The use of opioids in pregnancy has drastically increased in recent years. This affects two vulnerable populations: pregnant women and their babies.

Since 2008, pregnancy-associated deaths from opioid overdoses have increased 1000%.

Drug overdose is currently the leading cause of death in pregnant and postpartum women in Illinois.

In Illinois there was a 64% increase in the rate of NOWS between 2011 and 2017.

Infants with NOWS born in Illinois have longer hospital stays and higher hospital charges than infants without NOWS.

In 2017:
- The median length of hospital stay after birth was 11 days longer.
- Charges for the birth hospitalization were about $40,000 more.
- Total charges for hospital care were nearly $25 million higher than what would have been expected if they had been born without NOWS.

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In Illinois, 88 birthing hospitals are participating in the ILPQC Mothers and Newborns affected by Opioids (MNO) Neonatal Initiative, working to implement system-wide protocols and culture changes to improve outcomes for opioid-exposed newborns (OENs).

**MNO NEONATAL AIMS**

- **Decrease proportion of OENs REQUIRING PHARMACOLOGIC TREATMENT TO BELOW 20%**
- **Increase proportion of eligible OENs RECEIVING MATERNAL BREASTMILK TO ABOVE 70%**
- **Increase proportion of OENs DISCHARGED WITH A SAFE DISCHARGE PLAN TO ABOVE 95%**

**SEEING PROGRESS**

- **Percent of OENs with NOWS Symptoms Requiring Pharmacologic Treatment**
  - Baseline 2017: 51%
  - Q1 2019: 43%

- **Median Length of Stay for OENs with NOWS Symptoms**
  - Baseline 2017: 10.0 DAYS
  - Q1 2019: 8.8 DAYS

Illinois Perinatal Quality Collaborative (ILPQC) is a multi-disciplinary, multi-stakeholder collaborative with 119 participating Illinois hospitals. ILPQC supports hospitals’ implementation of evidence-based practices using:

- QUALITY IMPROVEMENT SCIENCE
- COLLABORATIVE LEARNING
- RAPID RESPONSE DATA

ILPQC meets monthly with **KEY STAKEHOLDERS:**

- 31 physicians and nurses representing 19 hospitals on Neonatal Advisory Workgroup
- 3 patient/family advisors
- Illinois Department of Public Health and the Regionalized Perinatal System
- Illinois Department of Human Services
- Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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