

The Minnesota Perinatal Quality Collaborative

Purpose

The purpose of the Minnesota Perinatal Quality Collaborative (MNPQC) is to improve maternal and infant health outcomes, with a particular focus on decreasing racial and ethnic health disparities.

Vision

The MNPQC aims to provide the best and safest care for women and infants in Minnesota by advancing and sustaining data-driven best practices to improve quality and reduce health disparities.

Goals

- ❖ Be a national leader in reducing perinatal health disparities.
- ❖ Implement cost-effective and health-improvement perinatal projects, which value maternal and child health, long-term population health goals, health equity, and include state programs, health care providers, institutions and systems, patients/families, societal costs, and other stakeholders.
- ❖ IHI continuous quality improvement methods are foundational to the work.
- ❖ Dissemination and spread of best practices, while educating and empowering patients and families.

Strategies and Activities

The MNPQC Leadership Committee, led by the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) and the Minnesota Perinatal Organization (MPO), is a multidisciplinary, multi-partner organization that uses quality improvement principals to improve maternal and infant health outcomes in Minnesota. The work of the MNPQC is:

- ❖ To review data and trends in perinatal health in Minnesota, along with current research on best practice, to inform selection of quality improvement topics they will implement.
- ❖ To promote and support the development and implementation of perinatal clinical and public health quality improvement projects aimed at reducing disparities in perinatal health and improving outcomes in Minnesota.
- ❖ To provide oversight and guidance to quality improvement projects being implemented.
- ❖ To identify policies, health trends and concerns suitable for addressing by implementing quality improvement projects, and prioritize projects according to the Vision and Goals statements.
- ❖ To provide a forum for discussing state-specific perinatal issues amenable to quality improvement efforts, and seek funding opportunities that would allow for implementation.
- ❖ To look for opportunities to address issues that spans many providers and institutions such that no single entity could address them but rather require a multi-disciplinary, collaborative, and coordinated effort across organizations.
- ❖ Provide a forum for identifying systems and policy issues associated with perinatal health.

Outcomes

MNPQC will conduct QI projects and disseminate data throughout the state. In partnership with other lead organizations, will focus on these outcomes:

- ❖ Improvements in service delivery statewide
- ❖ Improvements in perinatal health indicators
- ❖ Reduction in race and ethnic disparities in perinatal health measures

Founding member organizations:

- Minnesota Department of Health
- Minnesota Perinatal Organization
- March of Dimes
- Minnesota Hospital Association
- Minnesota Council of Health Plans
- Minnesota Department of Human Services
- Minnesota Section of the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
- American Academy of Pediatrics, Minnesota Chapter
- Minnesota Affiliate of the American College of Nurse-Midwives

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