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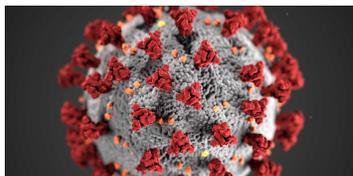
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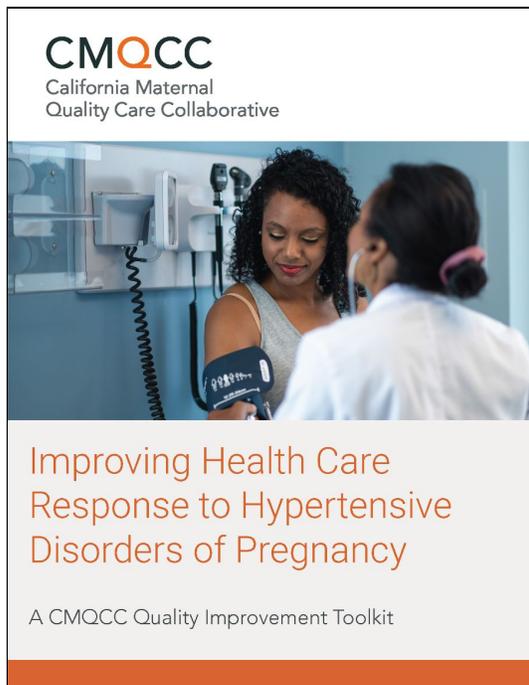
COVID-19 Vaccination During Pregnancy Resources Available

We are committed to supporting our hospitals during the COVID-19 pandemic. New resources are now available on CMQCC and CPQCC's joint COVID-19 Resource page, including a webinar recording and handout focused on provider-patient conversations about the COVID-19 vaccination during pregnancy.

- A Pandemic of the Unvaccinated: A Discussion Forum on COVID-19 Vaccine [webinar recording](#) and [slideset](#), a joint webinar with ACOG
- COVID-19 Vaccine in Pregnancy Reference Guide ([English](#) / [Spanish](#)), shared by Christina Han, MD
- Vaccination During Pregnancy Patient Education Handout ([English](#) / [Spanish](#))
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Upcoming Webinar

"Improving Health Care Response to Hypertensive Disorders of Pregnancy" Toolkit Release



We are pleased to announce the release of the "Improving Health Care Response to Hypertensive Disorders of Pregnancy" Toolkit.

This is an update to the California Department of Public Health and CMQCC's Preeclampsia toolkit and contains expanded content to cover all hypertensive disorders of pregnancy, one of the leading causes of pregnancy-related mortality and leading contributors to preterm birth.

Join us for an informational webinar highlighting key elements of the revised toolkit, including:

- Updated terminology and diagnostic criteria for hypertensive disorders of pregnancy
- Management guidelines that reflect recent changes in the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists practice bulletins and meet The Joint Commission's Maternal Safety Standards
- Best practices including accurate blood pressure measurement, a Preeclampsia Early Recognition Tool (PERT) and nursing assessment protocols

**Friday, November 19, 2021
12:00-1:00 pm PT**

[Register Here](#)

Please print the [attached flyer](#) for in-hospital posting.

Can't make it live? A recording of the webinar will be available on [CMQCC's Youtube channel](#).

New Release: Four More Labor Support Lessons Available on CMQCC's Online Education Platform



Thanks to generous funding from the Yellow Chair Foundation, we have developed four additional lessons on CMQCC's online education platform HUDLS: **H**ands-On **U**nderstanding and **D**emonstration of **L**abor **S**upport. Each lesson is worth .2 Contact Hours accepted by the California Board of Registered Nurses, bringing the total amount of complimentary Contact Hours for CMQCC members to 5.0!

The new lessons include:

- Workforce Considerations for Racial Inequities
- Midwifery Integration and Team-Based Care
- Benefits of Doulas and Optimizing Patient Care
- Data Review of NTSV Cesarean Deliveries for Quality Improvement

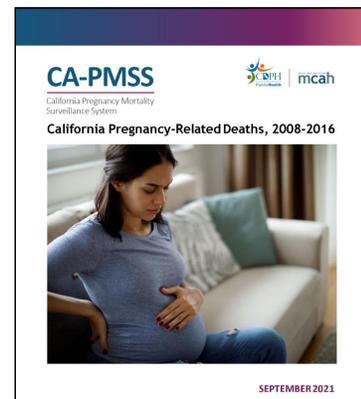
HUDLS online didactic lessons cover current evidence-based labor support skills and are designed to take in 15 minutes or less. For hospital trainers, we also have a lesson plan, teaching script, and instructional video demonstrating how to present the lesson concepts in a hands-on bedside huddle to reinforce learnings.

[Watch our instructional video](#) to learn more about the new HUDLS platform by logging on today in your [CMQCC Account](#)!

For questions about HUDLS, please contact the [CMQCC team](#).

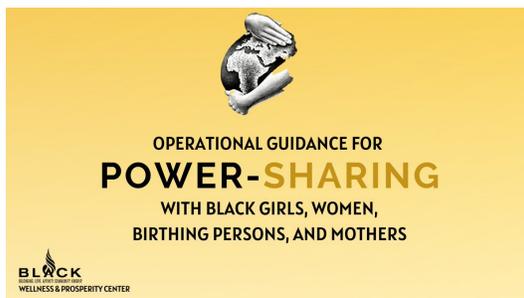
CDPH Releases 2008-2016 Pregnancy-Related Death Report

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) has released a comprehensive statewide surveillance report of pregnancy-related deaths that occurred between 2008-2016. In partnership with CDPH, Public Health International and CMQCC, the Pregnancy-Associated Mortality Surveillance System Committee continues to review maternal deaths up to the present and anticipates releasing data through 2019 in 2022.



Statewide maternal mortality reviews are instrumental in identifying hospital and public health quality improvement priorities.

[Download the Report](#)



Birth Equity Resource: Black Operational Guidance for Power Sharing

The Black Wellness & Prosperity Center recently released a new birth equity resource: *Operational Guidance for Power-Sharing with Black Girls, Women, Birthing Persons, and Mothers*. The guide was developed through deep listening sessions with Black girls, women, birthing persons, and mothers over the past year. The tool is intended to be used by traditional decision-makers to improve the development, design, and implementation of policies, programs, and services for this population.

Stakeholders who care for and serve Black people are encouraged to adopt this tool as part of their efforts to improve Black maternal child health experiences and outcomes.

Volunteer Spotlight

None of the work we do would be possible without the donated time and expertise of our dedicated volunteers throughout the state. We are fortunate to work alongside caring and engaged professionals who share our commitment to high-quality maternity care.

In recognition of our CMQCC family, we've launched a quarterly profile of volunteers who provide leadership and expertise to improve maternal and newborn outcomes. This month, we celebrate Jamie and Angelyn.

Thank you!

Jamie Vincent, MSN, APRN-CNS, RNC-OB, C-EFM, C-ONQS

Perinatal Professional Development Specialist, John Muir Health

Why did you choose to volunteer with CMQCC?

"CMQCC's high-quality programs, resources and toolkits have been essential to my work as a Perinatal CNS and as part of my perinatal leadership team as we continue to work to improve the care we provide our patients and their families. My engagement as a volunteer with CMQCC seemed like the right and natural thing to do to further engage with the perinatal community beyond the health system in which I work, collaborating with experts, sharing best practices and improving quality along the way."





Angelyn Thomas, MD

Co-Chair Birth Equity Committee, Alta
Bates Summit Medical Center, Sutter East
Bay Medical Group

Why did you choose to volunteer with
CMQCC?

"I chose to volunteer with CMQCC because I was asked to Co-Chair one of the pilot hospitals for the CMQCC Birth Equity Collaborative. As a woman of color and a generalist obstetrician/gynecologist, the work spoke to me both personally and professionally. CMQCC as an organization is uniquely positioned to significantly improve the care of Black Birthing Women in the state of California. The positive impact of the safety bundles and provider resources have a national reach. I am honored to be able to contribute to this important work."

Maternity Care Honor Roll Released by Cal Hospital Compare



Congratulations to the 124 California hospitals that met or surpassed the 2020 statewide target NTSV Cesarean Birth rate of 23.9% for low-risk, first-time mothers and birthing people. The hospitals were recognized by the California Health and Human Services Agency (CHHS) and Cal Hospital Compare in an honor roll release based on their NTSV Cesarean Birth rates in Calendar Year 2020.

[View the 2021 California Maternity Honor Roll](#)

We would like to additionally recognize the following 47 hospitals that have made the Honor Roll for the past five years consecutively. *Congratulations!*

[View the 5-year Consecutive Honor Roll Recipients](#)

CMQCC is committed to helping hospitals improve labor management and lower their low-risk, first-time birth cesarean rates. [Information](#) and [resources](#) on our Supporting Vaginal Birth Quality Improvement Initiative are available on our website.

New CMQCC Staff

We are excited to welcome Anita, Tamar, Deirdre and Stephanie to the CMQCC team!



Anita McClintick | Program Assistant

Anita brings to CMQCC 20+ years of experience working as an office manager at San Jose State University School of Music and Dance. Anita has always had an interest in maternal and infant health, and is excited to support new mothers and their newborns at the very beginning of life!



Tamar Boyadijan, MPH | Program Manager, Maternal Data Center

Tamar's prior experience includes working as a graduate research assistant with the Tufts School of Medicine, focusing primarily on qualitative research on substance use. She is passionate about driving positive change at the community level and supporting marginalized groups through healthcare-focused quality improvement.



Deirdre Lyell, MD | Associate Medical Director

Deirdre Lyell, MD, is a clinically active maternal-fetal medicine specialist at Stanford University, on faculty since 2003. She serves as the Associate Director of the Division of MFM, Medical Director of Labor and Delivery, Program Director of the Maternal-Fetal Medicine fellowship, and Medical Director of the Program in Placental Disorders, Stanford's placenta

accreta program. Nationally, she serves as a subspecialty board examiner for the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecologists, on the board of the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine (SMFM) Foundation to support research, is a founding board member of The Pan American Society for Placenta Accreta Spectrum, and previously served on the SMFM Fellowship Affairs Committee.



Stephanie Leonard, PhD | Research Faculty

Stephanie is an Instructor in the Division of Maternal-Fetal Medicine and Obstetrics in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Stanford University School of Medicine. Dr. Leonard's primary research interest is in applying novel epidemiologic methods to perinatal health and health systems research, with a focus on health equity among birthing people. Since coming to Stanford in 2017, her work has focused on severe maternal morbidity, contributing to major developments in the understanding of severe maternal morbidity and its disparities at the population level and methods to improve research in this area.



Registration Now Open for Fall MCCPOP Online Classes, Contact Hours Available

The Mid-Coastal California Perinatal Outreach Program, a CMQCC affiliate, has released its Fall regional obstetric classes. [Learn more](#) and register below:

Advanced Fetal Monitoring

- [Thursday, November 18, 2021](#)
from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm
- [Wednesday, December 15, 2021](#) from 12:30 - 4:30 pm

High-Risk Obstetrics

- [Thursday, December 2, 2021](#)
from 2:00 - 4:00 pm
- [Thursday, January 27, 2022](#)
from 9:00 - 11:00am

Recent CMQCC Publications

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