS data, KMMRC report
4. CMS Initiative: “Birthing Friendly” designation
CMS “Birthing Friendly Designation”

• The Biden-Harris Administration Blueprint to Address the Maternal Health Crisis released in June 2022
  • Advance equitable, high-quality maternity care provided by hospitals—including through this hospital designation and
  • through the FY 2023 President’s Budget, which would support a perinatal quality collaborative in every state.
• First designations will go “live” in Fall 2023
• The 1st publicly-reported, public-facing hospital designation on the quality and safety of maternity care
• CMS will award this designation to hospitals that report “Yes” to both questions in the Maternal Morbidity Structural Measure:
  • (1) participating in a structured state or national Perinatal Quality Improvement (QI) Collaborative; and
  • (2) implementing patient safety practices or bundles as part of these QI initiatives.
Maternal Mortality: Who’s at the Table of Change?

Maternal mortality is a national crisis. One organization can’t do it alone – we need everyone at the table to lower the maternal mortality rate in Kansas.

Friday, October 20, 2023
Hilton Garden Inn Salina
3320 South 9th Street, Salina, KS 67401

Featuring keynote speaker Ginger Breedlove, PhD, CNM, FACNM, FAAN, with additional speakers to be announced.

Registration link to come.

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October 2022

MATERNAL HEALTH

Outcomes Worsened and Disparities Persisted During the Pandemic
Why GAO Did This Study

The COVID-19 pandemic presented challenges for maternal health, as pregnant women with COVID-19 are more likely to experience pregnancy complications, severe illness, or death. Research also shows racial and ethnic disparities in maternal deaths. For example, Black or African-American (not Hispanic or Latina) women experienced maternal death at a rate 2.5 times higher than White (not Hispanic or Latina) women in 2018 and 2019.

The CARES Act includes a provision for GAO to report on its COVID-19 pandemic oversight efforts. GAO also was asked to review how the pandemic has affected maternal health. This report describes, among other things, what available data show about maternal health outcomes and disparities during the pandemic.

To do this work, GAO analyzed the most recently available CDC data, including data from the National Vital Statistics System, to identify trends in maternal deaths and other outcomes, such as preterm births, by race and ethnicity. In addition, GAO reviewed agency documents and selected research; and interviewed officials at relevant HHS agencies, as well as eight stakeholders—including researchers, advocacy groups, and professional organizations—who were selected based on referrals from HHS agency officials and reviews of published research.

What GAO Found

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More importantly...
The patient voice: “Lived Experience”
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Updates!
“Mom Plan” + The Postpartum Care Team = Healthy Postpartum Moms
Enrolled Hospitals = Impact 84% of Kansas Births!

Facilities
AdventHealth Shawnee Mission, Johnson Co.
AdventHealth Ottawa, Franklin Co.
Amberwell Hiawatha Comm Hospital, Brown Co.
Ascension Via Christi Manhattan, Riley Co.
Ascension Via Christi St. Joseph, Sedgwick Co.
Ascension Via Christi Pittsburg, Crawford Co.
Amberwell Atchison, Atchison Co.
Citizens Medical Center, Thomas Co.
Coffeyville Regional Medical Center, Montgomery Co.
Community Healthcare System, Pottawatomie Co.
Hays Medical Center, Ellis Co.
Hutchinson Regional Medical Center, Reno Co.
Kearney County Hospital, Kearney Co.
Lawrence Memorial Hospital, Douglas Co.
Memorial Health System, Dickinson Co.
Nemaha Valley Community Hospital, Nemaha Co.
Neosho Memorial Regional Medical, Neosho Co.
Newman Regional Health, Lyon Co.
Olathe Medical Center, Johnson Co.
Overland Park Regional Medical Center, Johnson Co.
Pratt Regional Medical Center, Pratt Co.
Providence Medical Center, Wyandotte Co.
Sabetha Community Hospital, Nemaha Co.
Southwest Medical Center, Seward Co.
Stormont Vail Health Flint Hills, Geary Co.
Stormont Vail Health, Shawnee Co.
University of KS Health System Great Bend, Barton Co.
University of KS Health System KC, Wyandotte Co.
University of KS Health System St. Francis, Shawnee Co.
Wesley Medical Center, Sedgwick Co.

Birth Centers
New Birth Company Overland Park, Johnson Co.
Sunflower Birth & Family Wellness, Cowley Co.

FTI Births: 29,267
KS Births: 34,697

2021 KDHE Vital Statistics
Stakeholders at the table
The New Postpartum Model

In every patient, in every birth setting, PRIOR to discharge:

- Education on POSTBIRTH
- PP Appt made prior to leaving the birth setting
- PP Care Team, as indicated
- Screenings completed
  - SDOH
  - Mental Health
  - Medical risks
  - Breastfeeding
  - Fam Planning
- Referrals Made
  - SDOH
  - Mental Health
  - Medical indications
  - Breastfeeding
  - Fam Planning
- Navigator assigned to everyone
- BIRTH EQUITY!!!
Fourth Trimester Projects

Fourth Trimester Initiative

- Maternal Warning Signs
- Community Collaboration
- ED/OB Collaboration
- Maternal Mental Health
- Social Determinants of Health
- Birth Equity
- AIM Data Collection
- Postpartum Appointments
- Standardized PP Discharge Summary

[Image of group of people holding banners and signs]

[Logo for KPQC Fourth Trimester Initiative]
Postpartum Discharge Transition
AIM BUNDLE

KANSAS CONNECTING COMMUNITIES

Upcoming Workshop for Providers

Screening for Substance Use Disorders

June 21st 12:00 PM- 1:00 PM over Zoom

Featuring expert Michaela Loxterman, LAC
Vice President of Medical Integration at CKF Addiction Treatment Center

Register for the workshop here:
FTI: What’s done, What’s coming

Done:
POSTBIRTH
Breastfeeding
Entry-level KBEN

Coming:
ED triage question
KBEN training
Community Resource List
SSDOH
Postpartum Visit template
PP Visit scheduling
Keynote Speakers
Virginia Barnes has been serving as the director of Blue Health Initiatives for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Kansas since October 2015. Blue Health Initiatives formalized the company’s long-time efforts to improve the health and quality of life of all Kansans. The term ‘social determinants of health’ is more than just a buzz phrase for Virginia – her work is dedicated to moving the needle on health inequities across the state and improving quality of life for all Kansans. Blue Health Initiatives has distributed more than $25 million since its inception to improve the quality of life for all Kansans. Ms. Barnes has over 15 years of public health experience, having worked for the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) in a variety of roles prior to joining Blue Cross. She earned a bachelor’s in biology from Washburn University and a master’s in public health from the University of Kansas. Barnes currently serves on several Boards, including the Kansas Public Health Association, the Topeka Community Foundation and the Topeka Center for Peace and Justice. She also participate in numerous advisory committees focused on improving health in Kansas. She is a lifelong Kansan and lives in Topeka with her husband and two children.
Case Studies: DCF and other “hard” talks

Erica Hunter, LBSW, Deputy Director, DCF

Erica Hunter is the Deputy Director for Safety and Thriving Families for the Kansas Department for Children and Families. She has a background in investigating allegations of child abuse and neglect, supervising front line staff, and reviewing high profile cases or critical incidents for DCF leadership. In 2018 she became the administrator for the Kansas hotline receiving reports of child abuse or neglect and in 2021 she became the Deputy Director for Safety and Thriving Families where her team is continuing to reimagine child welfare in Kansas.
KPQC Business Meeting
KPQC Executive Committee

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LUNCH BREAK!
FTI Think Tank
FTI Site Report Cards- Kari and Terrah
Grand “Rounds”
• Intimate Partner Violence- Katie
• Maternal Mental Health - Jennifer & Patricia
• Social Determinants of Health – Jill
• Postpartum Discharge Summary – Kari
• FTI Data – Terrah
• High 5 for Mom and Baby - Cara

Adjourn
Afternoon Objectives

1. Identify three goals for your FTI enrolled hospital in 2023
2. Discuss what qualifiers are required to be in the standard ACOG Discharge Summary
3. Discussed what qualifiers are Social and Structural Determinants of Health
4. Identify data requirements and the importance of benchmark setting in the face of QI initiatives
5. Define Perinatal Mood Disorders in the immediate postpartum period
6. Identify three ways FTI hospitals can improve Maternal Mental Health screening and referral for perinatal mood disorders
7. Define Intimate Partner Violence in the immediate postpartum period
8. Discuss what screening and referral resources exist for Intimate Partner Violence for all FTI sites
10. Identify 2 breastfeeding education resources available for healthcare professionals.
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The Grandest of Grand Rounds! 😊

Afternoon Session
Maternal Mental Health

FTI

June Workshop
What’s on YOUR plate? 😊
Fourth Trimester Report Card

Community Resource List
Maternal Warning Signs
Maternal Mental Health
Family Planning
Birth Equity
Breastfeeding
Postpartum Appointments
Postpartum Care Team

Key:
- Green: Not Started (1)
- Blue: In Progress (3)
- Yellow: Completed (5)
# Fourth Trimester Report Card

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<td>Incorporated PostBirth into patient education materials</td>
<td>PostBirth Maternal Warning Signs Provider and Nursing Education</td>
<td>KBEN Respectful and Equitable Care Provider and Nursing Education</td>
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## Fourth Trimester Clinical Quality Measures

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<td>pertains to any FT1 project work</td>
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<td>providers and nursing staff has received within the last two years an education program on birth equity or implicit bias?</td>
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FTI Sites: **Check yourself**

Postpartum Discharge Summary

Social Determinants of Health Screen

These are AIM Bundle elements! 😊
FTI Sites: Survey coming your way!
FTI: Grand “Rounds”
Think Tank Time!

Table LEADERS
1- KCC: Maternal Mental Health (Jennifer Wise & Patricia Carrillo)
2- QHi: FTI Data entry (Terrah Stroda)
3- Intimate Partner Violence (Katie Wade)
4- Social Determinants of Health (Jill Nelson)
5- Postpartum Discharge Summary (Kari Smith)
6- High 5 for Mom and Baby (Cara Gerhardt)
Round Table “RULES” 😊

- Champions/Sites stay together
- Moving through 5 tables
- 20+ min per table
- Take your notepads & pens
- Take your Handouts
- Take your SSDOH & Discharge Summary
FTI: Standardized Discharge Summary

This is part of S3: Shared Comprehensive Postpartum Visit Template
Postpartum Discharge Referral Workflow

Birthing Facility Discharge
Screening for:
- Medical conditions
- Mental health
- Substance use
- Breastfeeding
- Family planning
- Structural and social drivers of health

☐ Provide standardized discharge summary
☐ Make PP visit(s) appointments

Direct referral

Outpatient Care
Refer to Navigator* and/or directly to needed services
Connect patient to outpatient postpartum visits

Primary OB/Peds/Medical Specialty Care
Breastfeeding Support
WIC
Home Visiting
Patient Support Network
Behavioral Health
Housing, Transportation, Insurance, etc.
Other

Comprehensive PP Visit
Loop Closure

Postpartum Care Team

* This may be a Home Visitor, CHW, Case Manager, Care Coordinator, etc.
Connecting Dots

Postpartum Visit
- Primary OB Provider, Home Visitor, etc
- Breastfeeding, Family Planning
- High Risk Needs: Internal Med, etc
- MWS, MMH referral?

Standardized PP Visit
- Visit Schedule
- Visit Template
- Navigation needed? SDOH impact?
- Referrals
Best Practice Model: Standardized Postpartum Care

POSTPARTUM Screenings should include:

- Medical conditions
  - Pre-PG and PG
- Mental health needs or conditions
- Family Planning
- Substance use disorder needs
- Structural and social drivers of health
Draft your Process/Education Flow: PP

Scheduling Early PP Visit

**Process Flow for Scheduling Early Postpartum Visit**

1. **Patient meets all discharge criteria**
   - Patient counseled on need for early postpartum visit at 2 weeks and will help make appointment before discharge

2. **Provide patient education materials on the benefit of early postpartum visit, warning signs/symptoms to seek care (ie. AWHONN hand out), and information on benefits of pregnancy spacing/family planning options.**

3. **Able to schedule early postpartum appointment before discharge**
   - Yes
     - Appointment scheduled and appointment date and time added to patient’s discharge paperwork
     - Document counseling, education and postpartum care plan in discharge summary / instructions and ensure patient has follow up plan
   - No
     - Arrange follow up with patient to schedule 2 week postpartum visit after discharge

4. **Confirm patient has early pp visit scheduled and document in record**
**PP Visit Scheduling**

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<td>BP check</td>
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<td>Comprehensive postpartum visit and transition to well-woman care 4–12 weeks, timing individualized and woman-centered</td>
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**6-Week Visit**

Traditional period of rest and recuperation from birth 0–6 weeks

**Figure 1.** Proposed paradigm shift for postpartum visits. The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists' Presidential Task Force on Redefining the Postpartum Visit and the Committee on Obstetric Practice propose shifting the paradigm for postpartum care from a single 6-week visit (bottom) to a postpartum process (top). Abbreviations: BP, blood pressure; f/u, follow-up.
ACOG: Standardized DC Summary

Should include:

✓ Name and age
✓ Support person contact information
✓ Gravida/para status
✓ Date and type of birth, gestational age at birth, relevant conditions and complications
✓ Name, contact information and appointments for relevant providers, including OB/GYN specialists, mental health provider, etc.
✓ Positive screening for medical risk factors, mental health, and substance use
✓ Medications and supplements
✓ Unmet actual and potential social drivers of health needs
✓ Suggested community services and supports
✓ Need for specific postpartum testing (ie. Thyroid, Glucose, Anemia testing)
Box 1. Components of Postpartum Care

Mood and emotional well-being
• Screen for postpartum depression and anxiety with a validated instrument1,2
• Provide guidance regarding local resources for mentoring and support
• Screen for tobacco use; counsel regarding relapse risk in postpartum period3
• Screen for substance use disorder and refer as indicated4
• Follow-up on preexisting mental health disorders, refer for or confirm attendance at mental health-related appointments, and titrate medications as appropriate for the postpartum period

Infant care and feeding
• Assess comfort and confidence with caring for newborn, including
  — feeding method
  — child care strategy if returning to work or school
  — ensuring infant has a pediatric medical home
  — ensuring that all caregivers are immunized5
• Assess comfort and confidence with breastfeeding, including
  — breastfeeding-associated pain6
  — guidance on logistics of and legal rights to milk expression if returning to work or school7
  — guidance regarding return to fertility while lactating; pregnancy is unlikely if menstrual cycles have not returned, infant is less than 6 months old, and infant is fully or nearly fully breastfeeding with no interval of more than 4–6 hours between breastfeeding sessions8
  — review theoretical concerns regarding hormonal contraception and breastfeeding, within the context of each woman’s desire to breastfeed and her risk of unplanned pregnancy9
• Assess material needs, such as stable housing, utilities, food, and diapers, with referral to resources as needed

Sexuality, contraception, and birth spacing
• Provide guidance regarding sexuality, management of dyspareunia, and resumption of intercourse
• Assess desire for future pregnancies and reproductive life plan10
• Explain the rationale for avoiding an interpregnancy interval of less than 6 months and discuss the risks and benefits of repeat pregnancy sooner than 18 months
• Review recommendations for prevention of recurrent pregnancy complications, such as 17α-hydroxyprogesterone caproate to reduce risk of recurrent preterm birth, or aspirin to reduce risk of preeclampsia
• Select a contraceptive method that reflects patient’s stated needs and preferences, with same-day placement of LARC, if desired11

(continued)
Box 1. Components of Postpartum Care (continued)

Sleep and fatigue
- Discuss coping options for fatigue and sleep disruption
- Engage family and friends in assisting with care responsibilities

Physical recovery from birth
- Assess presence of perineal or cesarean incision pain; provide guidance regarding normal versus prolonged recovery¹²
- Assess for presence of urinary and fecal continence, with referral to physical therapy or urogynecology as indicated¹³,¹⁴
- Provide actionable guidance regarding resumption of physical activity and attainment of healthy weight¹⁵

Chronic disease management
- Discuss pregnancy complications, if any, and their implications for future childbearing and long-term maternal health, including ASCVD
- Perform glucose screening for women with GDM: a fasting plasma glucose test or 75 g, 2-hour oral glucose tolerance test¹⁶
- Review medication selection and dose outside of pregnancy, including consideration of whether the patient is breastfeeding, using a reliable resource such as LactMed
- Refer for follow-up care with primary care or subspecialist health care providers, as indicated

Health maintenance
- Review vaccination history and provide indicated immunizations, including completing series initiated antepartum or postpartum¹⁷
- Perform well-woman screening, including Pap test and pelvic examination, as indicated¹⁸
FTI: Social Determinants of Health

This is part of P5: Screening for Social and Structural Drivers of Health
The truth behind outcomes

**IMPACT OF SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH**

Social determinants of health have tremendous affect on an individual’s health regardless of age, race, or ethnicity.

- **Socioeconomic Factors**
  - Income
  - Community Safety
  - Health Care

  - 40% (Education)
  - 30% (Physical Environment)
  - 10% (Health Behaviors)
  - 20% (Tobacco Use, Diet & Exercise, Alcohol Use, Sexual Activity)

- **SDOH Impact**
  - 20% of a person’s health and well-being is related to access to care and quality of services.
  - The physical environment, social determinants and behavioral factors drive 80% of health outcomes.

Source: Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement; Going Beyond Clinical Ward: Solving Complex Problems, 2014 Graphic designed by ProMedica.
## Table 1. Sample Screening Tool for Social Determinants of Health

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<td>In the last 12 months, did you ever eat less than you felt you should because there was not enough money for food?</td>
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<td>Utility</td>
<td>In the last 12 months, has your utility company shut off your service for not paying your bills?</td>
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<td>Housing</td>
<td>Are you worried that in the next 2 months, you may not have stable housing?</td>
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<td>Child care</td>
<td>Do problems getting childcare make it difficult for you to work, study, or get to health care appointments?</td>
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<td>Financial resources</td>
<td>In the last 12 months, have you needed to see a doctor but could not because of cost?</td>
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<td>Transportation</td>
<td>In the last 12 months, have you ever had to go without health care because you did not have a way to get there?</td>
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<td>Exposure to violence</td>
<td>Are you afraid you might be hurt in your apartment building, home, or neighborhood?</td>
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<td>Education/health literacy</td>
<td>Do you ever need help reading materials you get from your doctor, clinic, or the hospital?</td>
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<td>Legal status</td>
<td>Are you scared of getting in trouble because of your legal status? Have you ever been arrested or incarcerated?</td>
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<td>Next steps</td>
<td>If you answered yes to any of these questions, would you like to receive assistance with any of those needs?</td>
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Social Needs Screening Tool

HOUSING
1. Are you worried or concerned that in the next two months you will not have stable housing that you own, rent, or stay in as a part of a household?
   - Yes
   - No

2. Think about the place you live. Do you have problems with any of the following? Check all that apply:
   - Roof leaks
   - Mold
   - Lead paint or pipes
   - Inadequate heat
   - Oven or stove not working
   - No or not working smoke detectors
   - Water leaks
   - None of the above

FOOD
3. Within the past 12 months, you worried that your food would run out before you got money to buy more?
   - Often true
   - Sometimes true
   - Never true

4. Within the past 12 months, the food you bought just didn’t last and you didn’t have money to get more.
   - Often true
   - Sometimes true
   - Never true

TRANSPORTATION
5. Do you put off or neglect going to the doctor because of distance or transportation?
   - Yes
   - No

UTILITIES
6. In the past 12 months has the electric, gas, oil, or water company threatened to shut off service in your home?
   - Yes
   - No
   - Already shut off

CHILD CARE
7. Do problems getting child care make it difficult for you to work or study?
   - Yes
   - No

EMPLOYMENT
8. Do you have a job?
   - Yes
   - No

EDUCATION
9. Do you have a high school degree?
   - Yes
   - No

FINANCES
10. How often does this describe you? I don’t have enough money to pay my bills.
    - Never
    - Rarely
    - Sometimes
    - Often
    - Always

PERSONAL SAFETY
11. How often does anyone, including family, physically hurt you?
    - Never
    - Rarely
    - Sometimes
    - Fairly often
    - Frequently

12. How often does anyone, including family, insult or talk down to you?
    - Never
    - Rarely
    - Sometimes
    - Fairly often
    - Frequently
**SDOH Screening Options**

Review screening tools and provide comparison table for hospital decision making

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<th>Other information</th>
<th>Scoring instructions to assist staff?</th>
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| SDOH EMR Screener (Developed by Erie Health Center) | 8 item screening tool | • Used by Erie Family Health Centers  
• SDOH team members are utilizing NowPow | |
| ACOG Committee Opinion #729: Sample Screening Tool for Social Determinants of Health | 10 item screening tool | • Patient self-report  
• Sample tool included in American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists CO 729  
• Modified from Health Leads Social Needs Screening Toolkit | |
| Social Determinants of Health in Pregnancy Tool (SITP) with SPs (Used by Chicago PCC Communities Wellness Centers) and Actionable Map and Scoring Sheet | 26 item screening tool | • Used by West Suburban  
• Patient self-report  
• Mapping tool integrated within the screening tool  
• Ps included | |
| Partner Healthcare Screening Tool Used by Massachusetts General Hospital Obstetrics & Gynecology, and Mass General Brigham | 7 item screening tool | • Used by Massachusetts General Hospital Obstetrics & Gynecology | |

**Each tool below includes screening for the following common social determinants of health (food, housing, transportation, utilities) in addition to other categories listed below**

- Tool name and link
- Question quantity and content
- Additional details including utilization
- Scoring instructions
Envisioned Referral Workflow

Postpartum Discharge

Referral Workflow

Birthing Facility Discharge
Screening for:
• Medical conditions
• Mental health
• Substance use
• Breastfeeding
• Family planning
• Structural and social drivers of health

☑ Provide standardized discharge summary
☑ Make PP visit(s) appointments

Direct referral

Outpatient Care
Refer to Navigator* and/or directly to needed services
Connect patient to outpatient postpartum visits

Comprehensive PP Visit
Loop Closure

Primary OB/Peds/Medical Specialty Care
Breastfeeding Support
WIC
Home Visiting
Patient Support Network
Behavioral Health
Housing, Transportation, Insurance, etc.
Other

Postpartum Care Team

* This may be a Home Visitor, CHW, Case Manager, Care Coordinator, etc.
FTI: Data
Hospitals will need to submit the following items **MONTHLY**:

1. Number of maternal discharges after live birth  
   **NOTE:** goal is to provide data disaggregated by race
2. Number of patients discharged that have been:
   a. Given education and discharge materials on POSTBIRTH (Magnet, Mom Card, etc.)
   b. Screened for Social Determinants of Health
   c. Provided a Postpartum Appointment prior to discharge
3. Number of educational offerings done each month that are related to FIT work  
   For example: POSTBIRTH or KEN trainings, Learning Forums, General Meetings/Conferences, Hospital trainings/simulations, Perinatal community meetings and trainings
4. Number of agencies or hospital units involved in those trainings referenced in #3
5. When the Emergency Doc in your facility begins to incorporate a screening question for current or future PG in each triage of female patients of childbearing age
6. TBD: Birth Equity Training, PP Visit Template sharing with outpatient clinics, Patient Debriefs after adverse outcome

**Postpartum Discharge Transition**  
Bundle-in Development
FTI: Grand “Rounds”
Think Tank Time!

Table LEADERS
1- KCC: Maternal Mental Health (Jennifer Wise & Patricia Carrillo)
2- QHi: FTI Data entry (Terrah Stroda)
3- Intimate Partner Violence (Sarah Hachmeister & Katie Wade)
4- Social Determinants of Health (Jill Nelson)
5- Postpartum Discharge Summary (Kari Smith)
6- High 5 for Mom and Baby (Cara Gerhardt)
Round Table “RULES” 😊

- Champions/Sites stay together
- Moving through 5 tables
- 20+ min per table
- Take your notepads & pens
- Take your Handouts
- Take your SSDOH & Discharge Summary
Kansas Connecting Communities: Maternal Mental Health Toolkit for the Bedside Provider
Content slides
KS PRAMS:

Prevalence

• 42%, or two of every five mothers, indicated they experienced postpartum depression symptoms.

• The prevalence of alcohol use during the three months before pregnancy was 63.3%.

Identification

• Women were more likely to be asked about depression at postpartum visits (83.2%) compared to prenatal care visits (76.9%).

Treatment Gaps

• In a sample of 1,920 new Kansas mothers, 15.2% reporting that they did not receive treatment or counseling for their postpartum depression.

• WIC & Medicaid recipients less likely to receive treatment.
• What is this costing our state?

• Maternal Mortality
  • During 2016-2018, there were 57 pregnancy-associated deaths. KMMRC determinations on circumstances surrounding death were: Substance use disorder contributed to about one in three (17 deaths, 29.8%) of pregnancy-associated deaths. Mental health conditions contributed to about one in five (11 deaths, 19.3%).
  • Eight of the 57 pregnancy-associated deaths (14.0%) resulted from substance poisoning/overdose.
  • In Kansas in 2017: there were 36,464 live births. Applying the national proportion of women with PMADs – 14.3% - would mean an estimated 5,214 Kansas women suffered with this serious complication of pregnancy and childbirth. If half of these women (2,607) went untreated, and assuming the cost to Kansas for each mother-child pair was $32,000 through the fifth year postpartum, the total cost to the state would be an estimated $83,424,002.

CONSEQUENCES OF UNTREATED PMH CONDITIONS

Untreated PMH conditions can have a negative and long-term impact on parent, baby, and entire family.

**PARENT**

Individuals with untreated PMH conditions are more likely to:4,6,8
- Struggle to manage their own health
- Have poor nutrition
- Use substances such as alcohol, tobacco, drugs
- Experience physical, emotional, or sexual abuse
- Be less responsive to baby's cues
- Have fewer positive interactions with baby
- Experience breastfeeding challenges
- Question their competence as parents

**CHILD**

Children born to individuals with untreated PMH conditions are at higher risk for:4,6
- Preterm birth
- Low birth weight or small head size
- Longer stay in the NICU
- Excessive crying
- Impaired parent-child interactions
- Behavioral, cognitive, or emotional delays

Untreated mental health conditions of caregivers can be an adverse childhood experience (ACE) which, if unaddressed, can impact the child's long term health.10

Parents who are depressed or anxious are more likely to:15,17
- Make more trips to the emergency department or doctor's office
- Find it particularly challenging to manage their child's chronic health conditions
- Not follow guidance for safe infant sleep and car seat usage
Of Note: KS MMRC Report

• Screen, provide brief intervention and referrals for:
  - comorbidities and chronic illness
  - Intimate partner violence (IPV)
  - Pregnancy intention
  - Mental health conditions (including postpartum anxiety and depression) and Substance use disorder

• Better communication and collaboration between providers, including referrals

• Patient education and empowerment
Clinical care currently lags behind recommendations due to challenges with:

- **EDUCATION**: Many frontline providers are unprepared to address PMH conditions, citing lack of education and training.

- **WORKFLOW**: Frontline providers often lack necessary workflows and processes, including how and when to screen perinatal individuals and where to refer them for assistance.

- **GUIDELINES**: Only recently have clear and consistent guidelines emerged that recommend frontline providers screen for and address PMH conditions.

- **REIMBURSEMENT**: Frontline providers are not always reimbursed for screening and addressing PMH conditions.

- **RESOURCE AND REFERRAL**: Frontline providers often have limited access to support groups, therapists, and psychiatric providers able to address the unique mental health needs of perinatal individuals.

- **LACK OF ACCESS TO PSYCHIATRIC TREATMENT**: There are not enough psychiatric providers to care for individuals experiencing PMH conditions.

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Toolkit for the Bedside Provider

- Billing
- Policy
- Access Line
- Technical Assistance
- Consultation
- Training
Missed Opportunities:

Kai screens positive for depression at 14 weeks.

Without a perinatal psychiatry access program:

- OB unsure how to respond and lacks referral sources. Tells Kai to call insurance for therapy. Kai goes on therapy waitlist.
- Kai feels worse at 24 weeks. OB uncomfortable prescribing antidepressants, so refers Kai to a psychiatrist.
- Psychiatrist has a 4-month waitlist.
- At 1 month postpartum, Kai attempts suicide.
- Kai is admitted to a psychiatric hospital and separated from the baby.
- Separation puts Kai and child at higher risk of complications in behavior, development, and health.
Preconception:
PCP, Gyn, FP/Peds

Annual/universal screening; Preconception planning; MH/SU history & treatment planning

Pregnancy:
PCP/OB, CNM, MCH Services

Universal screening*; BH treatment planning; breastfeeding education; family planning

Peripartum
OB/CNM, Hospital

MH/SU counseling; treatment planning; partner & peer support

Postpartum
OB, Peds, PCP

Integrated Perinatal Behavioral Health Care

Healthcare
Behavioral Health
Public Health

Natural Supports
MATERNAL HEALTH & IPV
An Introduction to the MAVIS Project
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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. Describe the health impacts of domestic violence
2. Identify benefits of using universal education about IPV in the healthcare setting
MATERNAL MORTALITY IN KANSAS

• Between 2016-2020, 11 homicides accounted for 10.5% of the 105 pregnancy-associated deaths.

• Six of the 11 homicides occurred during pregnancy (54.5%), four occurred between 43 to 365 days postpartum (36.4%) and one occurred within 42 days postpartum (9.1%).

• When the relationship was known, the perpetrator was most often a current or former intimate partner.
Figure 13. Number of underlying cause of death for pregnancy-associated deaths by pregnancy-relatedness, Kansas, 2016-2020

Note: For Figure 13, the underlying cause of death categories listed above are mutually exclusive – meaning that each case is classified into only one of the groups. In the death that a suicide was completed by intentionally overusing a drug or medication, these cases are included in the “Suicide” category and not the “Poisoning/overdose” category.

Source: Kansas Maternal Mortality Review Committee
Recommendations for Action, Preventing Pregnancy-Related Deaths:

1. Screen, provide brief intervention, and refer for co-morbidities and chronic illness, such as:
   - Intimate Partner Violence (IPV)
   - Pregnancy Intention
   - Mental Health Conditions (including postpartum anxiety and depression)
   - Substance Use Disorder

2. Increase communication and collaboration among providers, including referrals

3. Educate and empower patients
A partnership between Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence (KCSDV), Kansas Connecting Communities (KCC), Kansas Perinatal Quality Collaborative (KPQC) and Kansas Maternal Mortality Review Committee (KMMRC) to reduce maternal deaths in Kansas due to homicide and suicide.
PROPOSED INTERVENTIONS

Continue to build and expand on the success of the KMMRC to **gather additional data** related to violent maternal deaths through establishment of a KMMRC SDOH Subcommittee.

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DEFINING INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE (IPV)

Intimate Partner Violence

• Domestic violence that occurs between intimate partners
• A pattern of abusive and coercive behavior used to gain dominance, power, and control over an intimate partner
• Undermines the victim’s sense of self, free will, and safety
• Includes the use of illegal and legal behaviors and tactics
The Power & Control Wheel

Source: Domestic Abuse Intervention Programs Duluth, Minnesota
1 in 4 women have experienced physical violence by an intimate partner in their lifetime.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey: 2015 Data Brief
2020 KANSAS DV STATISTICS

- 23,143 incidents reported to law enforcement. Offender was arrested 48% of time.
- 34 domestic violence homicides, making up 17.6% of all homicides.

Source: 2020 Domestic Violence, Stalking, and Sexual Assault in Kansas As Reported by Law Enforcement Agencies, Kansas Bureau of Investigation
HEALTH IMPACTS OF IPV
IS YOUR RELATIONSHIP AFFECTING YOUR HEALTH? FUTURES WITHOUT VIOLENCE

- Asthma
- Diabetes
- Chronic pain
- High blood pressure
- Cancer
- Smoking
- Drug and alcohol abuse

- Unplanned pregnancies
- STDs
- Trouble sleeping
- Depression
- Anxiety
- Inability to think or control emotions
PREGNANCY AND IPV

• More likely to receive no prenatal care or delay care until later than recommended
• 3x more likely to report symptoms of depression in the postnatal period
• Associated with increased risk of low birth weight and preterm birth
• 3x more likely to suffer perinatal death

RACIAL DISPARITY IN MATERNAL HEALTH

• Black women are 3-4x more likely to die from pregnancy-related causes than white women
• Disproportionate impacts of IPV with less access to care and resources that would prevent and mitigate harm

CUES: Using An Evidence-based Intervention To Address IPV In Healthcare Settings
BARRIERS FOR PROVIDERS

• What barriers make it hard to talk about IPV with patients?

• Have you ever had a patient disclosure of violence and didn’t know what to do?
BARRIERS FOR PROVIDERS

- Time constraints
- Discomfort with the topic
- Fear of offending the patient or partner
- Need for privacy
- Perceived lack of power to change the problem
- A misconception regarding patient population’s risk of exposure to IPV

SCREENING WITHOUT UNIVERSAL EDUCATION

“No one is hurting you, right?”
“You aren’t being abused, are you?”
“Have you been experiencing any domestic violence?”
“Are you being abused by your partner?”
“Are you safe in your home?”

LIMITATIONS OF SCREENING WITHOUT UNIVERSAL EDUCATION

• Low Disclosure Rates
  ○ Disclosure rates in clinical settings range from 1-14%.

• Non-Differential Outcomes
  ○ Without universal education or warm referrals, there is no significant difference in outcomes for survivors who receive screening.

Source: The Evidence Behind CUES, Futures Without Violence
PATIENTS’ REASONS FOR NON-DISCLOSURE

- Fear of judgment
- Fear of not receiving adequate support
- Religious beliefs
- Language barriers
- Having children in the home
- Concerns about mandated reporting
- Concerns about privacy

Source: The Evidence Behind CUES, Futures Without Violence
WHAT SURVIVORS OF IPV WANT FROM HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS

Autonomy
• Survivors want to make their own decisions.

Empathy and Compassion
• Survivors want their experiences to be validated without judgment.

Informed Providers
• Survivors want health professionals who understand the depth and complexity of domestic violence.
  • Impact of trauma on health
  • Long-term nature of violence
  • Intersection with accessing other needs

Source: The Evidence Behind CUES, Futures Without Violence
VALUE OF UNIVERSAL EDUCATION (UE)

- Providers exposed to a UE curriculum have more confidence in discussing domestic violence.
- Patients receiving this intervention have positive feedback, reporting it to be more helpful than comparable interventions.
- Patients also share their information with their peers.
  - Research shows that participants who received UE were almost twice as likely to share the DV hotline number with someone.

Source: The Evidence Behind CUES, Futures Without Violence
CUES INTERVENTION

C: Confidentiality
• Privacy and transparency about any limits of confidentiality

U/E: Universal Education + Empowerment
• Use safety cards, share resources and information regardless of disclosure

S: Support
• Patient-centered care plan and warm referral to DV program

Source: The Evidence Behind CUES, Futures Without Violence
CATEGORIES OF SAFETY CARDS
& RESOURCES FROM FUTURES WITHOUT VIOLENCE

- American Indian/Alaska Native Health
- Campus Health
- Child and Adolescent Health
- HIV Testing and Care
- Home Visitation
- Primary Care
- Reproductive and Sexual Health
- Lesbian, Bisexual, Gay, and Trans/Gender Non-Conforming

www.ipvhealth.org/resources/

Resources are available in multiple languages, in PDF and in hard copy.
REFERRAL BEST PRACTICES

Cold Referral

• Giving a phone number
• Not knowing anything about what services are provided
• Not familiar with staff
• Not knowing anything about the quality of services provided

Warm Referral

• Making the call together
• Having an advocate’s name or point of contact
• Knowing the services and being able to tell someone how they can help
• Knowing how to make referrals, or if and when an advocate can respond in-person
• Being able to speak to the quality of services
• Crisis intervention
• Support groups
• Hotline services
• Personal advocacy
• Shelter
• Resource and referral
• Community awareness and education

All services are free and confidential.
Tribal Victim Services

* Call the 24/7 Kansas Crisis Hotline at 1-888-363-2287 or one of the neighboring programs.
NEXT STEPS

- Survey
- Training
- Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) with DV/SA Service Providers
RESOURCES

• Kansas Crisis Hotline: 1-888-END ABUSE (1-888-363-2287)
• KCSDV: www.kcsdv.org
  o Map of local DV/SA programs: http://www.kcsdv.org/find-help.html
• Futures Without Violence: www.futureswithoutviolence.org
  o Safety Cards: http://ipvhealth.org/resources/

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