

## **Training Available: Maternal Health Emergency Department Toolkit**

We recommend all emergency departments offer the Maternal Health Emergency Department Toolkit to fulfill the Emergency Department clinical staff training component of the ILPQC Perinatal Mental Health Initiative.

**About:** Free evidence-based<sup>1</sup> self-paced online learning modules of didactic information, case-based learning, and statewide resources for the screening, treating and care of pregnant and postpartum patients in the emergency department.

**Audience:** Emergency department physicians, nurses and advanced practice providers in Illinois

**Training Content:** Five learning modules derived from the Illinois Maternal Mortality Review Committees' findings and developed by a statewide workgroup specifically for emergency department clinicians.<sup>2</sup>

- Recommendations from the Illinois Maternal Mortality Review Committees
- Case studies of triage and management of obstetric emergencies
- Screening, treatment and resources for mental and behavioral health
- Addressing trauma and performing resuscitation during pregnancy
- Resources and guidance for discharge of perinatal patients

### **Why complete this training?**

- Access and learn about statewide and local resources
- Increase your knowledge of care for pregnant and postpartum patients
- Receive 4 free CME credits (available for all clinical providers)
- Fulfill training requirements set forth by IDPH, ILPQC and CMS
  - Illinois
    - Title 77: Public Health, Chapter I: Illinois Department of Public Health, Subchapter b: Hospitals and Ambulatory Care Facilities, Part 250 Hospital Licensing Requirements, Subpart O
    - Public Act 101-0309 requires annual training for emergency departments at birthing facilities on hemorrhage, hypertension, airway emergencies and other leading causes of maternal mortality
    - ILPQC Perinatal Mental Health (PMH) Initiative requires training on mental health conditions and substance use disorders for emergency department physicians and nurses
  - National
    - CMS-1809 requires maternal health training for all emergency departments. Read more about CMS-1809 on [GovInfo.gov](https://www.govinfo.gov) and [CMS.gov](https://www.cms.gov).

Maternal Health Emergency Department Toolkit Webpage:

<https://chicago.medicine.uic.edu/chicago-research/centers/crwg/maternal-health-emergency-department-toolkit/>

**We are actively offering the training to all emergency departments in Illinois.** Email us to get started: [crwg@uic.edu](mailto:crwg@uic.edu)

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## References

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