

## Resources for OB Hemorrhage and Preeclampsia from Professional Societies and Perinatal Collaboratives

### American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG)

[www.acog.org/](http://www.acog.org/)

ACOG has multiple useful documents on hemorrhage and preeclampsia within its member's site. A major comprehensive report on preeclampsia was recently published and is available for public downloading at:

[http://www.acog.org/Resources\\_And\\_Publications/Task\\_Force\\_and\\_Work\\_Group\\_Reports/Hypertension in Pregnancy](http://www.acog.org/Resources_And_Publications/Task_Force_and_Work_Group_Reports/Hypertension_in_Pregnancy) This report details the new definitions and recommendations for treatment.

The Council for Patient Safety In Women's Health Care is a multi-organization group comprised of all professional organizations working in maternity and gynecology. Under their support is the National Partnership for Maternal Safety that is organizing a national approach to maternal safety with safety bundles for hemorrhage, preeclampsia and VTE prevention (the three leading causes of maternal mortality and severe morbidity). A new website with a variety of materials will be open in February. The first document is a case review form for severe morbidity that will meet the Joint Commission specifications for reviewing complicated cases of hemorrhage and preeclampsia:

[www.safehealthcareforeverywoman.org](http://www.safehealthcareforeverywoman.org)

### ACOG District II (New York)

This ACOG District has a long history of working to reduce maternal mortality and is setting up a state-wide collaborative to implement 3 safety bundles for hemorrhage, preeclampsia and VTE prevention. They should finish their toolkits (with slide sets) in early February 2014 and then post them on their website for public use:

[http://m.acog.org/About\\_ACOG/ACOG\\_Districts/District\\_II/NYS\\_Safe\\_Motherhood\\_Initiative](http://m.acog.org/About_ACOG/ACOG_Districts/District_II/NYS_Safe_Motherhood_Initiative)

### Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN)

<http://www.awhonn.org>

AWHONN is the largest obstetric nursing organization and is very active in this area. They have a number of OB hemorrhage resources at: <https://www.pphproject.org> and anticipate adding many more in the next months. AWHONN is running a hemorrhage collaborative with hospitals in DC, Georgia and New Jersey and would like to get connected with the HENs in those states so that our efforts can be as synergistic as possible. Please reach out to us at: [customerservice@awhonn.org](mailto:customerservice@awhonn.org)

AWHONN's resources are all open access. There are also many resources to promote spontaneous labor and reduce prolonged use of oxytocin which is associated with higher rates of hemorrhage. All of these free materials are available at <https://www.gotheful40.com>

### California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative (CMQCC)

<http://www.CMQCC.org>

CMQCC, together with their neonatal sister organization, CPQCC, are the oldest and most mature of the state perinatal collaboratives. CMQCC is a multi-organization multi-disciplinary collaborative that focuses on reducing maternal morbidity and mortality. Anchored by the largest state maternal Mortality Review committee, CMQCC has authored multiple perinatal quality improvement toolkits. Preventing Early Elective Delivery (with the March of Dimes) has been used nationally.

The toolkit: "Improving Health Care Response to Obstetric Hemorrhage" first released in 2011, has also been widely used and adapted by other states: [https://www.cmqcc.org/ob\\_hemorrhage](https://www.cmqcc.org/ob_hemorrhage) It includes examples of protocols, checklists, educational slide set, hemorrhage cart contents and short summary documents on multiple aspects of obstetric hemorrhage. A second edition will be forthcoming this spring.

Just released in January 2014 is the latest CMQCC toolkit focused on Preeclampsia: "Improving Health Care Response to Preeclampsia":

[https://www.cmqcc.org/preeclampsia\\_toolkit](https://www.cmqcc.org/preeclampsia_toolkit)

It focuses on recognition, proper diagnosis, timely treatment of severe hypertension and many other resources for safely caring for women with preeclampsia. It includes patient education materials and has special focuses on the Emergency Department. Several key algorithms and slide sets are included.

All toolkits are available for free downloading.

### **Florida Perinatal Quality Collaborative (FPQC)**

<http://health.usf.edu/publichealth/chiles/fpqc/>

A maternal-infant multi-stakeholder collaborative with a mission to advance perinatal health care quality and patient safety.

<http://health.usf.edu/publichealth/chiles/fpqc/OHI.htm>

This is the site for the Florida Obstetric Hemorrhage Initiative. Their toolbox with multiple materials is up and provides open downloading. Obstetric Hemorrhage will be a major focus of their Florida Perinatal Quality Collaborative Third Annual Conference, April 3-4, 2014, Tampa, FL

### **Perinatal Quality Collaborative of North Carolina (PQCNC)**

<http://www.pqcnc.org>

Perinatal Quality Collaborative of North Carolina is a community of organizations, agencies, and individuals committed to making North Carolina the best place to give birth and be born.

The PQCNC Preeclampsia project is entitled: Conservative Management of Preeclampsia and is focused on education about the new diagnostic criteria for preeclampsia and preventing unnecessary early delivery.

<http://www.pqcnc.org/node/13431>

### **The Preeclampsia Foundation**

<http://www.preeclampsia.org>

The Preeclampsia Foundation is an empowered community of patients and experts, with a diverse array of resources and support to help women have the best possible pregnancy or to help you navigate the questions you'll have if you don't. We provide unparalleled support and advocacy for the people whose lives have been or will be affected by the condition – mothers, babies, fathers and their families.

This is an excellent site to direct patients and for professionals to view this condition from the eyes of women who have experienced complications. There are excellent patient education materials and support group referrals.