Identify key administrators who can grant permission to implement the Coping With Labor Algorithm as the Labor and Delivery "pain" assessment tool. (Medical director, nurse manager, nursing administration)

Form a team and identify stakeholders (Don’t forget IT and the EMR folks)

Key decision points:
• policy revision
• practice change
• culture change
• charting

Identify education strategies (Consider trainings at staff meeting, poster boards, required readings, online trainings etc)

Identify project timeline

Audit Process Improvement. Assess pre and post (Consider staff and/or patient satisfaction)

Try out the improvement process with a small pilot group

Study the results.

Make modifications as needed.

Roll out modifications to larger pilot group - and continue this cycle until no further modifications are needed.

Monitor for continued improvement.

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