

State PQC Leaders Panel: National Perspectives on Improving Perinatal Care

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Neonatal Collaborative Quality Improvement: Some Thoughts from Massachusetts

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Goals

- A really quick overview of some of our neonatal projects in Massachusetts
- Highlights of what was good and not-so-good with each project

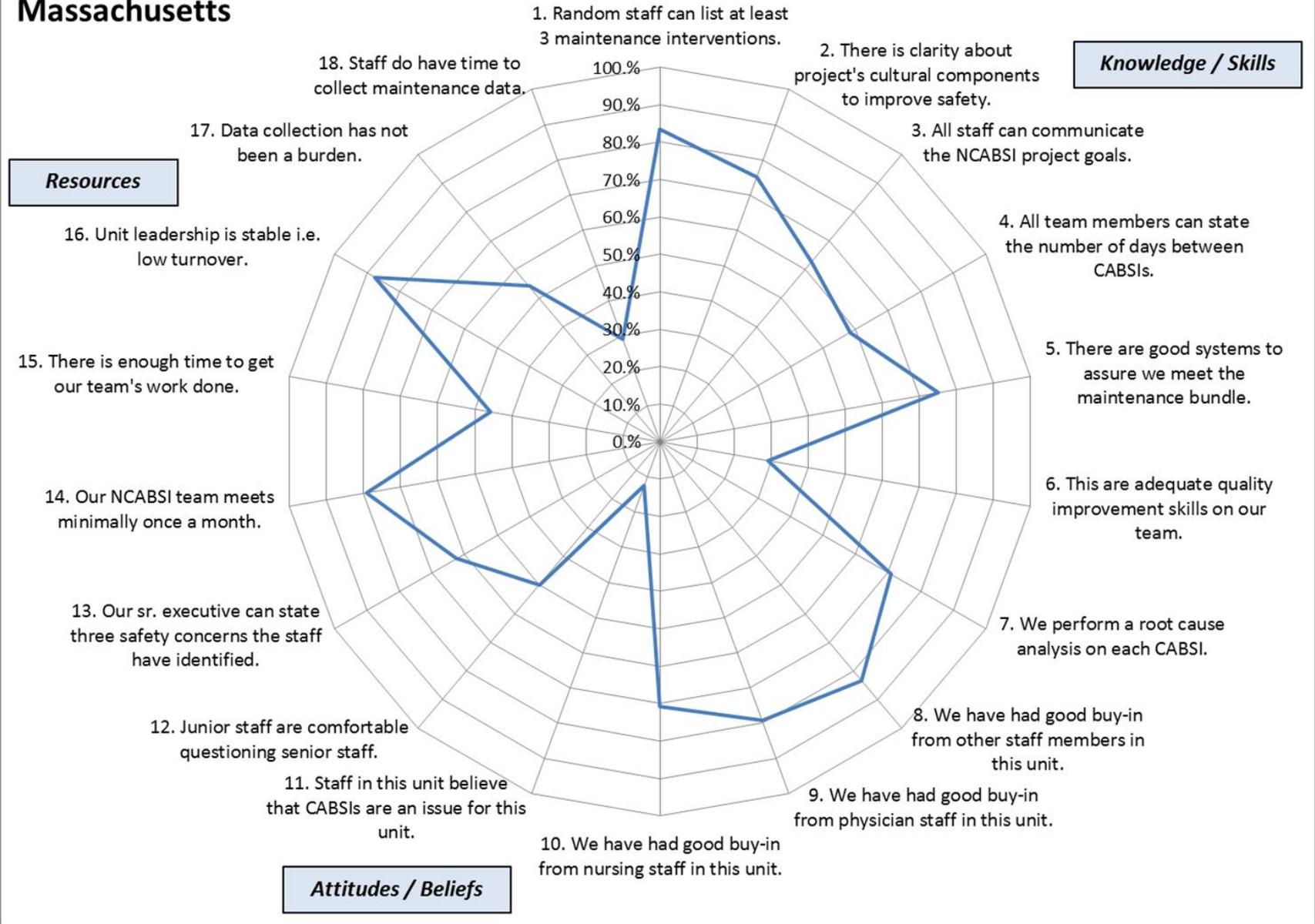
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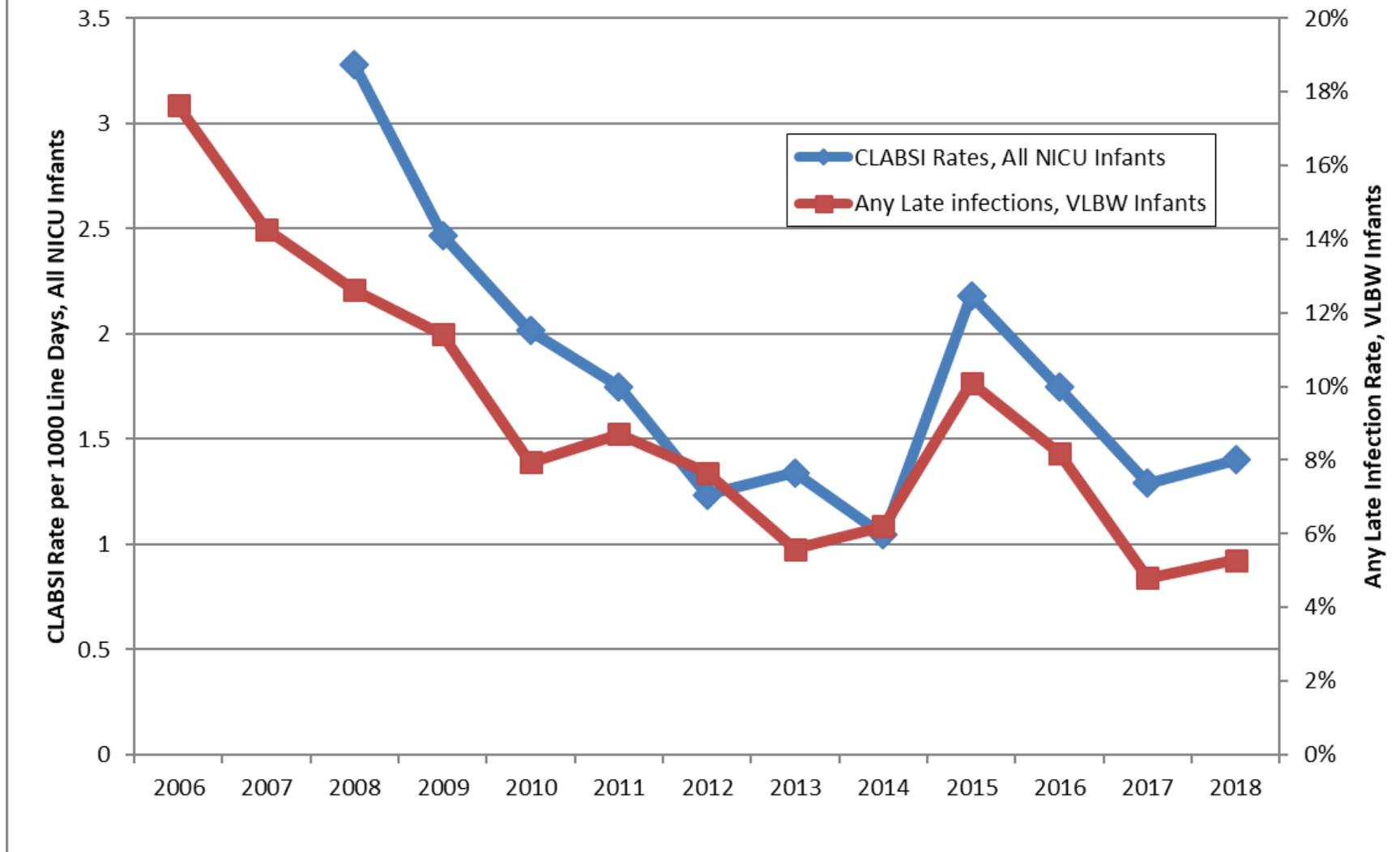
CLABSI Prevention in Level III NICUs

- Sharing practices, local QI efforts
- Very multidisciplinary (RNs, APPs)
- Easy data: VON any infection, NHSN CLABSI
- NCABSI project (NC) – CUSP, checklists
- Strong collaboration with DPH
- Some interest in antibiotic stewardship
- Minimal (no?) funding other than NCABSI
- Sustainment? Some, but not much
- Maintaining direct attention seems key

Massachusetts



Any Late Infection and Central Line Associated Infections Massachusetts NICUs, NeoQIC



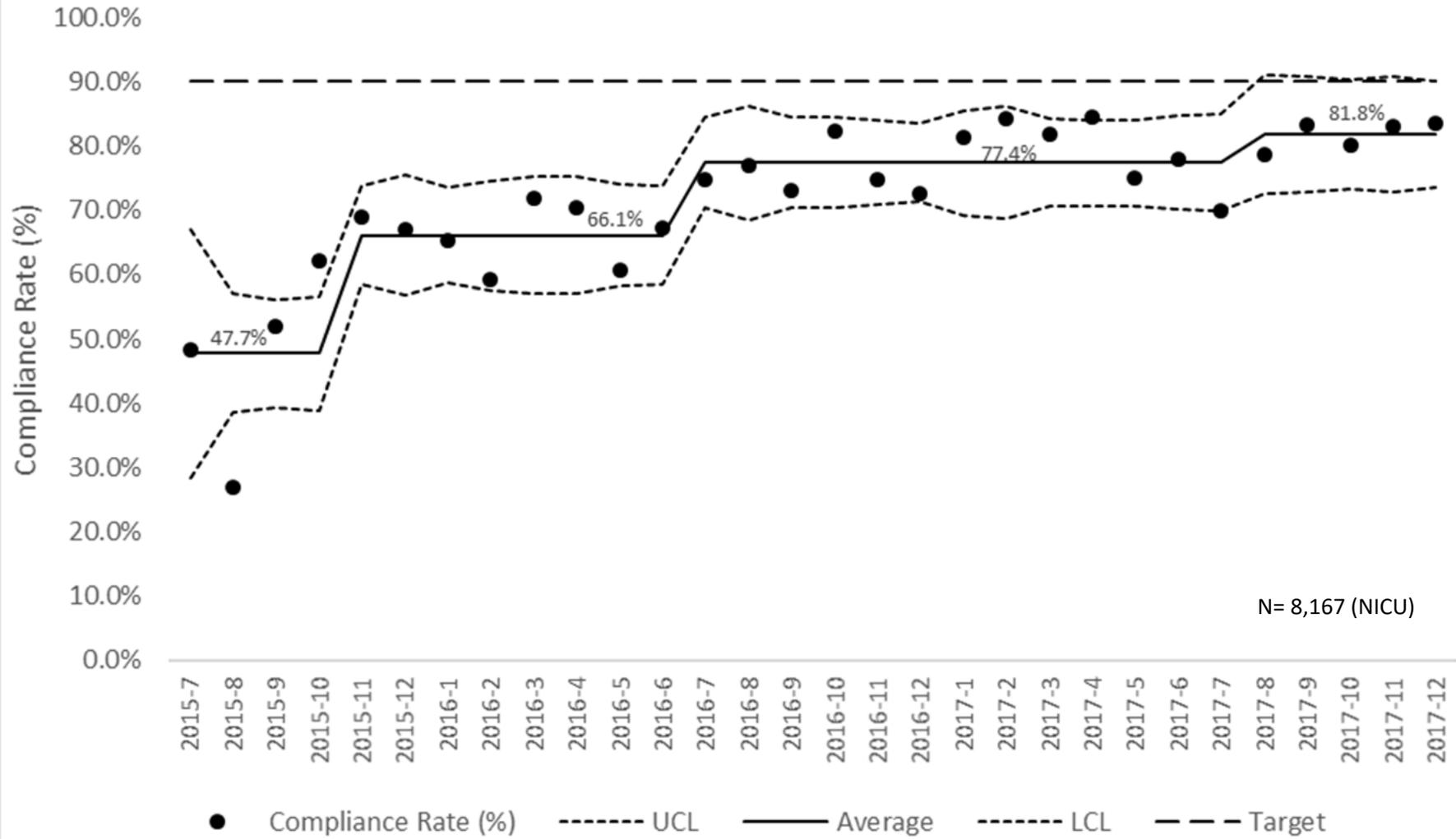
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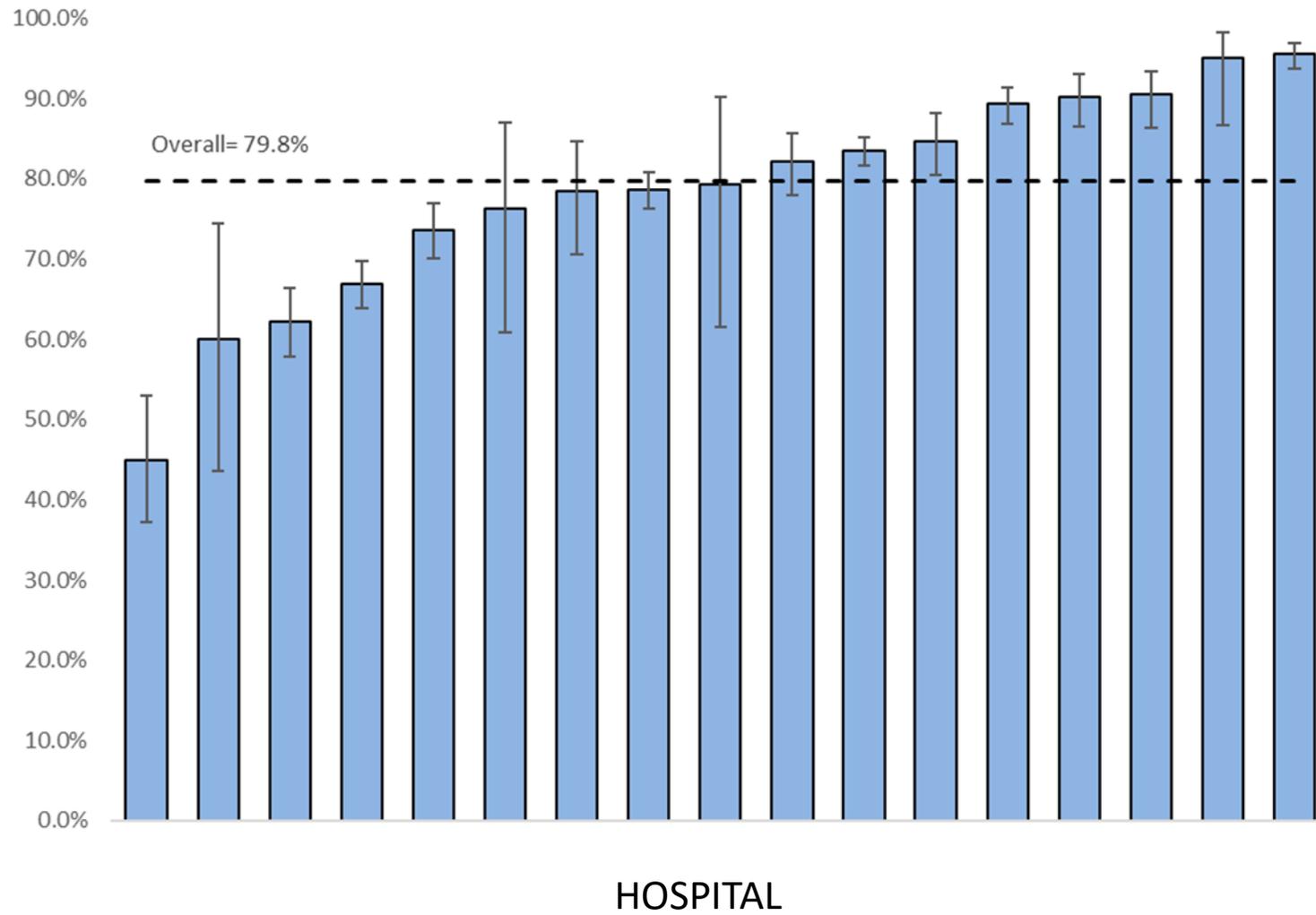
Safe Sleep in High Risk Newborns

- Education, sharing interventions and ideas
- Largely nursing led
- Level II and level III units! (and some level I)
- Weekly audits, regular hospital progress reports
- Some funding – guest speakers, summits
- High priority for DPH – part of state COLIN work
- Selection for national NAPPSS-IIN
- Difficult to link to outcome measures!
- Improvements in practice seemed ‘hard-wired’

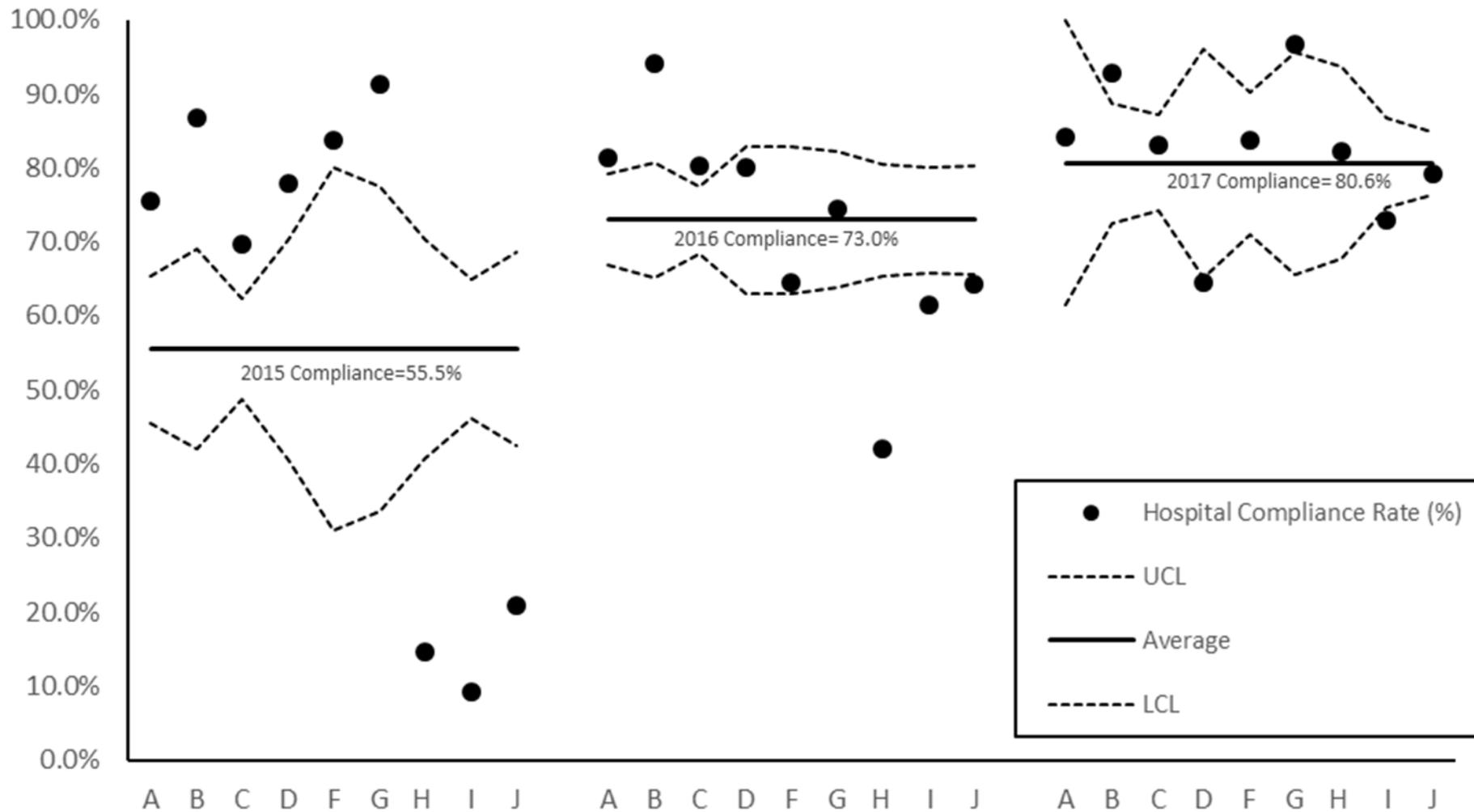
SSP Compliance Over Time (NICU)
 Process Changes Nov 15, Jul 16, Aug 17



NICU Compliance with Empty of dolls, blankets, etc, CY15Q3-CY17Q4



Safe Sleep Compliance Across Hospital (NICU), 2015Q3-2017Q4

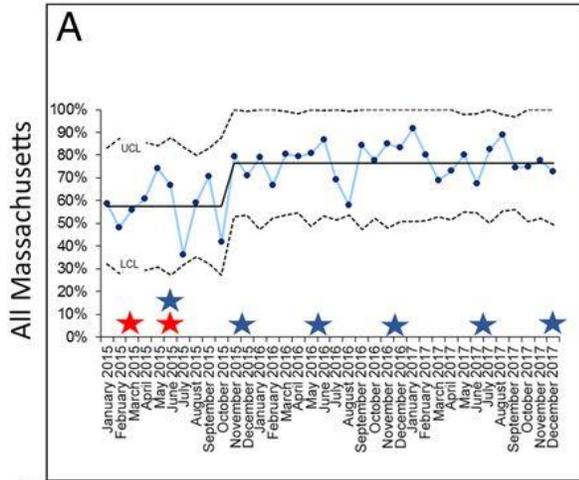


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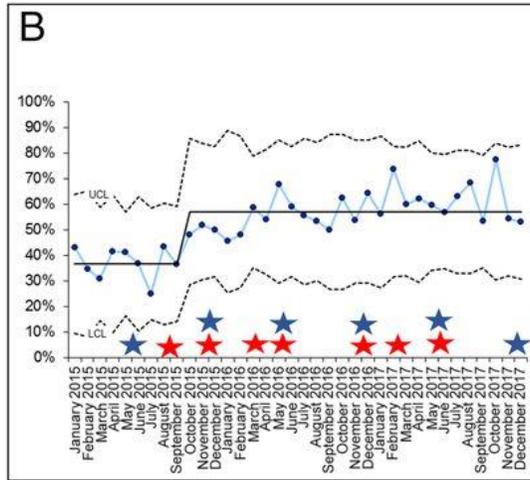
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Mother's Milk in VLBW Infants

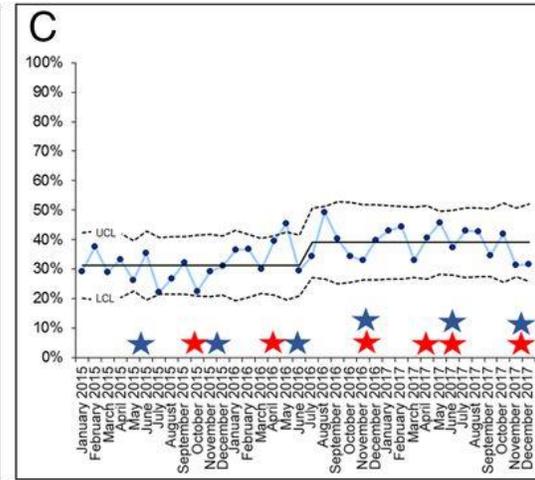
- Level III NICUs -- lactation, nutrition!
- Funding from Kellogg foundation
- Strong partnership with DPH (WIC)
- Patient-level data (DUA), numerous measures
- PDSA form, run charts, control charts
- Explicit focus on equity
- Educational resources in multiple languages
- Process improvement yes – outcomes, less so



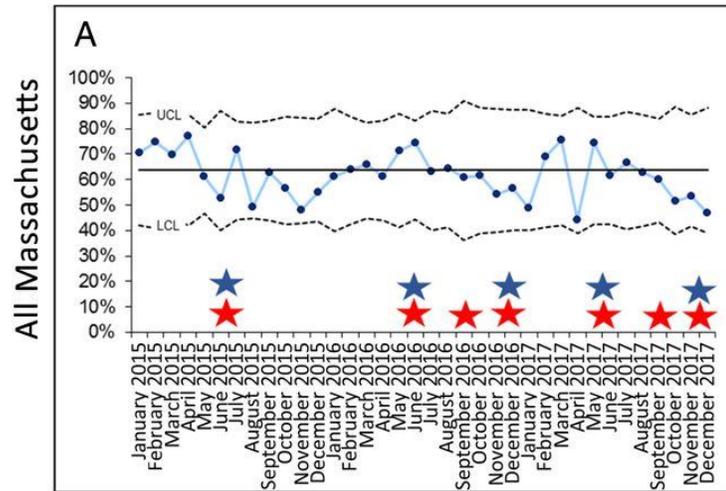
Prenatal education



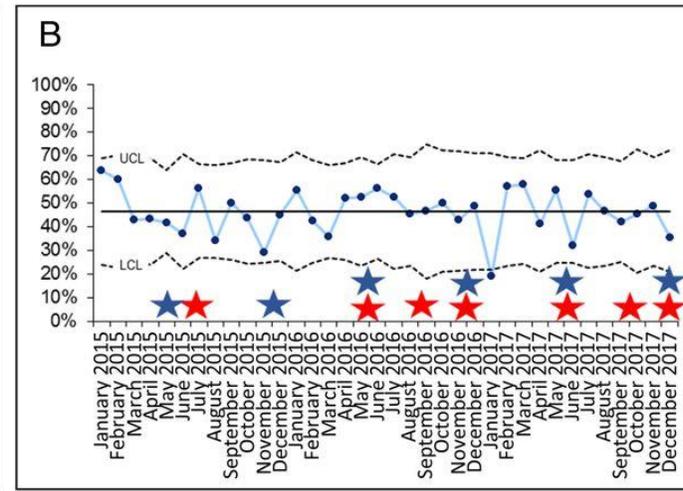
Early milk expression



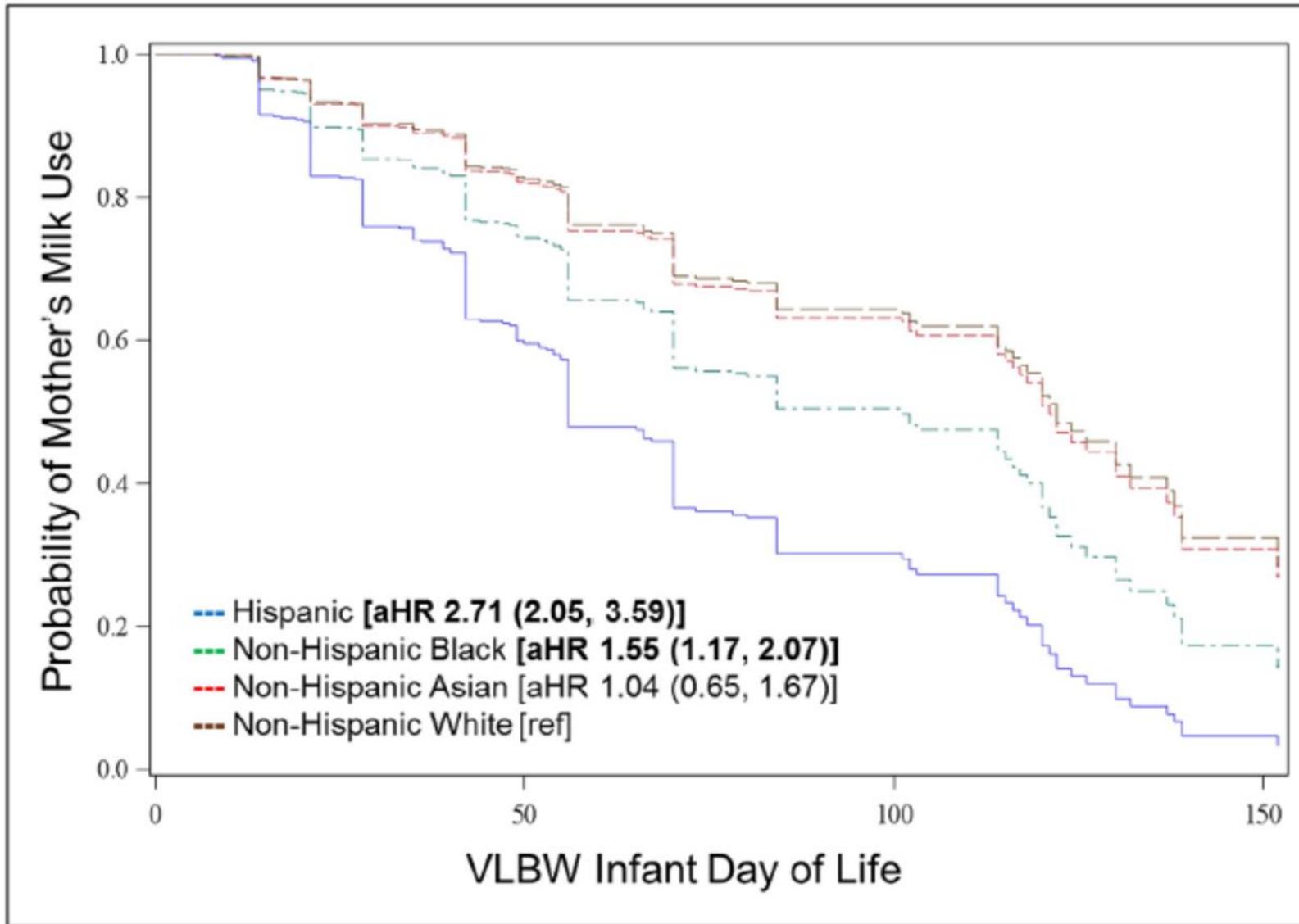
Skin-to-skin care



Any mother's milk at discharge



Exclusive mother's milk at discharge



Human Milk Initiative Educational Written Materials

The one page educational materials cover the following topics:

- Importance of breast milk
- Pumping and hand expression
- Skin-to-skin care
- Transition to direct breastfeeding

All materials have been written at a 6th grade reading level and have been translated into the following languages:

- Arabic
- Chinese
- French
- Haitian Creole
- Spanish
- Portuguese
- Vietnamese
- Tagalog

Use the menu below to access the materials in each language.

Breast Milk is Best for Premature Babies

Rebekah Green, a mother of two premature babies, shares why she believes breast milk is the best for her babies.



Contacto Piel Con Piel Para su Bebé Prematuro

Los bebés nacidos de forma prematura generalmente necesitan permanecer en la unidad de cuidados intensivos neonatales. Usted puede permanecer cerca de su bebé practicando el cuidado "canguero" o contacto piel con piel. (Tener a su bebé piel con piel es saludable para su bebé y también para usted!)

¿Qué es el cuidado "canguero" o contacto piel con piel?

- Es cuando usted tiene a su bebé sobre su pecho desnudo. Su bebé estará despierto, solo con su pañal.
- El contacto directo con su piel, se calienta y calma entre madre e hijo lo que mantiene caliente y saludable a su bebé.
- Debe hacer contacto piel con piel tanto como sea posible mientras su bebé está en el hospital y seguir haciéndolo en su casa después de que su bebé salga del hospital.

El contacto piel con piel puede ayudar a los bebés prematuros:

- A mantenerse calientes
- A respirar y dormir mejor
- A sentirse más conectados con sus bebés
- A prepararse para ser amamantados

El contacto piel con piel puede ayudar a las madres:

- A producir más leche
- A sentirse más conectadas con sus bebés
- A conocer las necesidades de sus bebés

¿Quién puede hacer contacto piel con piel?

- Tener a su bebé prematuro en una posición piel con piel en regazo. Hasta los bebés más pequeños pueden hacerlo.
- Las madres, los padres u otros cuidadores pueden hacer el contacto piel con piel.
- Los médicos pueden hacer contacto piel con piel juntos.
- Pregunte a su médico si es seguro si usted puede hacer contacto piel con piel con sus bebés.

¿Cómo hago el contacto piel con piel?

- El enfermero de su bebé le ayudará a mover y colocar a su bebé sobre su pecho.
- Puede ser útil usar una cámara con escudo bajo o con botones para que sea más fácil colocar al bebé sobre su pecho.
- Pasee permanecer al menos 60 minutos haciendo contacto piel con piel con su bebé.
- Puede usar un biberón una vez que termine de hacer contacto piel con piel. Muchas madres descubren que después de hacer contacto piel con piel producen más leche.

Human Milk Initiative Educational Videos

As part of the NeoQIC Human Milk Quality Improvement Collaborative, we created educational videos focused on the unique needs of preterm infants cared for in the NICU. We encourage clinicians to share with family members. These are short 1-3 minute videos of a diverse group of parents from Boston Medical Center describing their experiences providing milk for their infants. The videos are in both English and Spanish and can easily be viewed on a tablet or phone. These are freely available to anyone. Funding for the videos was provided by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation

If you have any questions, please email Dr. Meg Parker at Margaret.Parker@bmc.org

Overview and benefits 3.21.18

from NeoQIC

Sharika and Kato, parents of K'Nyias

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Colostrum 3.21.18

from NeoQIC

Brianna, mother of Fiona

02:00

Skin to Skin 3.21.18

from NeoQIC

02:35

Producing Breast Milk 3.21.18

from NeoQIC

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<https://www.neogicma.org/human-milk-educational-materials>

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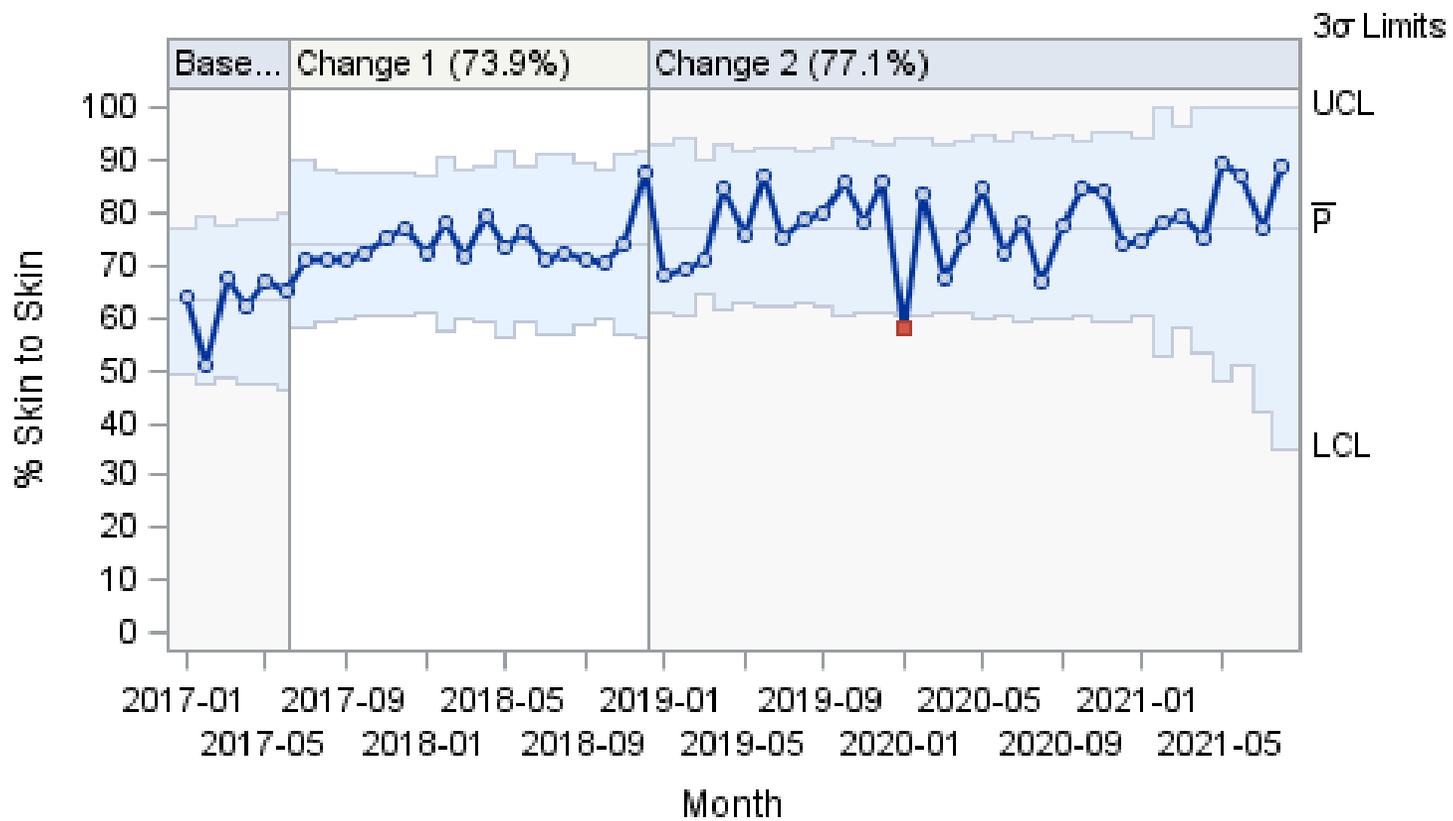
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Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome

- Longest MA project – started in 2013!
- NAS (NeoQIC) to perinatal opioids (PNQIN)
- Numerous data streams, including core REDCap
- First true statewide project? Level I, II, and III
- REALLY strong partnerships – state, community
- REALLY strong involvement of families
- Explicit focus on equity
- Real improvements in hospital-based care
- Improving upstream and downstream difficult!
- Sustainment plan unclear at present

Percent of Opioid-Exposed Newborns Receiving Skin to Skin Contact



■ One point beyond Zone A (outside control limits)

Massachusetts: ESC & Pharm Therapy

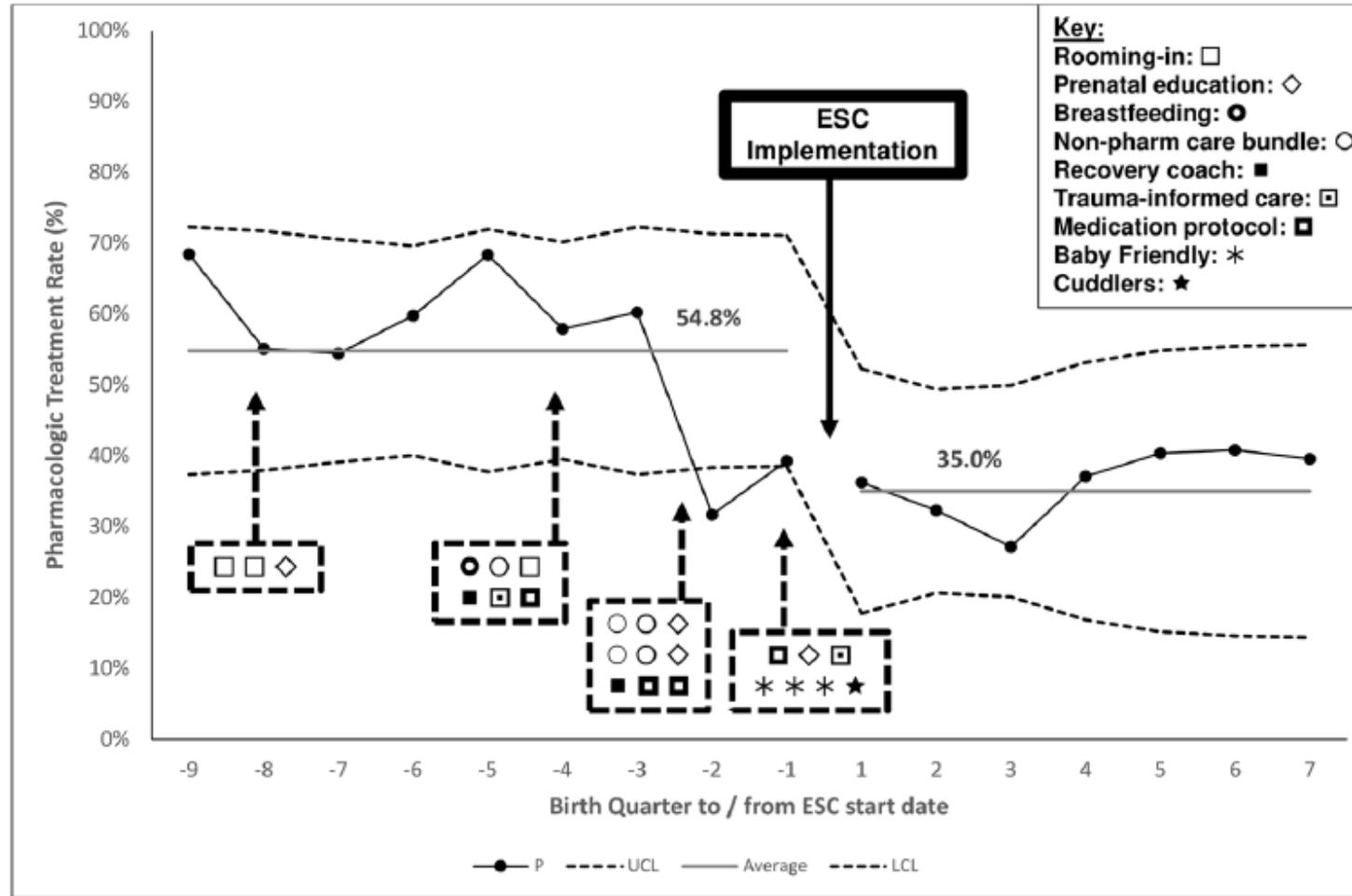
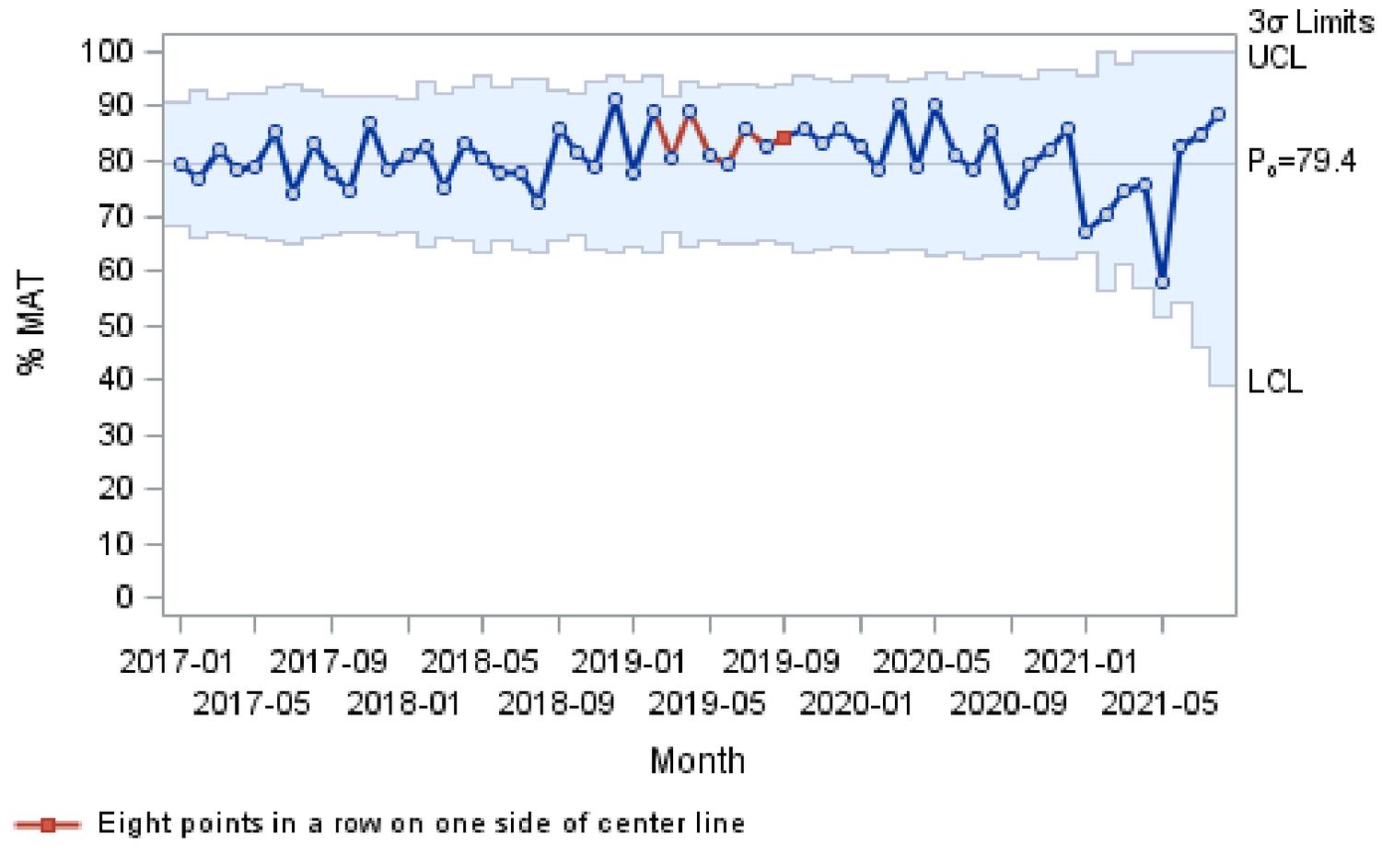
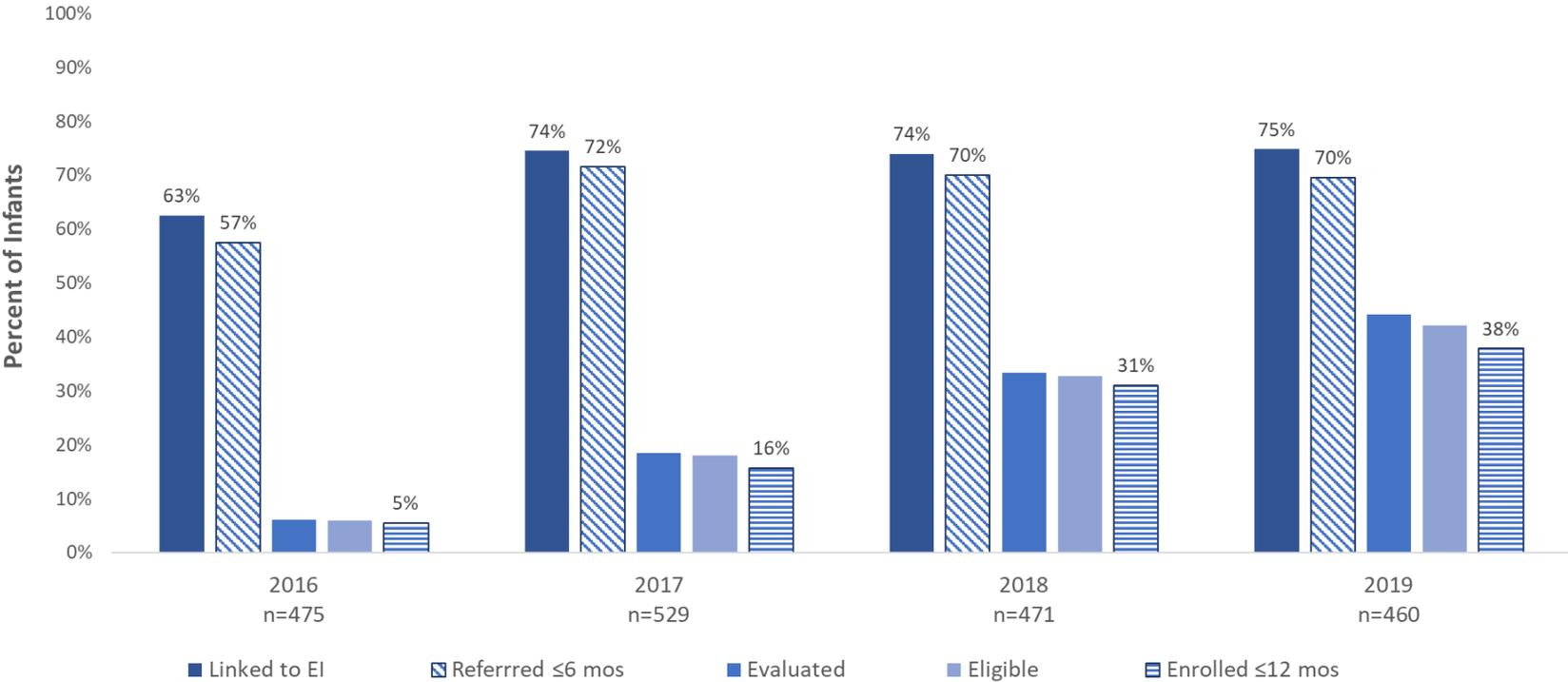


Figure 1: Pharmacotherapy among OENs, pre- and post- ESC implementation

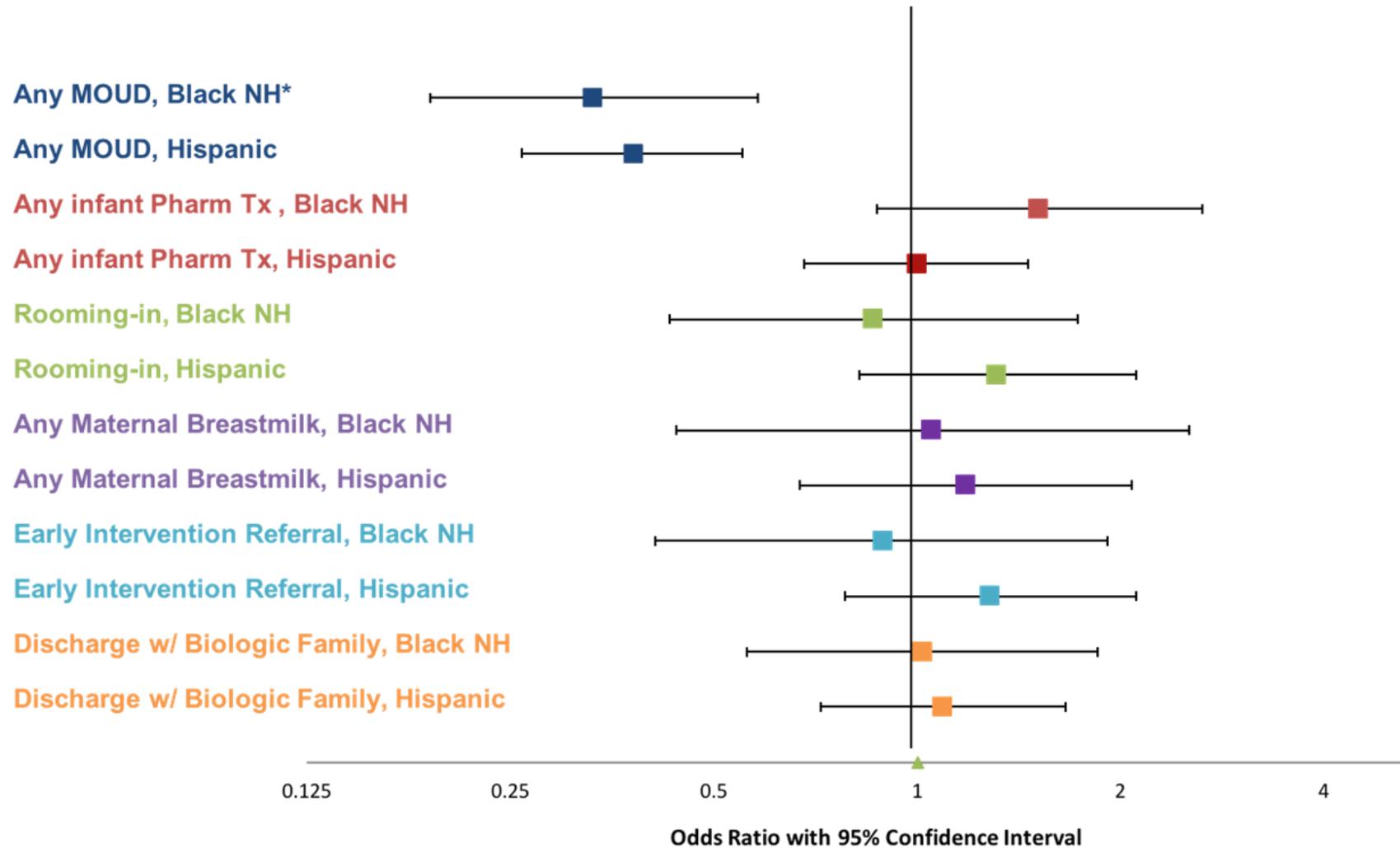
Percent of Mothers of OENs on Medication Assisted Therapy (MAT)



Early Intervention referral and enrollment among NAS/SEN infants born at participating hospitals, 2016—2019, n=1,935



Adjusted odds ratios of maternal and infant outcomes by maternal race and ethnicity



*All referents are White NH

Other Neonatal Projects

- Family engagement (Meg Parker)
 - Level II and III units
 - Family-reported measures
 - Family advisors!
- Respiratory care (Helen Healy)
 - Level III units
 - Respiratory therapists!

Some Lessons?

- Not just a level III NICU collaborative
- Data is a must -- patient-level ideal, but others ok
- Rigorous QI is hard – some QI better than no QI
- Common toolkits can help, but a lot is local
- Tough to end projects!
- Multidisciplinary QI (with families) is awesome
- Hard to overstate the value of **collaboration**



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New York State Perinatal Quality Collaborative Overview

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NYSPQC Mission & Strategy

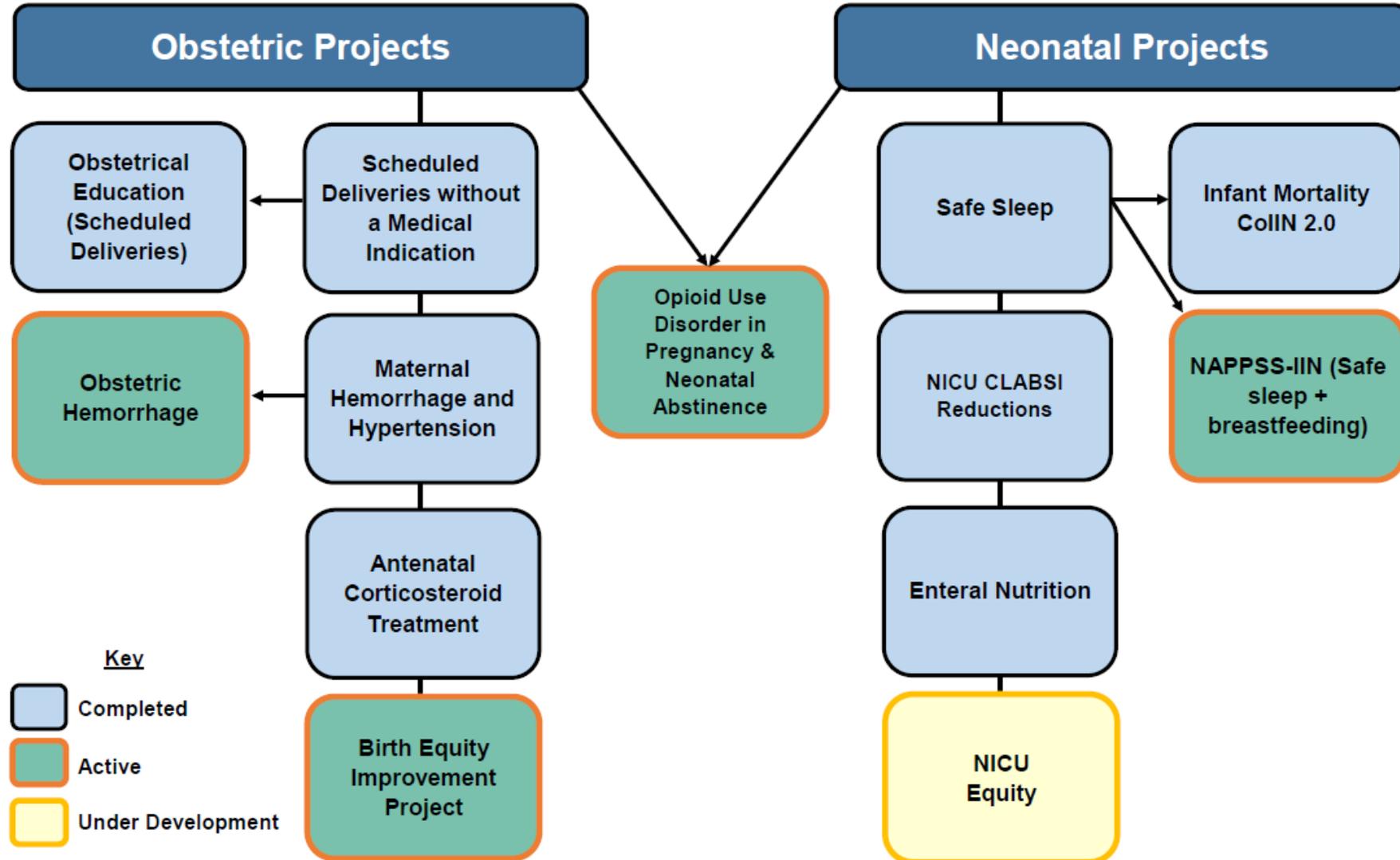
The NYSPQC empowers NYS birthing hospitals to provide the best, safest and most equitable care for pregnant, birthing and postpartum people and their infants.

This is achieved through: the translation of evidence-based guidelines to clinical practice; collaboration amongst participants and stakeholders; and the utilization of quality improvement science.

Engagement with Stakeholders

- **Clinical and QI advisors:** Multidisciplinary clinical and QI advisors engaged to assist with planning, implementation and evaluation for every NYSPQC project.
- **Professional organizations:** NYSPQC has longstanding collaborative relationships with ACOG District II, hospital associations (HANYS and GNYHA) and AWHONN.
- **Birthing Facility Teams:** Hospital and birthing center teams are recruited and provided with: educational opportunities; networking time; data collection system and ongoing analysis and support; clinical and quality improvement advisement, including hospital-level coaching.

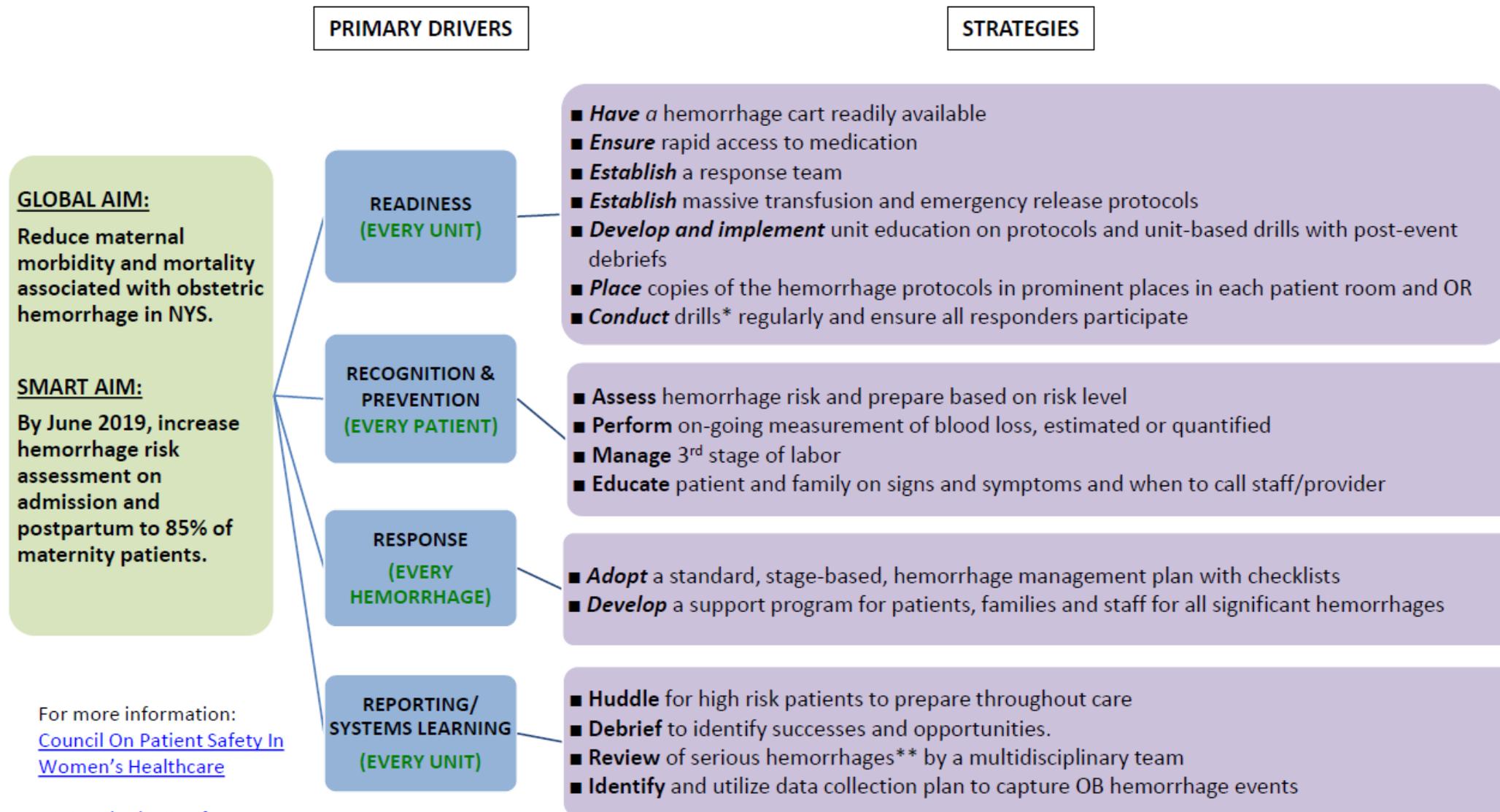
NYSPQC Focus Areas



NYS Obstetric Hemorrhage Project

- Between March 2018 and June 2021, birthing hospitals across NYS worked to translate evidence-based guidelines to clinical practice to improve the assessment, identification and management of obstetric hemorrhage.
- 78 out of 120 (65%) NYS birthing hospitals participated in the initiative.
 - This represents 76% of births in NYS.

NEW YORK STATE OBSTETRIC HEMORRHAGE PROJECT – KEY DRIVER DIAGRAM



For more information:
[Council On Patient Safety In Women's Healthcare](#)

[ACOG District II Safe Motherhood Initiative \(SMI\)](#)

* Drills = Right participants, scenarios, demonstration of competency in roles and responsibilities.

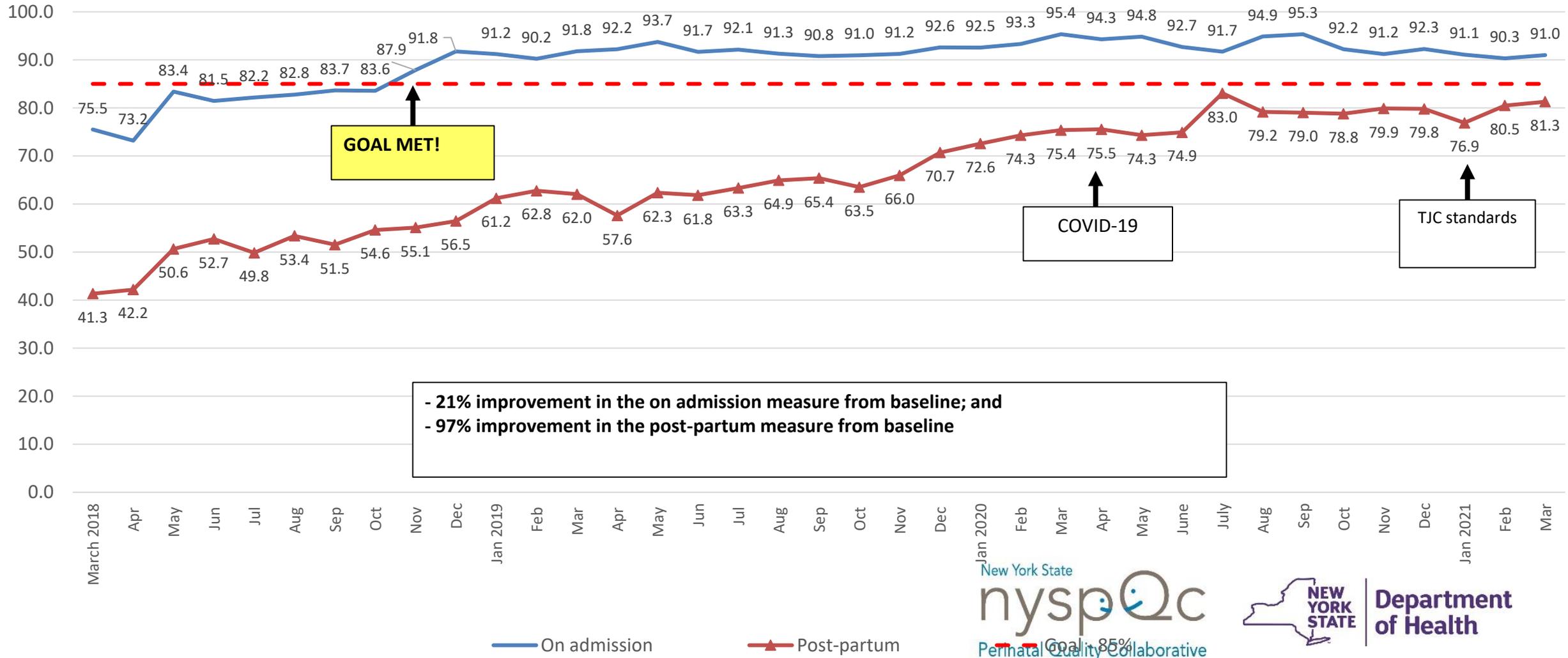
**Blood loss greater than ≥ 500 ml with a vaginal delivery and ≥ 1000 ml with a cesarean section.

NYS Obstetric Hemorrhage Project



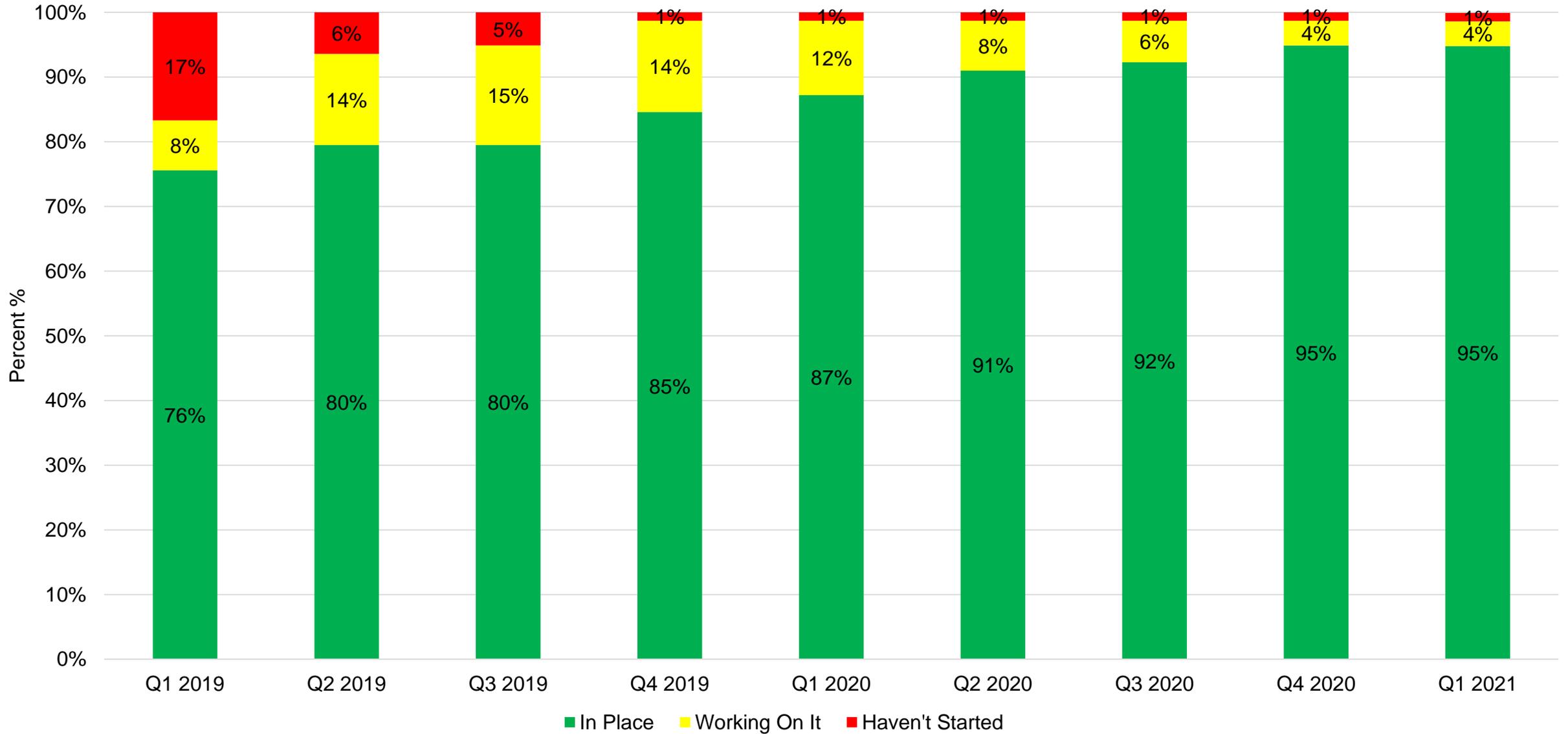
- Educational focus areas:
 - Risk assessment for obstetric hemorrhage
 - Establishing a response team
 - Quantification of blood loss
 - Included one-on-one training with NYS AWHONN leadership and hospital teams
 - Drills and simulation
 - Engaging patients, families and community
 - Massive transfusion protocol
 - Maternal stability: the role of vital signs in blood loss
 - Case reviews
 - Maternal mental health

Percent of Patients Receiving a Hemorrhage Risk Assessment on Admission and Postpartum

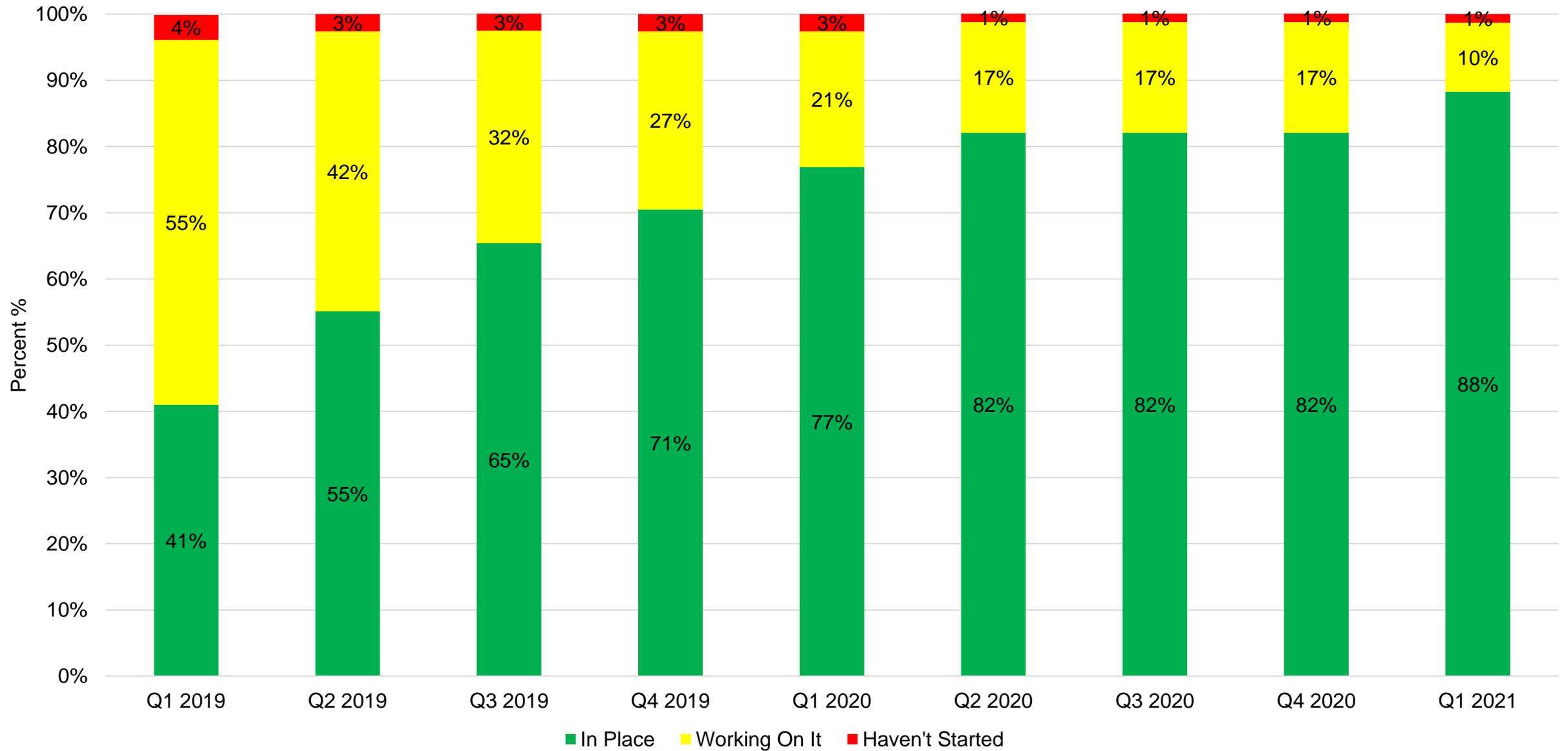


- 21% improvement in the on admission measure from baseline; and
 - 97% improvement in the post-partum measure from baseline

Hemorrhage Response Team Established



Quantitative measurement of cumulative blood loss (QBL)



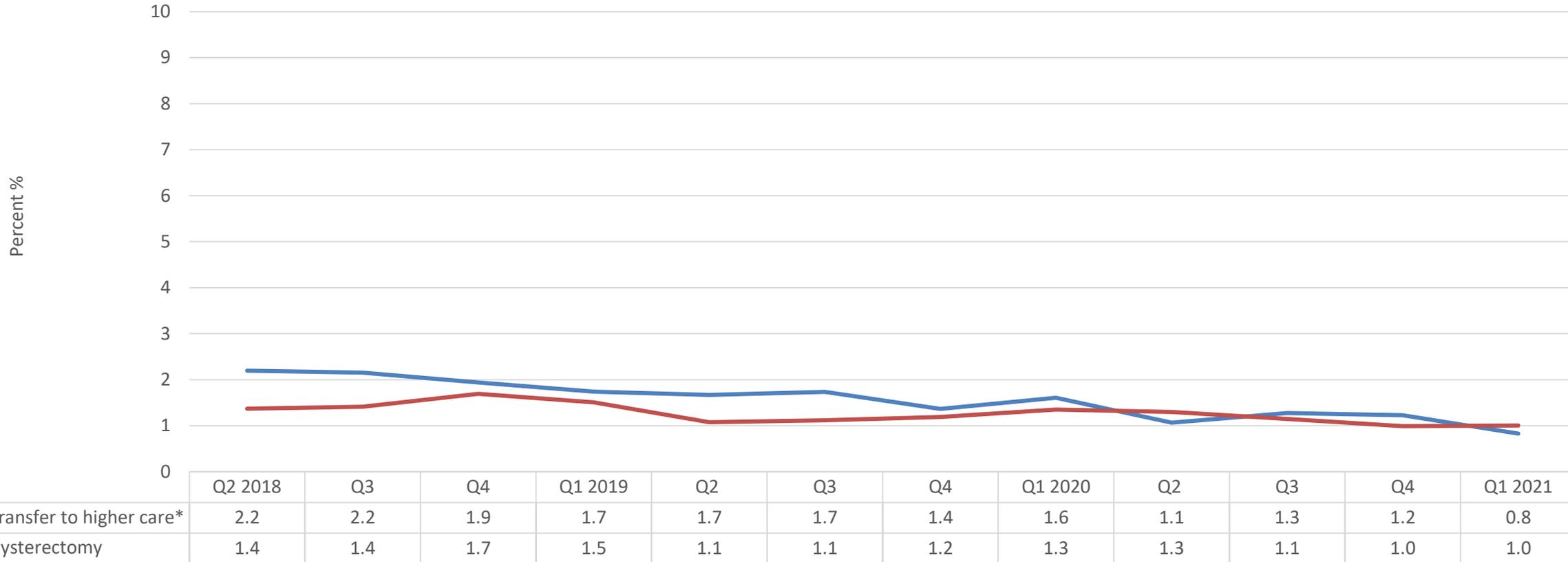
Obstetric Hemorrhage Drills

- 78% (61/78) of hospitals reported completing at least one drill in the past year
- 78% (61/78) of hospitals reported completing at least one drill debrief in the past year

Structure Measures

- Policies and Protocols
 - 99% of hospitals have a unit policy and procedure(s) on obstetric hemorrhage (updated in the last 2-3 years)
 - 99% established a massive transfusion protocol
 - 100% established an emergency release protocol
- Supplies and Medication
 - 100% of hospitals have OB hemorrhage supplies readily available, typically in a cart or mobile box
 - 100% have STAT (immediate) access to hemorrhage medications (kit or equivalent)

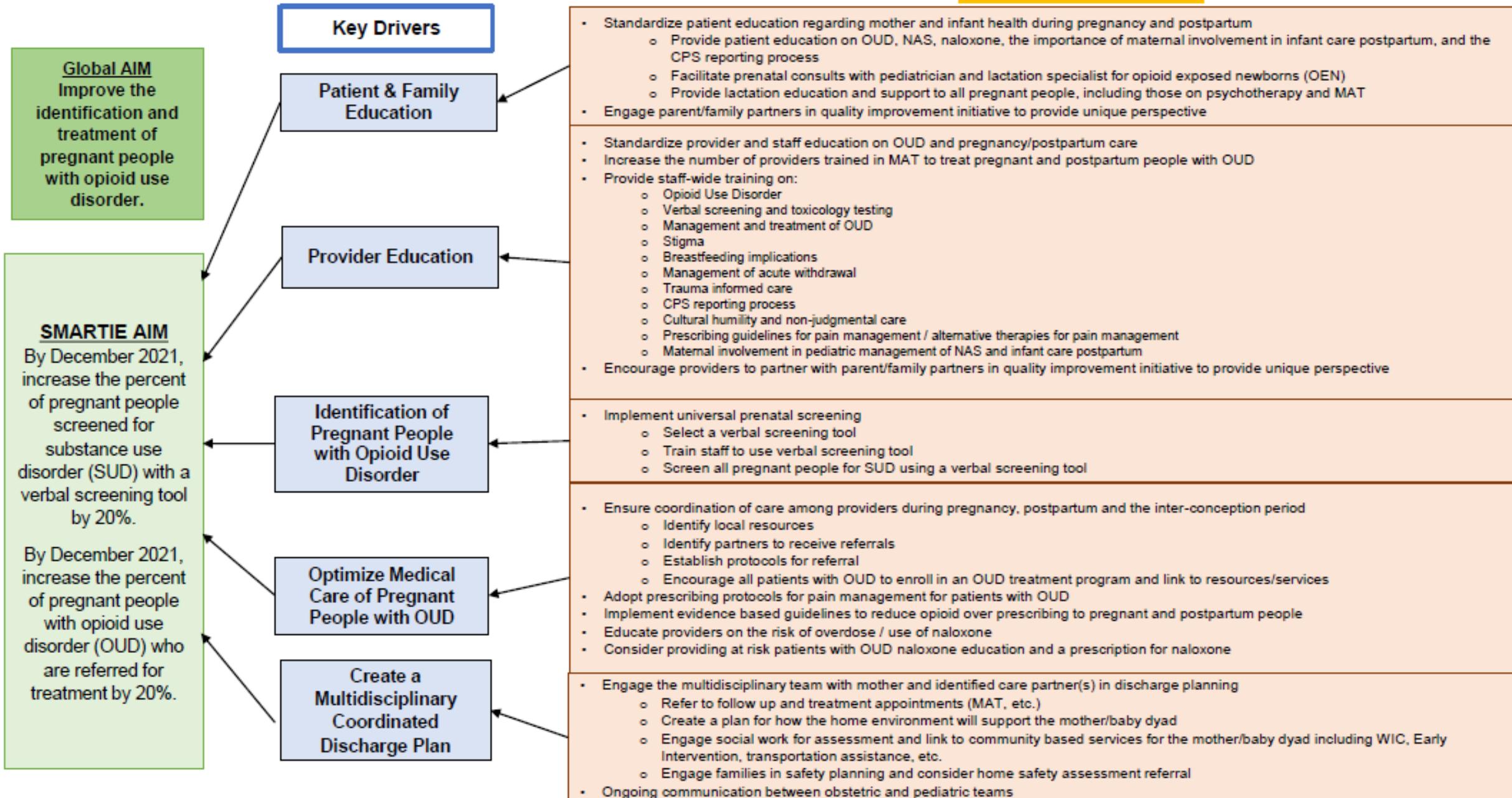
Percent of Patients with an Intervention, among Patients Experiencing an OB Hemorrhage



*Transfer to higher care includes to the hospital’s ICU or to a higher-level hospital (e.g., the Regional Perinatal Center).

NYS OUD in Pregnancy & NAS Project

- The project seeks to identify and manage the care of people with OUD during pregnancy, and improve the identification, standardization of therapy and coordination of aftercare of infants with NAS.
- The project began in September 2018 as a pilot with 17 birthing hospitals and expanded in October 2020 to include an additional 26 hospitals.



New York State (NYS) Opioid Use Disorder in Pregnancy & Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Project

Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) Driver Diagram

Key Changes*

PEDS

10/2020

Global AIM
Improve the care of infants with NAS.

SMARTIE AIM
By December 2021, decrease the average hospital length of stay (ALOS) for newborns with NAS by 10%.

Key Drivers

Parent and family education

Provider education

Early and accurate identification of newborns with signs of NAS

Management of newborns using standardized NAS treatment protocol

Create a Multidisciplinary Coordinated Discharge Plan

- Standardize parent and family education regarding mother/dyad health postpartum
 - Provide parent and family education on OUD, NAS and the importance of maternal involvement in infant care
 - Provide lactation education and support to all pregnant people
 - Engage parent and family partners in quality improvement initiative to provide unique perspective

- Standardize provider and staff education on OUD and postpartum care
 - Provide staff-wide training on:
 - Opioid Use Disorder
 - Management and treatment of OUD
 - Verbal screening of mother and toxicology testing
 - CPS reporting process
 - Breastfeeding implications
 - Trauma informed care
 - Cultural humility and non-judgmental care
 - Maternal involvement in pediatric management of NAS and infant care postpartum
 - Pharmacological and non-pharmacological care strategies of infants with signs of NAS
- Encourage providers to partner with parent/family partners in quality improvement initiative to provide unique perspective

- Collaborate with OB providers to identify mothers whose newborns may be opioid exposed
- Involve obstetricians in the discussion about OEN
- Train clinical staff to recognize signs and severity of NAS

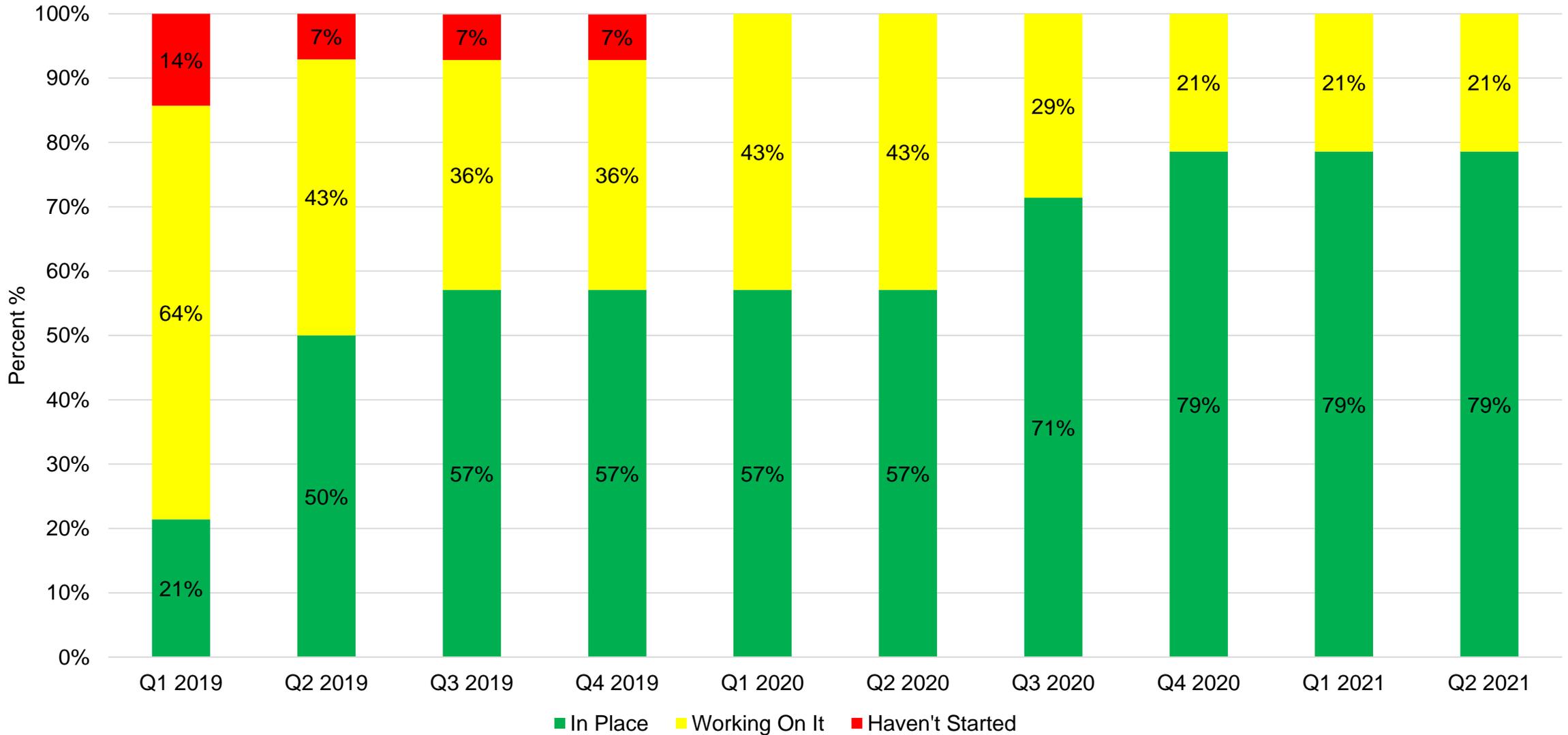
- Non-pharmacologic care**
- Utilize function-based assessments consisting of symptom prioritization for the assessment and management of NAS (Eat, Sleep, Console)
 - Establish and implement standardized protocols for non-pharmacological management including:
 - Low lighting / Quiet environment
 - Encourage kangaroo care / skin-to-skin contact
 - Allow rooming-in as appropriate
 - Encourage / support breastfeeding if appropriate
 - Encourage and facilitate maternal involvement with the newborn
 - Multidisciplinary care coordination
 - Shared decision making approach between caregiver and providers

- Pharmacologic care**
- Establish and implement standardized protocols for pharmacological management of newborns with NAS
 - Multidisciplinary care coordination
 - Shared decision making approach between caregiver and providers

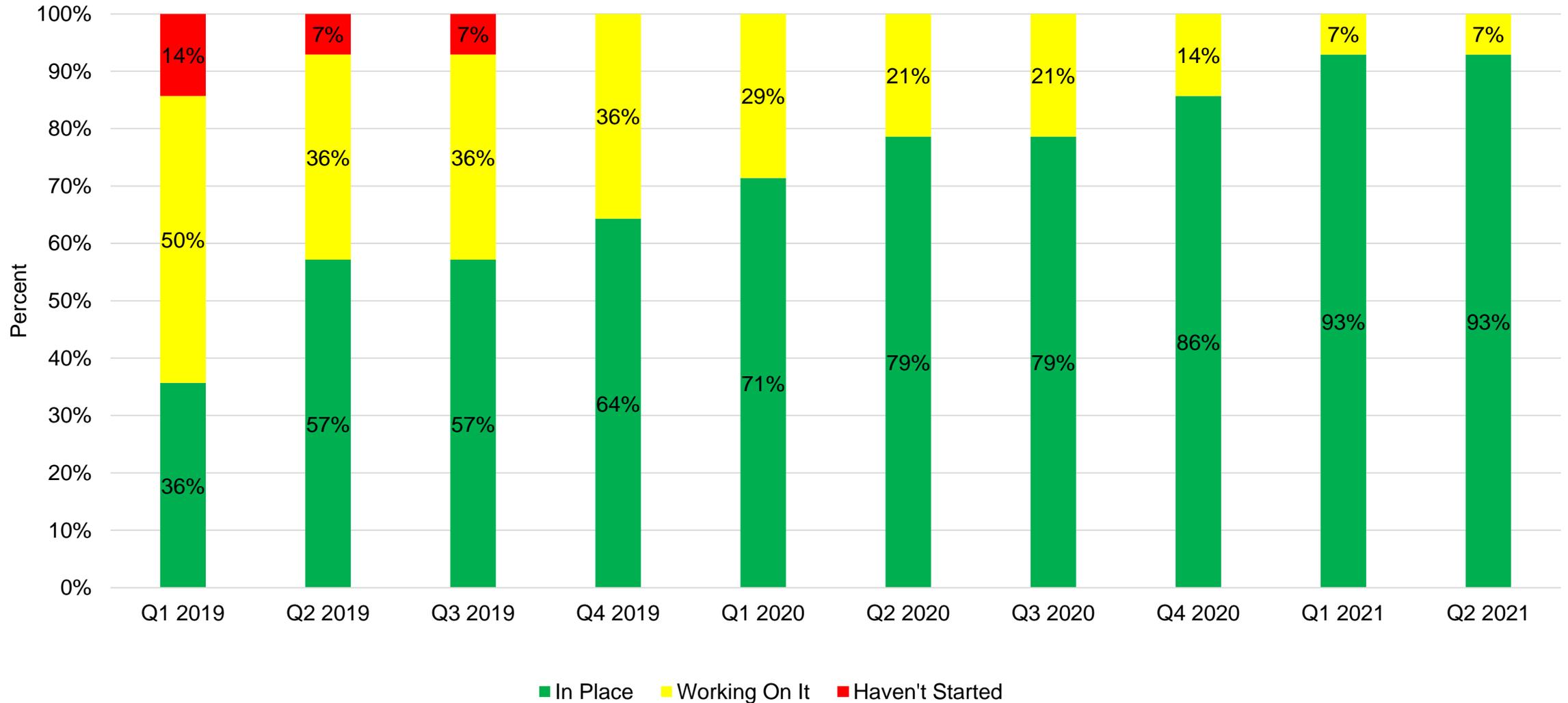
- Engage the multidisciplinary team with mother and identified care partner(s) in discharge planning
 - Create a plan for how the home environment will support the mother/baby dyad
 - Engage social work for assessment and link to community based services for the mother/baby dyad including WIC, Early Intervention, transportation assistance, etc.
 - Schedule a developmental follow-up appointment
 - Refer to Early Intervention services as needed
 - Engage families in safety planning and consider home safety assessment referral
- Ongoing communication between obstetric and pediatric teams

* Refer to project Change Package for additional detail.

Universal screening protocol for OUD with a standardized questionnaire on admission to labor and delivery



Protocol / process flow (e.g., SBIRT) for pregnant patients who report or screen positive for OUD to assess and link to MAT/addiction treatment services/behavioral health support

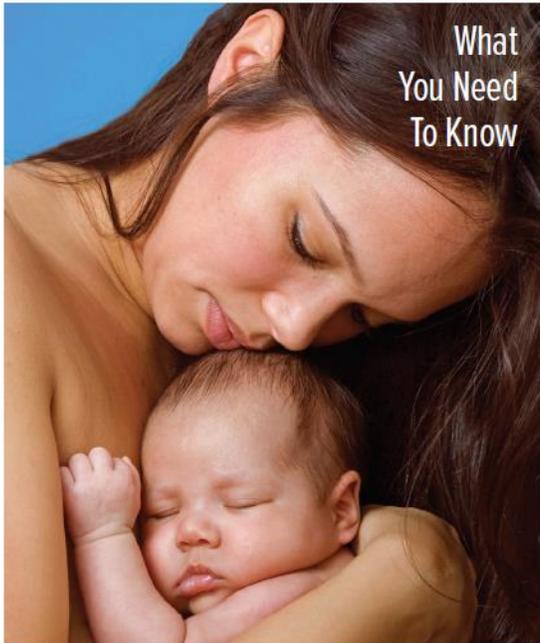


Neonatal Measures

- 100% of pilot hospitals have:
 - Standardized non-pharmacologic guidelines for opioid-exposed newborns (as of Q4 2020)
 - Standardized pharmacologic guidelines for opioid-exposed newborns (as of Q1 2020)

NYSPQC Resources

NEONATAL ABSTINENCE SYNDROME (NAS)



What You Need To Know

Be with your baby.
You are the treatment!



- 1. Hold your baby:** When your baby is fussy or upset, hold your baby. Your family can help, too.
- 2. Practice these calming techniques:**
 - Swaddle or tightly wrap your baby in a blanket to help soothe him or her. Ask your nurses to show you how to swaddle your baby.
 - Offer a pacifier.
 - Try shushing.
 - Use slow, rhythmic, up-and-down movements.
- 3. Feed on demand:** If you can, feed your baby breast milk. Feed your baby on demand by watching for signs your baby is hungry instead of the clock.
- 4. Skin-to-skin:** Holding your baby skin-to-skin can help calm your baby. Be careful, though – avoid falling asleep while holding your baby. If you are feeling sleepy, place your baby on his or her back in a bassinet or crib close to your bed.
- 5. Room-In:** Stay in the same room with your baby in the hospital if possible. This will help make sure you will be close by when your baby cries or is fussy, so you can hold and comfort your baby.
- 6. Quiet room:** Keep the noise level as low as possible by limiting visitors, asking your family, friends and hospital staff to speak softly, keeping the TV volume low, and talking quietly on the phone.
- 7. Dim the lights** in your room.
- 8. Cluster care:** Ask your doctors and nurses to group their care visits together when possible to help limit disruptions for your baby.
- 9. Medications:** Some babies with NAS require medication to help with their symptoms of withdrawal, to allow them to sleep, eat, and be comfortable.

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Newborn Care Journal

Baby's Name: _____ Today's Date: _____

Time of baby's feeding (start to finish)	FEEDING		Did baby feed well? (if no, describe)	DIAPERING		SLEEPING		Did baby sleep for an hour or more? (if no, describe)	COMFORT	
	Breastfeeding (total # minutes)	Bottle feeding (total # mL)		Check box for pee	Check box for poop	Time when baby fell asleep	Time when baby woke up		Did baby calm in 10 min? (if no, describe)	Extra Comments / Care Provided
<i>Example Below</i>										
6:15 am - 6:45 am	L - 20 min R - 10 min	mL	Yes	✓	✓ (black, sticky)	8:00 am	10:00 am	Yes	No, woke hungry, hard to calm until able to get latched on.	Mom and baby had skin-to-skin time. Will try to shorten length of time between feedings.



NYSPQC Resources

Perinatal Substance Use

5 ways you can improve care during pregnancy and beyond

Pregnancy presents unique opportunities for patients to make positive changes in their substance use. When you become an informed provider, you empower patients to make those changes.

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Educate Yourself
 Learn more about the pharmacology of substance use. Promote evidence-based care by communicating with patients in a way that separates fact from fiction. Understand the cycles of sobriety and relapse so that you can help patients plan for their recovery. Advise on the risks associated with polysubstance use.
- 
Use the Right Words
 Know the difference between substance use, substance misuse, and Substance Use Disorder (SUD). Recognize that substance use carries a stigma, which is a barrier to seeking care. Reject language that shames.
- 
Verbally Screen Every Patient
 Talking about substance use should be a routine part of everyone's medical care. Get comfortable discussing it. Ask questions and listen to what your patients have to say. You may be the first person to ever ask.
- 
Get Trained to Offer MAT
 Medication-Assisted Treatment is the Standard of Care during pregnancy, but there are not enough providers. Contact the New York State Health Department at buprenorphine@health.ny.gov to become a MAT provider. Make naloxone available to all your patients who use opioids.
- 
End the Stigma
 Embrace people who use substances. Meet them where they are. Abide by your medical ethics. Practice beneficence. Promote public health.

OPIOIDS and Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) LANGUAGE MATTERS

- 
I am not an addict.
 I was exposed to substances in utero. I am not addicted. Addiction is a set of behaviors associated with having a Substance Use Disorder (SUD).
- 
I was exposed to opioids.
 I was exposed to the medications and substances my parent used. While I was in the womb, we shared a blood supply. I may have become dependent on some of those substances.
- 
NAS is a temporary and treatable condition.
 It can be treated with prescription medications and care that comforts, such as breastfeeding, swaddling, and offering pacifiers.
- 
My parent may have a SUD.
 They might be receiving Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT). My NAS may be a side effect of their appropriate medical care. It is not evidence of abuse or mistreatment.
- 
My potential is limitless.
 I am so much more than my NAS diagnosis. My drug exposure will not determine my long-term outcomes. But how you treat me will. When you invest in my family's health and well-being you can expect that I will do as well as any of my peers!

How to Care For a Baby with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS)

- 
Use the Right Words
 I was exposed to substances in utero. I am not an addict. My parent may or may not have a Substance Use Disorder (SUD).
- 
Treat Us as a Dyad
 Parents and babies need each other. Help us bond. Whenever possible, provide my care alongside theirs and teach them how to meet my needs.
- 
Support Rooming-In
 Babies like me do best in a calm, quiet, dimly lit room where we can be close to our caregivers.
- 
Promote Kangaroo Care
 Skin-to-skin care helps me stabilize and self-regulate. It helps relieve symptoms that occur during withdrawal. It also promotes bonding.
- 
Try Non-Pharmacological Care
 Help me self-soothe. Swaddle me snugly. Offer me a pacifier to suck on. Protect my sleep by "clustering" my care.
- 
Support Breastfeeding
 Breast milk is important to my gastrointestinal health. Breastfeeding is recommended when moms are HIV negative and receiving medically-supervised care. Help my parents reach their pumping and breastfeeding goals.
- 
Treat My Symptoms
 If I am experiencing withdrawal symptoms that make it hard for me to eat, sleep, and be soothed, create a care plan to help me be comfortable.

Community Resource Mapping Tools

Together with NYS Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS), the NYSQPC developed county-level community mapping tools for each participating hospital.

Hospital Name:

Hotlines

SAMHSA Treatment Hotline: 1-800-662-HELP (4357)

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
Confidential, free, 24-hour-a-day, 365-day-a-year, information service, in English and Spanish, for individuals and family members seeking referral to treatment facilities, support groups, and community-based organizations.

NYS OASAS HOPEline: 1-877-8-HOPENY (1-877-846-7369)

HOPEline Services Include:

Masters level clinicians who are professional, well-trained and knowledgeable
Crisis and motivational interviewing for callers in need
Referrals to more than 1,500 local prevention and treatment providers
48 hours call back to those who wish to be contacted
Multi-lingual
Informational materials

Substance Use Treatment Services

Substance Use Disorder Treatment - Opioid Treatment Provider:

Program Name: PROMSEA

Contact Information:

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City: Albany

State & ZIP: NY, 12206

Phone: 518-729-5659

Website: <https://www.acacianetwork.org/services-guide/>

Helpful Tips for Successful Referral:

Program Name: Whitney M. Young, Jr Health Center

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Website: <https://www.wmyhealth.org/>

Helpful Tips for Successful Referral:

NYSPQC Safe Sleep Project

- Between September 2015 and July 2017, 72 hospitals participated in improvement practices related to infant safe sleep and focused on:
 - Collaborating across hospital teams to share and learn;
 - Implementing policies to support/facilitate safe sleep practices;
 - Educating health care professionals so they understand, actively endorse and model safe sleep practices; and
 - Providing infant caregivers education and opportunities so they have the knowledge, skills and self-efficacy to practice safe sleep for every sleep.

SAFE SLEEP

CoIIN AIM Statement

By July 2016, reduce infant sleep-related deaths by improving safe sleep practices so that states:

- (1) Decrease sleep related SUID mortality rate by 10%;
- (2) Reduce relative disparities between white and non-Hispanic Black and American Indian/Alaska natives for all aims by 10%;
- (3) Increase the % infants placed on their backs for sleep by 10% or more;
- (4) Increase the % of infants placed to sleep in a safe sleep environment by 10% or more;
- (5) Increase the % of infants sleeping alone by 10% or more

NYSPQC AIM Statement

By September 2016, we AIM to reduce infant sleep-related deaths in NYS by improving safe sleep practices for infants. To accomplish this, we will form a multidisciplinary team (with members from our OB and neonatal care units) and work to implement evidence based infant mortality reduction strategies to achieve:

1. $\geq 10\%$ Increase in infants placed to sleep in a safe sleep environment during hospitalization
2. Document education for $> 95\%$ of caregivers prior to discharge; and
3. $> 95\%$ of caregivers reporting prior to discharge that they understand safe sleep educational messages (infant to sleep alone, on back, in crib).

DRIVERS

Health care professionals understand, actively endorse and model safe sleep practices

Infant caregivers have the knowledge, skills and self-efficacy to practice safe sleep for every sleep

Engage and activate infant caregivers, community to support safe sleep

Policies support/facilitate safe sleep practices

Spread bright spots within facility and to other facilities

CHANGES

Medical and nursing staff model safe sleep practices in hospital before discharge

Standardized education and training for health professionals on current AAP guidelines for infant safe sleep, including promoting breastfeeding in a safe sleep environment

Train and support healthcare professionals in using engagement techniques (e.g., motivational interviewing, teach back, etc.)

Individualized education to families, encourages honest conversation and includes skill building, explains rationale behind recommendations and addresses misconceptions and caregiver concerns on safe sleep

Reduce barriers and provide families with needed supports to keep infants safe within the context of their daily realities

Parents offered teach back and provided written materials on safe sleep at pre-natal visits and classes, hospital discharge, lactation consultations, the post-partum visit, and newborn well child visits

Utilize a harm reduction message on safe sleep

Safe sleep messaging and teach back (including promoting breastfeeding in a safe sleep environment) promoted through all state agencies and programs that interact with pregnant women and families such as home visiting, WIC, injury prevention, substance abuse, child welfare, breastfeeding promotion, immunization, housing assistance

Safe sleep behavior is understood and championed by trusted individuals and groups who are influential in the lives of mothers, fathers, grandparents and other infant caregivers

Develop and implement culturally congruent education materials, social marketing/media messages and communication strategies on safe sleep in partnership with families and communities

Standardized policies, practices and reporting for infant deaths and death scene review

Hospital policy consistent with AAP guidelines and addresses the need for family centered parent education and staff training/behavior modeling

Identify high risk populations and implement a comprehensive plan to support individuals and families at greatest risk for sleep-related infant deaths to implement safe sleep practices

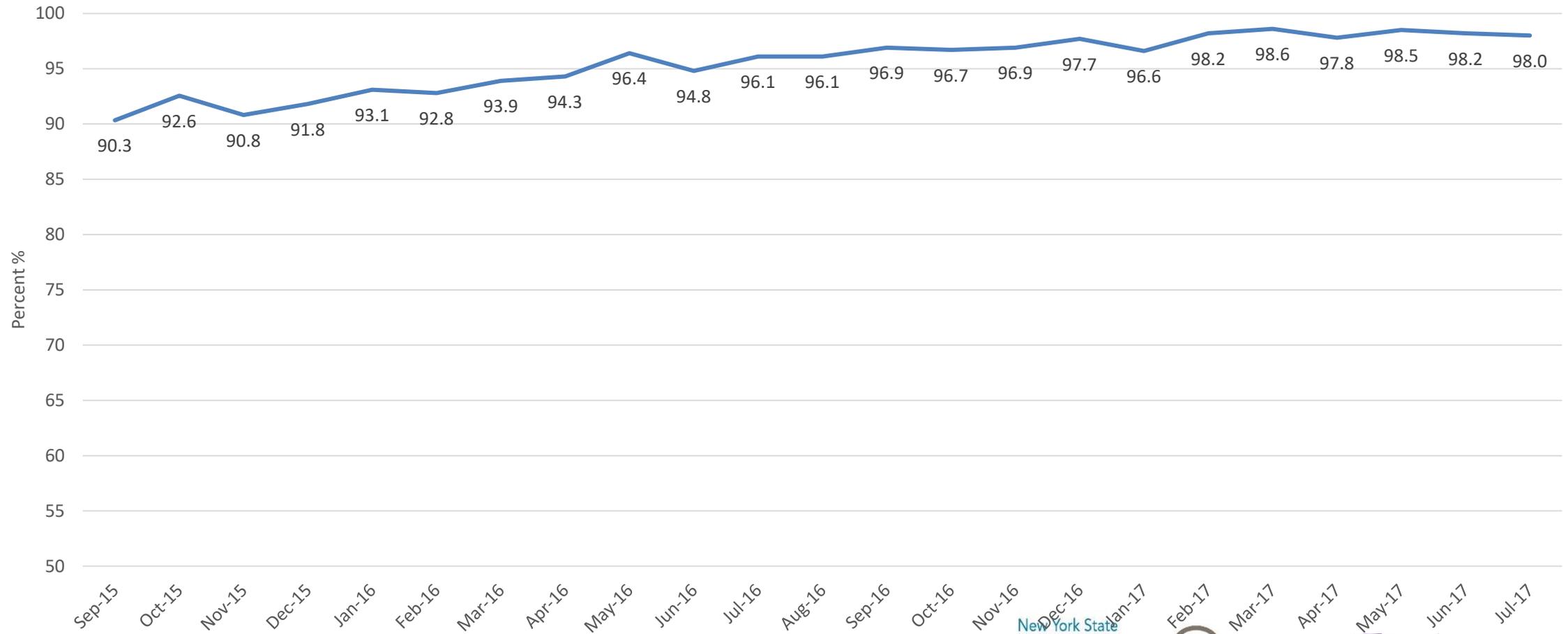
Utilize local data to identify bright spots within facility and across facilities in the Collaborative

Build partnerships with families and activate champions within the community

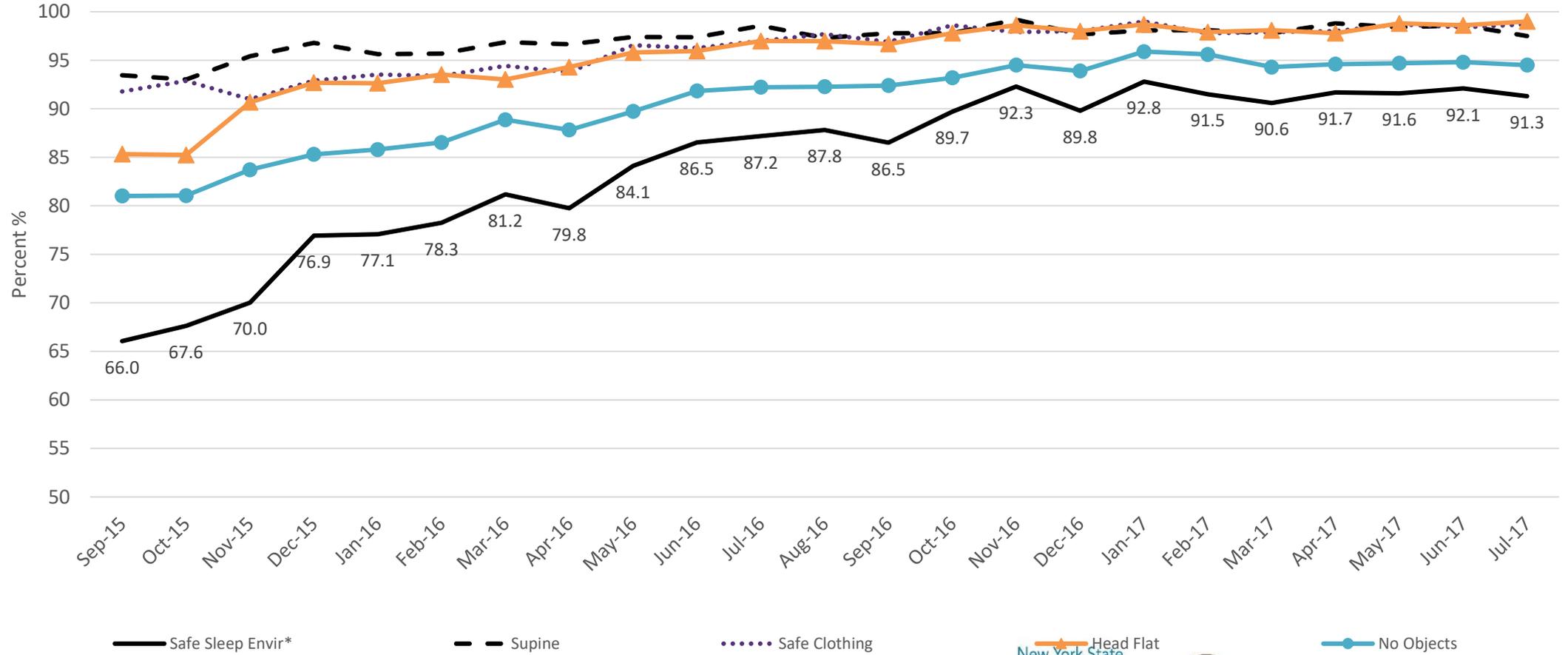
System Change: Improving Safe Sleep Practices

- Increased understanding by hospital staff members regarding safe sleep practices
- Increased modeling of safe sleep practices in hospital (flat crib, no objects, safe sleep clothing/blankets)
- Increased safe sleep practices by caregivers/parents (flat crib, no objects, safe sleep clothing/blankets)

Percent of Medical Records with Documentation of Safe Sleep Education



Percent of Infants, Sleeping or Awake-and-unattended, in a Safe Sleep Environment

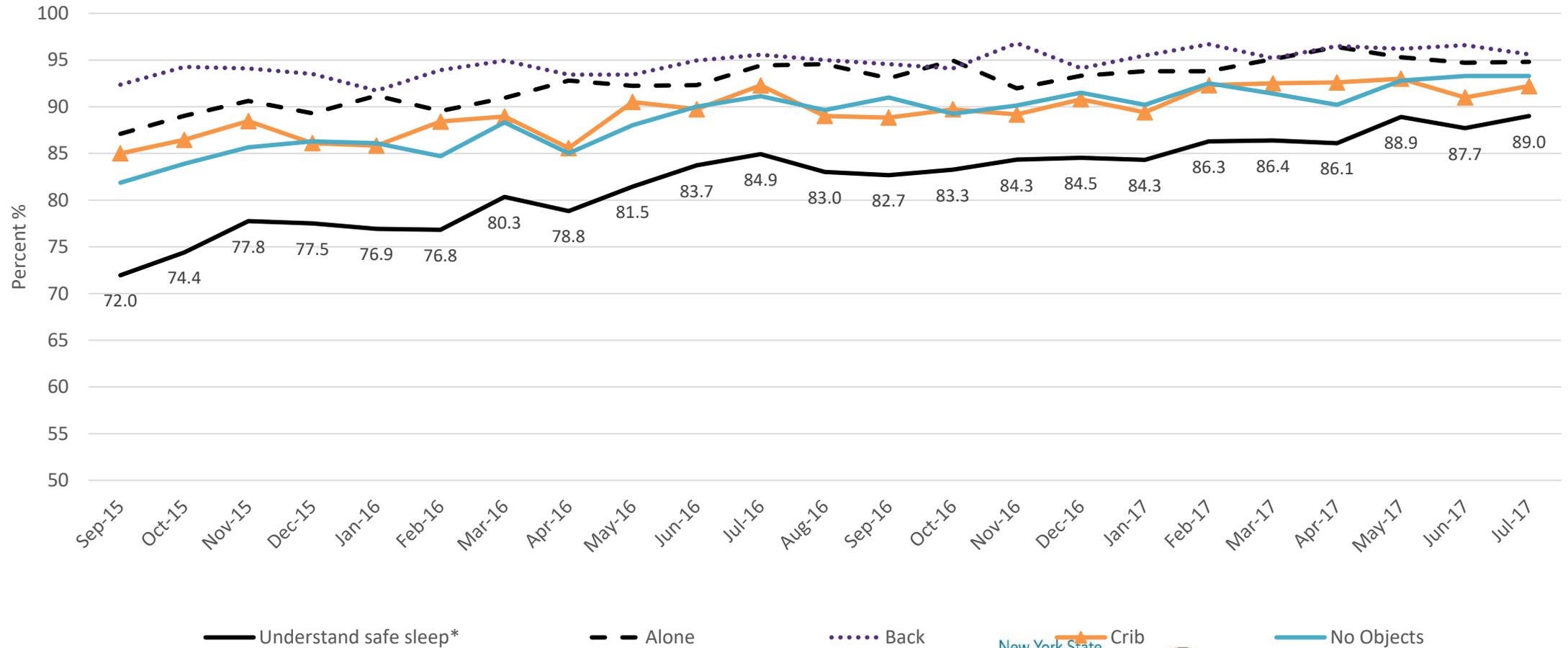


Safe Sleep Envir*
 Supine
 Safe Clothing
 Head Flat
 No Objects

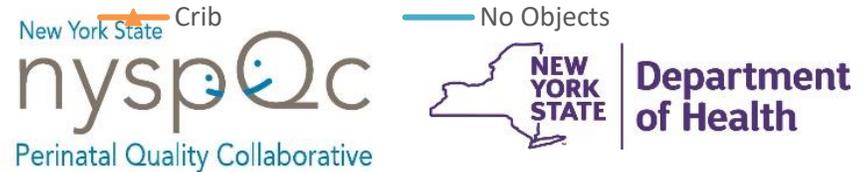


*A safe sleep environment is defined as infants who were positioned supine, in safe clothing, with head of crib flat and no objects in the crib

Percent of Primary Caregivers Indicating They Understand Safe Sleep Practices*



*Understanding safe sleep practices is defined as reporting that infants should sleep alone, on their back, in a crib, with the crib free of objects



NYSPQC Safe Sleep Project: Lessons Learned

- Providing staff education:
 - Nurses – small groups
 - Residents – grand rounds
 - Promoting NICHD nurse training
- Educating all staff members who encounter babies (i.e., audiologists)
- Heightened awareness in hospital units using signage, crib cards, etc.
- Participation in Cribs 4 Kids hospital safe sleep program

NYSPQC Safe Sleep Project: Lessons Learned

- Distribution of wearable blankets
- Cultural considerations:
 - Utilization of translators
 - Materials available in multiple languages
 - Various tools for different population – video, brochure, poster, low literacy tool, etc.
- Modeling!!! → Crib audits
- Safe sleep champion on rounds
 - Champion may be an RN, PT, etc.

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Creating a culture of
excellence, safety and equity
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OPQIC ...*Creating a culture of excellence, safety and equity in perinatal care*

- Oklahoma = 46 birthing hospitals, 49,000 annual births
- Collaborative of hospital teams, physicians, nurses, patients, public health and community stakeholders. Established 2014
- 5 paid staff – 4.25 FTE
- opqic.org launched in 2015
- Primary areas of focus:
 - Reduce early elective deliveries (sustainment)
 - Improve outcomes of OB Hemorrhage & Severe Hypertension (sustainment)
 - Amplify AWHONN's Post-birth Warning Signs education (sustainment)
 - Improve reliability & timeliness of newborn screening
 - Improve outcomes in Maternal OUD & NAS
 - Increase Patient and Family Engagement



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CURRENT PRIORITIES

Oklahoma Mothers and Newborns Affected by Opioids

Launched with 17 pilot hospitals
on March 3, 2020

Reboot September 2020

Oklahoma Perinatal Quality Improvement Collaborative

OPQIC.org





OKLAHOMA OSTEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION
ADVOCACY AND WELL BEING



OMNO Goals

1. Reduce opioid use in pregnancy and fetal exposure to opioids
2. Prevent opioid overdose and death
3. Increase percentage of pregnant women with OUD who receive MAT and Behavioral Health Counseling
4. Reduce LOS for newborns with NAS
5. Improve post-discharge social and developmental outcomes for families affected by opioid use disorder



ABOUT US

Our mission is to provide leadership and engage interested stakeholders in a collaborative effort to improve the health outcomes for Oklahoma women and infants using evidence-based practice guidelines and quality improvement processes.

WELCOME

to the Oklahoma Perinatal Quality Improvement Collaborative



Check out our Featured Resource!

HEALTH EQUITY RESOURCES

COVID-19 RESOURCES & INFO



INITIATIVES

See initiatives facilitated by the Oklahoma Perinatal Quality Improvement Collaborative.



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View a list of courses offered by the Office of Perinatal Quality Improvement.



RESOURCES

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OKLAHOMA OPIOID PRESCRIBING GUIDELINES RISKS OF OPIOIDS IN PREGNANCY: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Note: These guidelines do not replace clinical judgment in the appropriate care of patients. They are not intended as standards of care or as templates for legislation, nor are they meant for patients in palliative care programs or with cancer pain. The recommendations are an educational tool based on the expert opinion of numerous physicians and other health care providers, medical/nursing boards, and mental and public health officials.^{1,11} Although the recommendations do not include language on Oklahoma's opioid-related laws, it is imperative

that suggests that opioids do not differ from nonopioid medication and are often better tolerated, with greater improvements in physical function.

management of pain in women of childbearing age:

PREGNANCY: METHADONE AND BUPRENORPHINE

Some women are surprised to learn they got pregnant while using heroin, Oxycotin, Percocet, or other opioid pain medications that can be misused (known as opioid drugs). You, along with family and friends, may worry about your drug use and if it could affect your baby. Some women may want to "take a break" as a way to stop using heroin or pain medications. Unfortunately, studies have shown that out of 10 women return to drug use within a month after "taking a break." Therefore, most doctors treat opioid misuse in pregnant women with either methadone or buprenorphine. These are long-acting opioid medications that are associated with improved outcomes in pregnancy.

How safe is it to take methadone or buprenorphine (Suboxone) during pregnancy?

- In the right doses, both methadone and buprenorphine stop withdrawal, reduce cravings, and block effects of other opioids.
- Treatment with either methadone or buprenorphine makes it more likely that the baby will grow normally and not come too early.
- Based on many years of research studies, neither medicine has been associated with birth defects.
- Babies born to women who are addicted to drugs can have temporary withdrawal or abstinence symptoms (neonatal abstinence syndrome or NAS). Opioid-related NAS is known as neonatal opioid withdrawal syndrome (NOWS). These withdrawal symptoms can occur in babies whose mothers take methadone or buprenorphine.
- Talk with your doctor about the benefits versus the risks of medication-assisted treatment.

Is methadone or buprenorphine a better medication for me in pregnancy?

- You and your doctor should discuss both methadone and buprenorphine. The choice may be limited by which medication is available in your community.
- If a woman is already stable on methadone or buprenorphine and she becomes pregnant, doctors usually advise her to stay on the same medication.

How can I get started on methadone or buprenorphine?

- Depending on where you live, there may be a special program that offers care to pregnant women who need methadone or buprenorphine. These programs can offer prenatal care and substance use counseling along with your medication.
- Methadone may only be given out by specialized clinics while buprenorphine may be available from your primary care physician or obstetrician if they have received special training.
- Some women prefer or benefit from starting these medications while in a residential (inpatient) treatment facility.



Your dose should be reduced if it begins to cause irritation. Be sure to discuss with your doctors, nurses, and counselors whether you are feeling too sleepy.

Learn more: opqic.org/omno

OKLAHOMA OPIOID PRESCRIBING GUIDELINES TREATING PREGNANT PATIENTS WITH OPIOID USE DISORDER

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PROJECT ECHO®: A TELEHEALTH MODEL FOR RURAL HEALTH CARE

Project ECHO® (Extension for Community Health Care Outcomes) expands access to preventive and specialty care for rural and underserved urban populations by building the capacity of primary care physicians and community health workers to provide safe and effective care for complex and chronic conditions. Through telementoring and guided practice, the ECHO model™ is a cost-efficient solution to reduce disparities in health outcomes.

Withdrawal is NOT recommended during delivery.

• Avoid opioid therapy, maintain preference for methadone or buprenorphine to avoid withdrawal symptoms.

• Avoid non-pain medication during pregnancy, and avoid opioid prescribing by the

SCREENING FOR SUBSTANCE USE DURING PREGNANCY: USING AN SBIRT FRAMEWORK

Developing a Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment process in the maternity care context

Note: While some medical tests may be used for both screening and diagnostic purposes, the terms are not interchangeable. Screening may occur in a setting to identify health risk behaviors, including substance use.

SBIRT implementation requires modification of existing clinic workflows. Each context is different. SBIRT should be incorporated into the existing intake process for new OB patients, which includes screening for other medical conditions.

Brief description of a typical SBIRT implementation process

1 SBIRT Preparation

- Review institutional policies and update as needed to include use of the SBIRT framework for prenatal patients
- Develop a plan for modifying workflow to incorporate screening
- Train appropriate staff on screening process
- Train appropriate staff in brief intervention techniques
- Identify follow-up plan and key personnel for when screening is positive
- Create a list of resources to support women in need of referrals for substance use
- Identify billing requirements and opportunities
- Develop patient information script or written materials about substance use screening and institutional policies on substance use

2 Implementation

- Implement workflow modification to include confidential screening and response
- Provide information about institutional substance use policies as part of new patient orientation
- Screen using a validated questionnaire on paper or electronically
- Ensure a warm handoff occurs from staff performing screening to staff who will address positive screening results
- Implement Brief Negotiated Interview (BNI) algorithm following positive screening
- Develop a follow-up plan when screening is positive
- Make referrals if needed

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NEONATAL ABSTINENCE SYNDROME (NAS)

OPIOID-RELATED NAS IS ALSO KNOWN AS NEONATAL OPIOID WITHDRAWAL SYNDROME (NOWS)

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

BE WITH YOUR BABY: YOU ARE THE TREATMENT!



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PREGNANCY AND OPIOID PAIN MEDICATIONS

Women who take opioid pain medications should be aware of the possible risks during pregnancy.



What are opioid pain medications?

Opioid pain medications are prescribed by doctors to treat moderate to severe pain. Common types are codeine, oxycodone, hydrocodone, and morphine.

Before starting or stopping any medication choices for you and your pregnancy.

OK SBIRT Pocket Guide

Are opioid pain medications safe if you are pregnant or planning to get pregnant?

Possible risks to your pregnancy include:¹²

- **Neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS):** withdrawal symptoms (irritability, seizures, vomiting, diarrhea, fever, and poor feeding) in newborns
- Opioid-related NAS is also known as neonatal opioid withdrawal syndrome (NOWS)
- **Neural tube defects:** serious problems in development (or formation) of the fetus' brain



211 For treatment referrals, call 211

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Our Partnership



Digital health company focused on
the lifecycle of substance use
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intervention to treatment to
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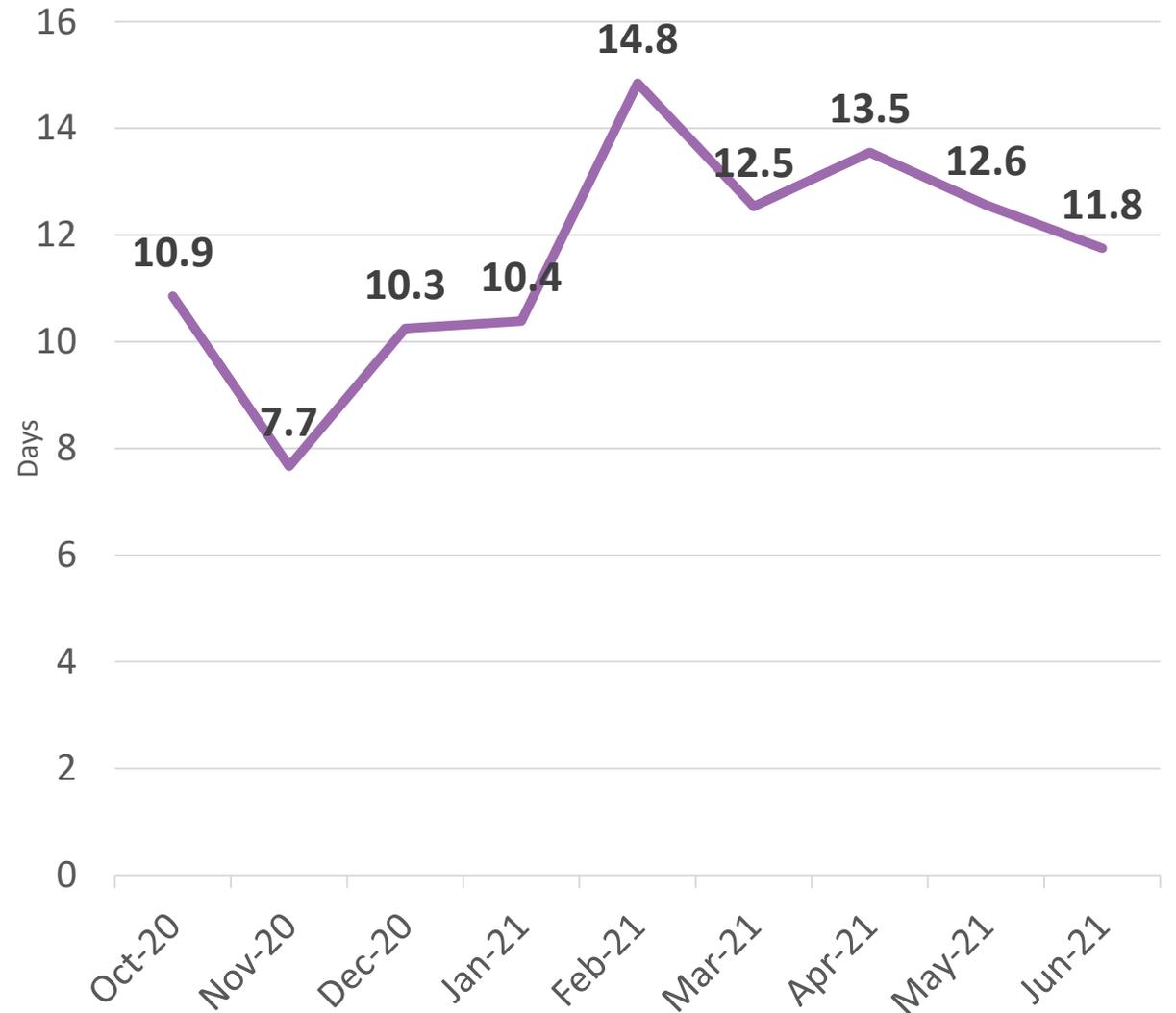
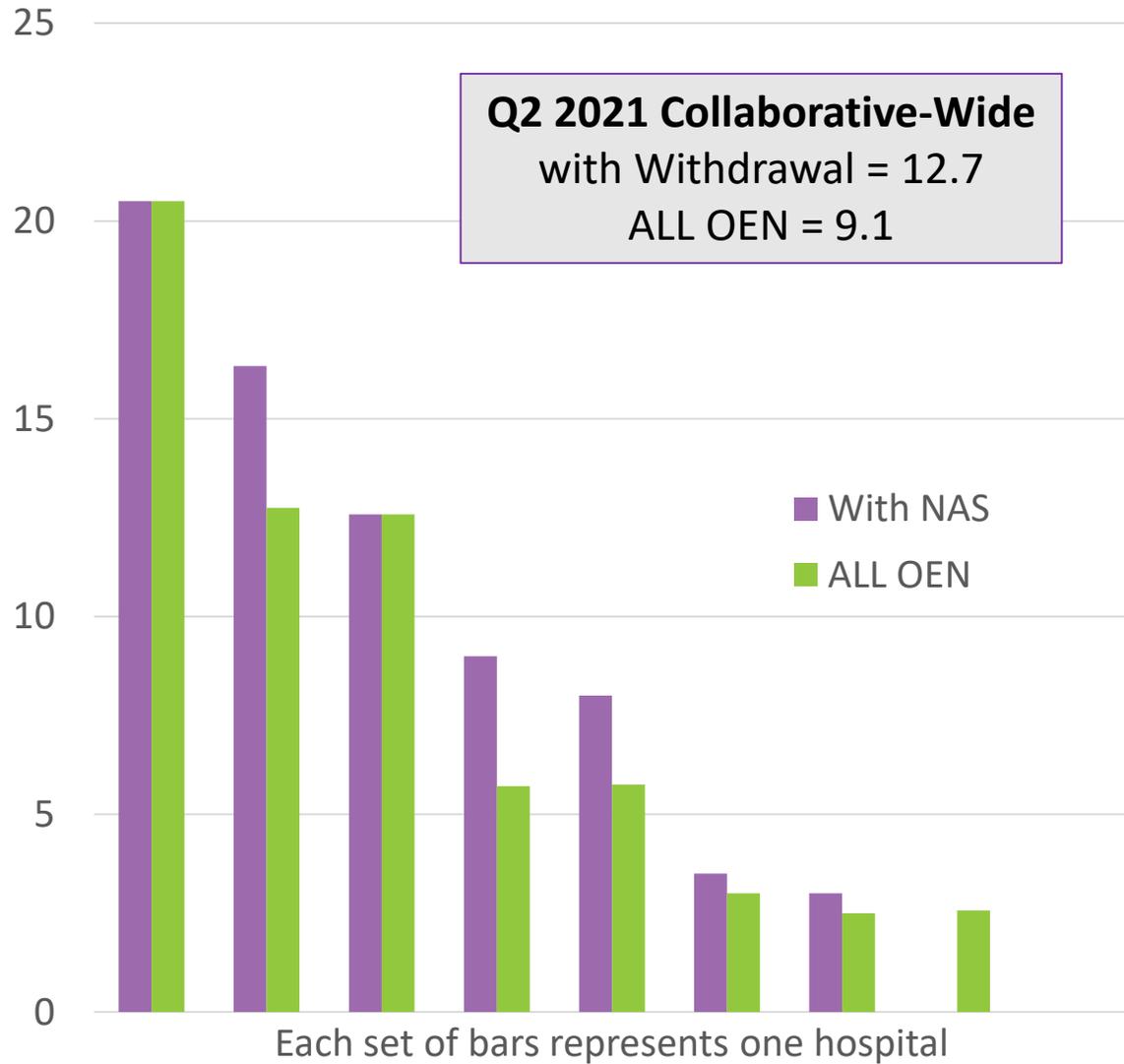
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OMNO Paper Data Collection Forms

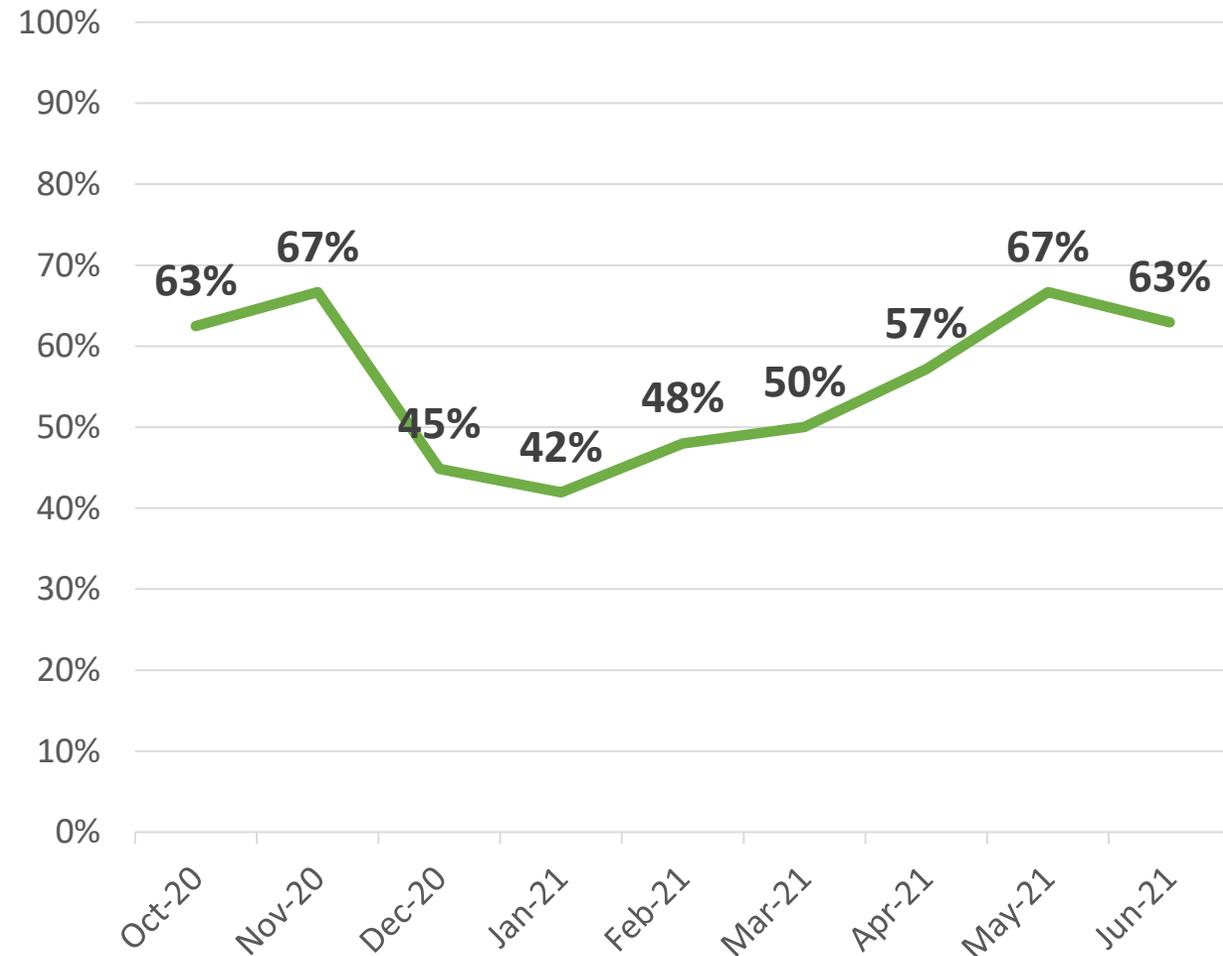
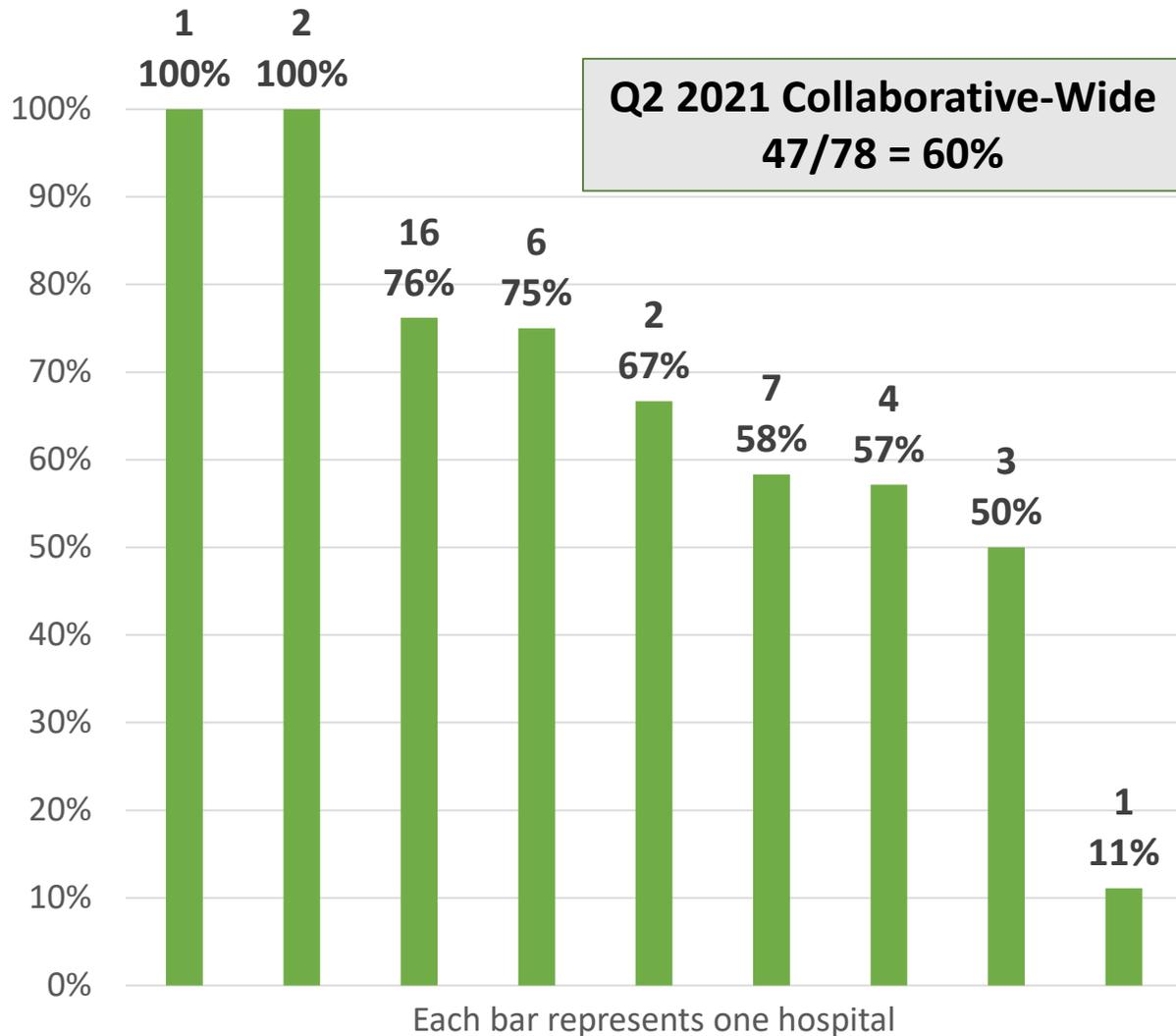
OPQIC OMNO Maternal Data Collection Form			
<i>Data should be entered into REDCap Database within 45 days after discharge</i>			
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Mother has a positive self-report screen or assessed to have OUD *Mother with positive opioid toxicology test before delivery (exclude hospital opioid administration for acute pain) *Mother reports OUD *Mother is using any non-prescribed opioids during pregnancy (2nd or 3rd trimester) *Mother is using prescribed opioids chronically for longer than a month in the third trimester *Newborn has a positive umbilical cord, urine, or meconium screen for opioids *Newborn has symptoms associated with opioid exposure or neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS/NOWS) 			
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10. *Gestational age at delivery (weeks, 0-44) (days, 0-6)	Gestational age, weeks: _____ days: _____		

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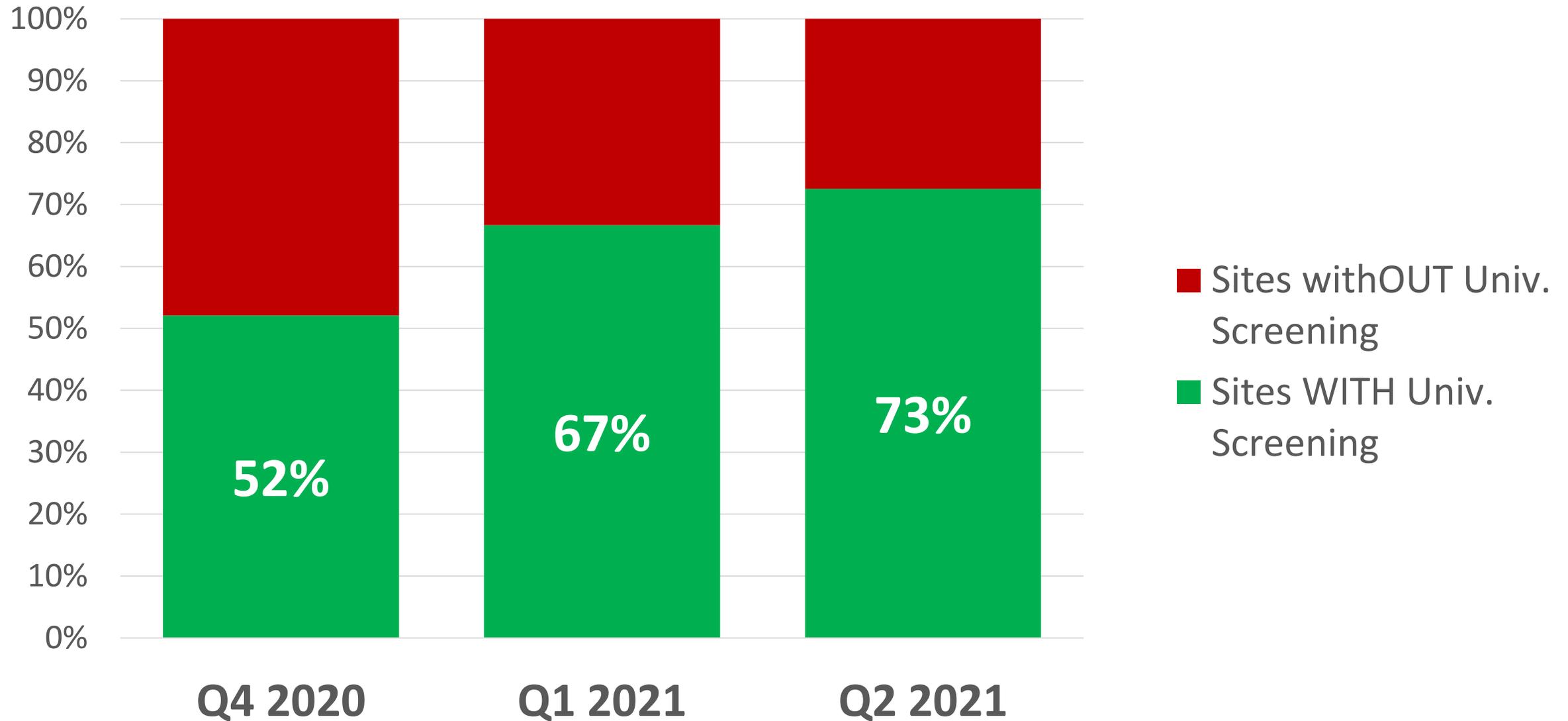
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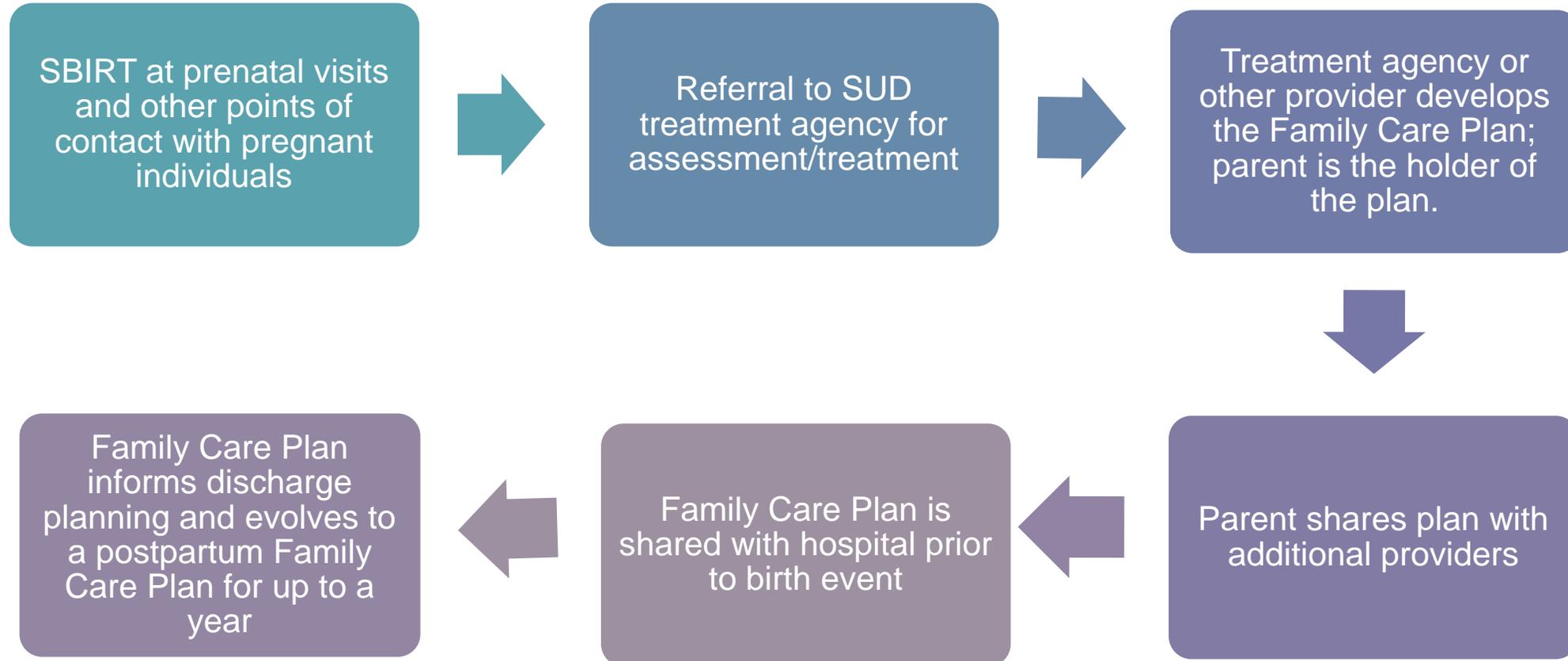
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Prenatal Care Sites with Universal Screening Policy



Proposed Solution: Family Care Plans



TEAMBIRTH IN OKLAHOMA



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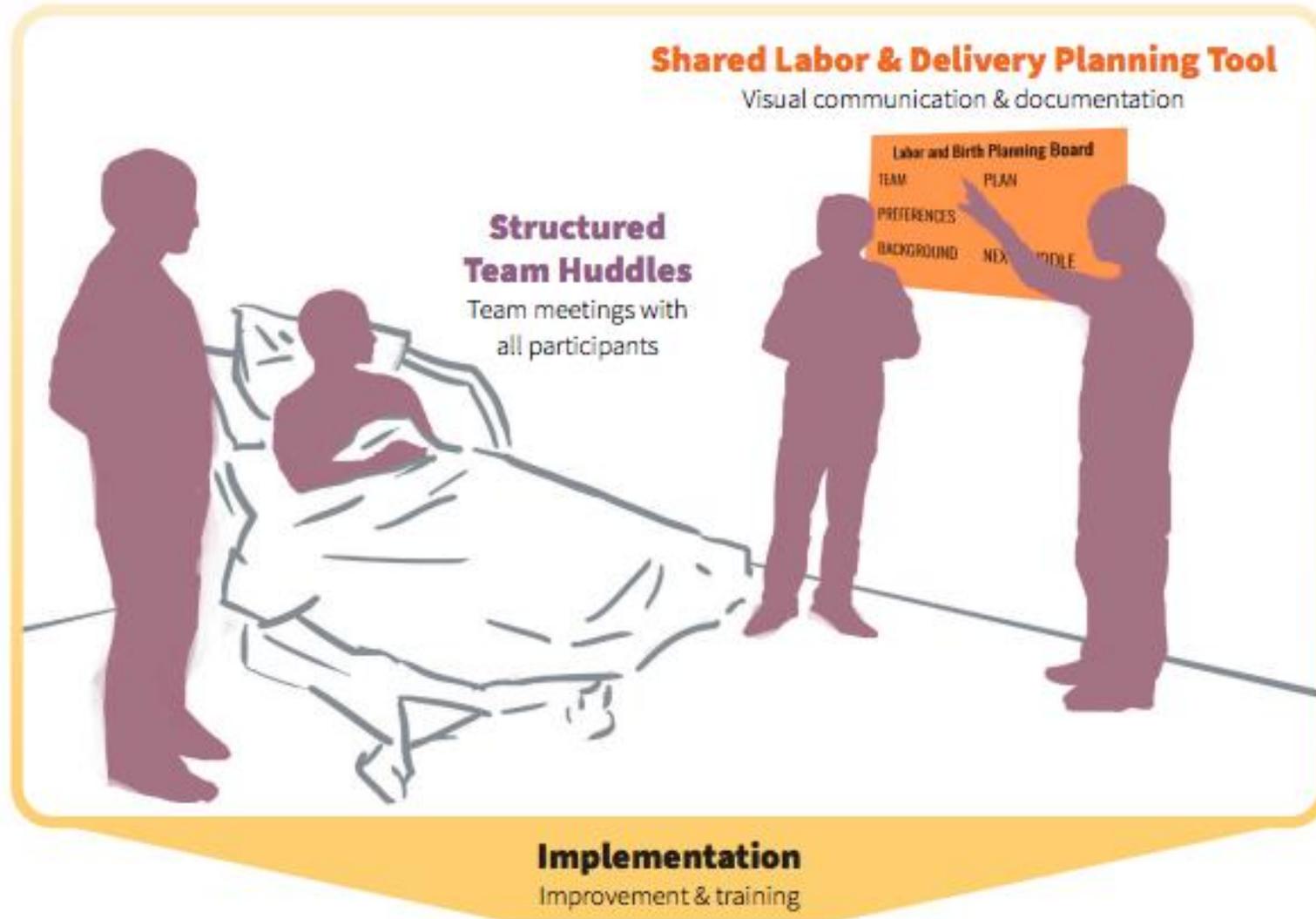
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Delivery Decisions Initiative

Our vision is a world in which every person can choose to grow their family with dignity.

TeamBirth Components





Labor and Delivery Planning Board

TEAM

DATE:

ROOM:

LAST HUDDLE:



EARLY LABOR

ACTIVE LABOR

PUSHING

PLAN

Mom:

Baby:

Labor Progress:

PREFERENCES

Voices from Oklahoma

"Including me and my family in communication during labor would have eliminated so many questions that I still have about what the team did or didn't do to help me."

"I would have had confidence to ask for more testing, and maybe the multiple doctors working on my case would have worked more collaboratively with me and together to get an effective plan in place."

-Members of Oklahoma Patient Partner Network

Timeline and Components

Prepare (Jul - Aug 2021)

- Build Implementation team
- IRB

Engage & coach (Sep - Jan 2022)

- Monthly webinars
- Coaching calls

Launch (Feb/Mar - Jun 2022)

- Monthly webinars
- Coaching calls

Sustain (Jul 2022 ->)

- Coaching calls
- Add Cohort 2 hospitals



Sarah Johnson
OPQIC Maternal Peer
Navigator

OPQIC UPDATE: EMPOWERING PREGNANT AND POSTPARTUM PATIENTS



Empowering Pregnant and Postpartum Patients

For use with Empowering Pregnant and Postpartum Patients Implementation Guide.

1 Urgent Maternal Warning Signs

Prenatal Care Visit

- Engage patients and support persons by educating on [Urgent Maternal Warning Signs](#) and how to seek care.
- Place Urgent Maternal Warning Signs posters in clinic exam rooms and waiting areas. Give patients and support persons written materials to keep as a reference. Provide explanations and review with patient and support persons.
- Urge patients to ask questions and seek help when they have concerns. Offer real-time provider and after hours contact information. Document these conversations.

2 AWHONN POST-BIRTH Warning Signs

Postpartum Hospitalization

- Educate patients and support persons on the [AWHONN POST-BIRTH Warning Signs](#) and how to seek care.
- Use the AWHONN POST-BIRTH Warning Signs handout as tool. Provide a hard copy to patients and support persons.
- Urge patients to ask questions and seek help when they have concerns. Offer real-time provider and after hours contact information. Document this conversation.

3 Helpful Post-Birth Resources

Postpartum Hospitalization

- Review [OPQIC Helpful Post-Birth Resources](#) with all patients and support persons. Encourage to use for non-emergent needs.
- Urge patients to send questions to patientsupport@opqic.org. Document this conversation.

4 Post-Birth Clinical Summary

Postpartum Hospitalization

- Educate all patient and support persons on the clinical circumstances of their birth using the [Clinical Summary](#) as a tool, particularly those with complications. Provide written summary to patient.
- Urge patient to ask questions and seek help when they have concerns. Offer real-time provider and after hours contact information. Document this conversation.

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URGENT MATERNAL WARNING SIGNS

If you have any of these symptoms during or after pregnancy, contact your health care provider and get help right away. If you can't reach your provider, go to the emergency room.

- Headache that won't go away or gets worse over time
- Dizziness or fainting
- Thoughts about hurting yourself or your baby
- Changes in your vision
- Fever

- Trouble breathing
- Chest pain or fast-beating heart
- Severe belly pain that doesn't go away
- Severe nausea and throwing up (not like morning sickness)
- Baby's movements stopping or slowing during pregnancy

- Vaginal bleeding or fluid leaking during pregnancy
- Vaginal bleeding or fluid leaking after pregnancy
- Swelling, redness, or pain of your leg
- Extreme swelling of your hands or face
- Overwhelming tiredness

<https://safehealthcareforeverywoman.org/>

<https://opqic.org/patienthandouts/>

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Dizziness or fainting



Thoughts about hurting yourself or your baby



Changes in your vision



Fever



Trouble breathing



Chest pain or fast-beating heart



Severe belly pain that doesn't go away



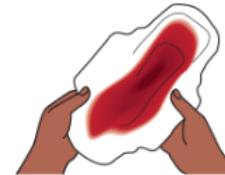
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Baby's movements stopping or slowing



Vaginal bleeding or fluid leaking *during* pregnancy



Vaginal bleeding or fluid leaking *after* pregnancy

Council on Patient Safety in Women's Health Care

<https://www.cdc.gov/hearher/index.html>

<https://opqic.org/patienthandouts/>

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AWHONN POST-BIRTH Warning Signs

Postpartum Hospitalization

- Educate patients and support persons on the [AWHONN POST-BIRTH Warning Signs](#) and how to seek care.
- Use the AWHONN POST-BIRTH Warning Signs handout as tool. Provide a hard copy to patients and support persons.
- Urge patients to ask questions and seek help when they have concerns. Offer real-time provider and after hours contact information. Document this conversation.

AWHONN Post-Birth Warning Signs Education Program

SAVE YOUR LIFE:

Get Care for These POST-BIRTH Warning Signs

Most women who give birth recover without problems. **But any woman can have complications after giving birth.** Learning to recognize these POST-BIRTH warning signs and knowing what to do can save your life.

POST-
BIRTH
WARNING
SIGNS

Call 911
if you have:

- P**ain in chest
- O**bstructed breathing or shortness of breath
- S**eizures
- T**houghts of hurting yourself or someone else

**Call your
healthcare
provider**
if you have:

(If you can't reach your
healthcare provider,
call 911 or go to an
emergency room)

- B**leeding, soaking through one pad/hour, or blood clots, the size of an egg or bigger
- I**ncision that is not healing
- R**ed or swollen leg, that is painful or warm to touch
- T**emperature of 100.4°F or higher
- H**eadache that does not get better, even after taking medicine, or bad headache with vision changes

**Trust
your instincts.**
ALWAYS get medical
care if you are not
feeling well or
have questions or
concerns.

**Tell 911
or your
healthcare
provider:**

"I gave birth on _____ and
(Date)
I am having _____."
(Specific warning signs)

These post-birth warning signs can become life-threatening if you don't receive medical care right away because:

- **Pain in chest, obstructed breathing or shortness of breath** (trouble catching your breath) may mean you have a blood clot in your lung or a heart problem
- **Seizures** may mean you have a condition called eclampsia
- **Thoughts or feelings of wanting to hurt yourself or someone else** may mean you have postpartum depression
- **Bleeding (heavy)**, soaking more than one pad in an hour or passing an egg-sized clot or bigger may mean you have an obstetric hemorrhage
- **Incision that is not healing, increased redness or any pus** from episiotomy or C-section site may mean you have an infection
- **Redness, swelling, warmth, or pain** in the calf area of your leg may mean you have a blood clot
- **Temperature of 100.4°F or higher, bad smelling vaginal blood or discharge** may mean you have an infection
- **Headache (very painful), vision changes, or pain in the upper right area of your belly** may mean you have high blood pressure or post birth preeclampsia

<https://awhonn.org/education/hospital-products/post-birth-warning-signs-education-program/>

<https://opqic.org/patienthandouts/>

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Helpful Post-Birth Resources

Postpartum Hospitalization

- Review [OPQIC Helpful Post-Birth Resources](#) with all patients and support persons. Encourage to use for non-emergent needs.
- Urge patients to send questions to patientsupport@opqic.org. Document this conversation.

<https://opqic.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/Post-Birth-Support-Resources-OPQIC-V2-FINAL.pdf>

Helpful Post-Birth Resources



Breastfeeding Support

Oklahoma Breastfeeding Hotline

1-877-271-MILK (6455) or Text OK2BF to 61222

Coalition of Oklahoma Breastfeeding Advocates

<https://www.okbreastfeeding.org/breastfeeding-help.html>



New Mom Health & Family Support

The 4th Trimester Project

A village for mothers

www.newmomhealth.com

www.saludmadre.com



Mental Health Support

www.postpartum.net

1-800-944-4773 English & Español

Text in English: 800-944-4773

Text en Español: 971-203-7773



Post-Birth Resources

For more information and links to resources.

<https://opqic.org/forpatients>



Don't hesitate!

Contact your provider with questions

Call 911 for an emergency

For further assistance contact: PatientSupport@opqic.org

PATIENT RESOURCES

Please select from the topics below to view the resources.

Oklahoma Patient Resources	Advocacy/ Awareness Campaigns	Birth Trauma Support
Grief & Loss Support	Medical Condition Specific Support	Postpartum Mental Health Support
Social Media Support Groups	Reading Suggestions	

OPQIC Patient Handout

- [Post-Birth Support Resources - English](#)
- [Post Birth Support Resources - Spanish](#)
- [Post-Birth Clinical Summary \(for provider use\)](#)

Oklahoma Based Support Resources

- [Oklahoma Breast Feeding Hotline](#)
- [Oklahoma Family Network](#)
 - [NEST](#)
- [OSDH Resource Directory](#)
- [Oklahoma Mother's Milk Bank](#)
- [Postpartum Support International \(PSI\) trained mental health providers](#)

<https://opqic.org/forpatients/patient-resources/>



RECENT POSTS

[Pediatrics: Beyond Statistics: Uncovering the Roots of Racial Disparities in Breastfeeding](#)

[Pediatrics: Intrapartum Group B Streptococcal Prophylaxis and Childhood Allergic Disorders](#)

[Newborn Screening Tip of the Month April: New Disorders](#)

[Save the Date for OPQIC's 8th Annual Summit, September 24, 2021](#)

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Post-Birth Clinical Summary

Postpartum Hospitalization

- Educate all patient and support persons on the clinical circumstances of their birth using the Clinical Summary as a tool, particularly those with complications. Provide written summary to patient.
- Urge patient to ask questions and seek help when they have concerns. Offer real-time provider and after hours contact information. Document this conversation.

Clinical Summary			
Patient Name			
Date of Delivery			
Hospital		Phone	
Type of Birth	<input type="checkbox"/> Vaginal <input type="checkbox"/> Cesarean Comments:		Blood Type Postpartum Hemoglobin
Complications <input type="checkbox"/> Obstetric Hemorrhage <input type="checkbox"/> Severe Hypertension/Preeclampsia <input type="checkbox"/> Venous Thromboembolism <input type="checkbox"/> Other:			
Patient Information			
Mom	Pregnancy Outcome <input type="checkbox"/> Live Birth <input type="checkbox"/> Stillbirth <input type="checkbox"/> NICU		
Baby	GA (in weeks)	Birthweight	Length
Clinical Summary			
Surgery	Date		
	Type		
	Organs removed		
Blood Transfusion	Type of Blood Products	<input type="checkbox"/> Red Blood Cells <input type="checkbox"/> Platelets <input type="checkbox"/> Plasma	
	Number of units	___ Red Blood Cells ___ Platelets ___ Plasma	
Imaging Tests	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Date	
		Type	
		Result	
Interventional Radiology	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Date	
		Type	
		Result	
Medical Treatments			
Follow-up			
Clinician Name		Phone	
Appointment Date		Phone	
For further information, please contact the Hospital Medical Record Office to request your complete medical record.			
Medical Records		Phone	
Notes			

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1. Urgent Maternal Warning Signs: Use this tool at Prenatal Care Visits. Responsible Persons - OB Physician, Clinic Nurse, Clinic Staff

- Engage patients and support persons by educating on [Urgent Maternal Warning Signs](#) and how to seek care.
 - ✓ Strongly reinforce your desire for the patient to seek care if they have questions/concerns – invited vs. included. Give permission for them to seek care.
 - ✓ Explain to the patient why you would rather them seek care than blow something off. “I want you to ask questions.” “Do you have questions?” “If you ever have questions, please contact me in this way....”
 - ✓ When should the patient go to hospital? Give examples and let them know what hospital your clinic prefers them to go to.
- Place Urgent Maternal Warning Signs posters in clinic exam rooms and waiting areas. Give patients and support persons written materials to keep as a reference. Provide explanations and review with patient and support persons.
 - ✓ Reinforce the Urgent Maternal Warning signs with clinic posters in waiting areas, restrooms, clinic exam rooms, etc.
 - ✓ Ensure all patients are provided a hard copy of the Urgent Maternal Warning Signs. Use the Palm Cards, Educational Flyers, or Info Graphic Handout.
 - ✓ Train staff using [CDC Hear Her Healthcare Provider Practice Tools](#).
- Urge patients to ask questions and seek help when they have concerns. Offer real-time provider and after hours contact information. Document these conversations.
 - ✓ Ensure there is a number or other method to contact a person and speak to them in real time for emergent/urgent needs. Give it to the patient in writing.
 - ✓ What should patients do afterhours if they have questions or concerns?
 - ✓ Provide instructions for specific scenarios, i.e. 1st trimester spotting. What is specific to your clinic and your hospital?
 - ✓ Remember that Women may avoid seeking care if their only option is to go to hospital ED.
 - ✓ Reduce the patients hassle factor by giving options for seeking care when they have concerns.

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Links to Urgent Maternal Warning Signs - Patient Resources

- [Urgent Maternal Warning Signs Patient Education Flyer - English](#)
- [Urgent Maternal Warning Signs Patient Education Flyer - Spanish](#)
- [Urgent Maternal Warning Signs Patient Palm Card - English](#)
- [Urgent Maternal Warning Signs Patient Palm Card - Spanish](#)
- [Urgent Maternal Warning Signs Support Person Education Flyer - English](#)
- [Urgent Maternal Warning Signs Support Person Education Flyer - Spanish](#)
- [Urgent Maternal Warning Signs - Info Graphic - English](#)
- [Urgent Maternal Warning Signs - Info Graphic - Spanish](#)
- [Urgent Maternal Warning Signs - Clinic Poster - English](#)
- [Urgent Maternal Warning Signs - Clinic Poster - Spanish](#)



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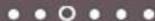
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to the Oklahoma Perinatal Quality Improvement Collaborative



Check out our **Featured Resource!**



INITIATIVES

See initiatives facilitated by the Oklahoma Perinatal Quality Improvement Collaborative.

HEALTH EQUITY RESOURCES



COURSES

View a list of courses offered by the Office of Perinatal Quality Improvement.

COVID-19 RESOURCES & INFO



RESOURCES

Find resources for perinatal health care providers.

<https://opqic.org/>

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