[CMQCC Birth Equity Pilot](https://www.cmqcc.org/qi-initiatives/birth-equity)

* To improve birth care, experiences and outcomes for, by and with Black mothers and birthing people during hospital births in California
  + 2 yr pilot -> Birth Equity Quality Improving Toolkit
    - a patient-reported experience metric (PREM) of respect and dignity
    - online interactive and interprofessional educational modules
    - best practices for sustainable community-hospital partnerships in order to align community and hospital expectations around the birth experience
* Cultural humility as a core value
  + Lifelong learning and critical self-reflection
  + Dismantling power structures & building respectful interactions & relationships btwn patients and clinicians
  + Developing mutually beneficial non-hierarchical clinical & advocacy partnerships w/patients and hospitals as well as communities and hospitals
* Since CMQCC’s inception in 2006 California’s maternal mortality rate declined 55% while nat’l maternal mortality rate continues to rise
* Racism across multiple levels, not race as a key cause of these birth disparities
* Black women-led Community based organizations and CMQCC can collaborate in two ways:
  + Development and testing of QI tools and approaches in hospitals in four key areas: evaluation and assessments, education and training, social media and communications, and community-informed consensus building
  + Development of effective and sustainable community-hospital partnerships through local advisory groups for each of the pilot hospitals.

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