

# Severe Maternal Morbidity: Identifying Quality Improvement Opportunities

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#### Housekeeping

- Everyone is muted upon joining
- This webinar is being recorded and will be shared in the MDC Support Section
- Please utilize the Q&A function
- We are offering CEUs for those joining us in real time please look out for the evaluation survey that will be sent tomorrow



#### What is Severe Maternal Morbidity (SMM)?

- Severe maternal morbidity (SMM) reflects unanticipated outcomes of the labor and delivery process that result in significant short- or long-term consequences to a woman's health
- Often an SMM requires transfer to intensive care or a higher level of care
- Reviewing SMM cases can help to determine whether the complication could have been prevented and whether processes need to be amended to avoid future SMMs

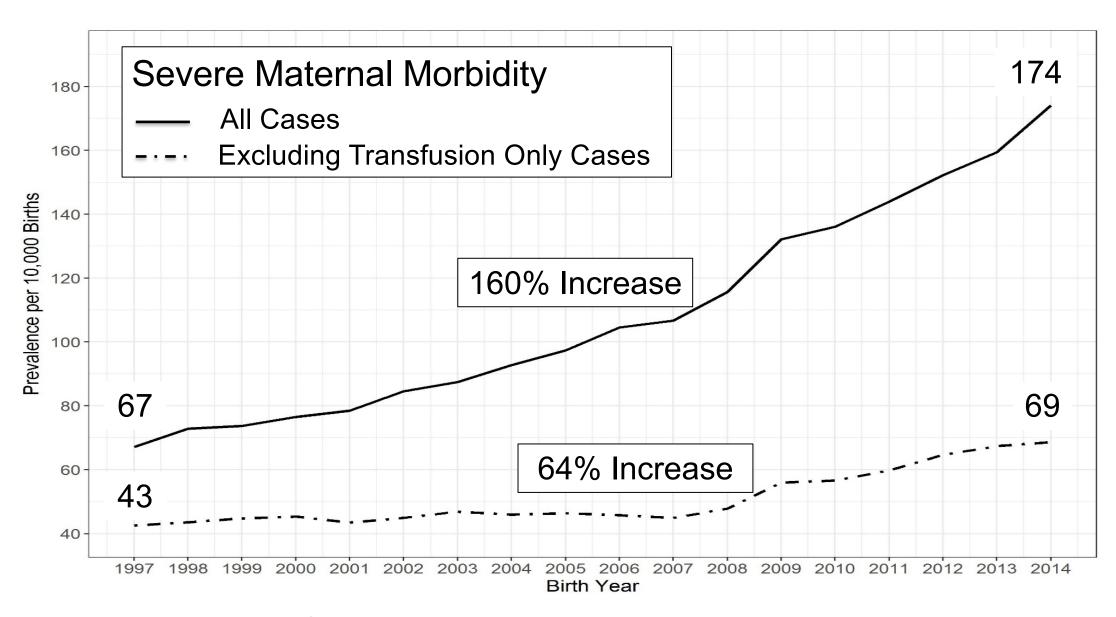


#### SMM: Brief Background on the CDC Measure

- SMM (per CDC) is comprised of 21 Indicator Groups of major complications (diagnosis and procedure codes).
- The rate of SMM is typically 1.5-2.0%.
- Transfusions alone now comprise more than half of all cases so that SMM is now divided into *Total SMM* and *SMM Excluding Transfusions*.

#### SMM: California births, 1997-2014 (9.2 million)







#### Rates of Severe Morbidity Indicators (US) per 10,000 Deliveries

SMM Indicator Group	1993	2014	% Change
Blood transfusions	24.5	122.3	399.2
Hysterectomy	6.9	10.7	55.1
Ventilation/Temporary tracheostomy	4.1	7.9	92.7
Disseminated intravascular coagulation	6	7.2	20
Adult respiratory distress syndrome	2	6.1	205
Acute renal failure	1.3	5.2	300
Sepsis	2.4	4.2	75
Shock	1.1	3	172.7
Cardiac arrest, fibrillation/Conversion of cardiac rhythm	0.4	1.1	175
Air and thrombotic embolism	0.8	0.9	12.5
Acute myocardial infarction/Aneurysm	0.1	0.2	300

Note: Chart highlights top 11 indicators with an increase from 1993 to 2014.

Source: <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/reproductivehealth/maternalinfanthealth/severematernalmorbidity.html#anchor">https://www.cdc.gov/reproductivehealth/maternalinfanthealth/severematernalmorbidity.html#anchor</a> trends



### Broad National Interest in SMM (CDC)

- Used extensively in research and QI projects
- Title V: National Performance Measure
- State rates are to be released annually by AHRQ
- CMS is proposing its use as a hospital-level and plan-level Medicaid performance measure
- The Joint Commission is developing an electronic version as PC-07 (hospital-level)



#### Updates: SMM National Working Group—1

#### CDC, AHRQ, HRSA, AIM/CMQCC

- AHRQ has a contract to calculate SMM for every state
- Stratifications: Race/Ethnicity, Age, Payer, Income
- Focus on non-Transfusion SMM; some hospitals and some states do not code transfusion well
- Total SMM will still be useful: In the future we may only calculate and benchmark total SMM on hospitals with adequate transfusion data
- Annual code revisions are close to completion



#### Updates: SMM National Working Group—2

- Adjustment for Case-mix so that it can be used at the hospital and plan level
- The Joint Commission, CMCS Medicaid with Yale CORE Center, leaning heavily on CMQCC adjustment model
- Plan is for an eCQM (electronic quality measure): "PC-07"
- Strong interest in excluding indicators that are "Present on Admission" (POA)
- Still a ways to go....



# Two Important Outstanding Issues for Using SMM for Quality Improvement

- Given that case-mix (comorbidities) strongly affect SMM rates, how should we perform risk adjustment for SMM?
- SMM represents complications, NOT the conditions that are the causes or drivers of the complications. How can we identify those?



#### Obstetrics and Gynecology: September 2020

Original Research

#### An Expanded Obstetric Comorbidity Scoring System for Predicting Severe Maternal Morbidity

Stephanie A. Leonard, PhD, Chris J. Kennedy, MA, Suzan L. Carmichael, PhD, Deirdre J. Lyell, MD, and Elliott K. Main, MD

- 27 categories of medical comorbidities, comorbidities related to the current pregnancy, previous cesarean birth, and maternal age were evaluated for their independent prediction of SMM and SMM without transfusion.
- Performance was evaluated using California data split into developmental and validation sets and confirmed using a national Optum Clinformatics data set.

#### Editorial

#### **Getting Risk Prediction Right**



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omorbidity scores play an important role in health services and epidemiologic research because they can be used to summarize the burden of illness in a population or to adjust for risk. They also have potential clinical utility in identifying high-risk patients who may benefit from more intensive evaluation and monitoring or from transfer to tertiary care centers for delivery. In this issue of *Obstetrics & Gynecology* (see page 440), Leonard et all elegantly derive and validate a novel scoring system for use with administrative data—the "expanded obstetric comorbidity scoring system."

The investigators created two scores, one predicting severe maternal morbidity, as defined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the other predicting nontransfusion-related severe maternal morbidity. To create the scores, the investigators used administrative discharge data from delivery hospitalizations in the state of California from 2016 to 2017. The assessment of 27 patient-level characteristics and comorbidities formed the basis for the scores. Comorbidities and outcomes were defined

#### Potential Comorbidities Considered for Index

 Conditions identified by ICD-10-CM codes (plus age) and verified by an obstetric medical billing coding expert

Changed codes from Bateman New condition beyond Bateman

Chronic hypertension	Chronic renal disease
Gestational diabetes mellitus	Connective tissue or autoimmune disease
HIV/AIDS	Maternal age ≥ 35 years
Placenta previa, complete or partial	Substance use disorder
Preeclampsia with severe features	Anemia, preexisting
Preeclampsia without severe features or gestational HTN	Bariatric surgery
Preexisting diabetes mellitus	Economic or housing instability
Previous cesarean birth	Gastrointestinal disease
Pulmonary hypertension	Major mental health disorder
Twin/multiple pregnancy	Neuromuscular disease
Asthma, acute or moderate/severe	Placental abruption
Bleeding disorder, preexisting	Placenta accreta spectrum
BMI ≥ 40 kg/m <sup>2</sup>	Preterm birth (< 37 weeks)
Cardiac disease, preexisting	Thyrotoxicosis

#### **Prevalence of Comorbidities**

Comorbidities	%
Maternal age ≥ 35 years	22.2
Previous cesarean birth	17.9
Anemia, preexisting	11.8
Gestational diabetes mellitus	9.5
Preterm birth (< 37 weeks)	8.0
Preeclampsia without severe features or gestational hypertension	5.8
Gastrointestinal disease	5.3
Major mental health disorder	4.9
Asthma, acute or moderate/severe	4.8
BMI ≥ 40 kg/m <sup>2</sup>	4.1
Preeclampsia with severe features	2.7
Substance use disorder	2.7
Chronic hypertension	2.4
Bleeding disorder, preexisting	2.1

Comorbidities (cont.)	%
Neuromuscular disease	2.0
Twin/multiple pregnancy	1.7
Preexisting diabetes mellitus	1.4
Placental abruption	0.99
Cardiac disease, preexisting	0.85
Placenta previa (any)	0.58
Thyrotoxicosis	0.41
Bariatric surgery	0.26
Chronic renal disease	0.22
Connective tissue or autoimmune disease	0.19
Placenta accreta spectrum	0.12
Pulmonary hypertension	0.02
HIV/AIDS	0.01

## Scoring System Results for **SMM** (part 1)

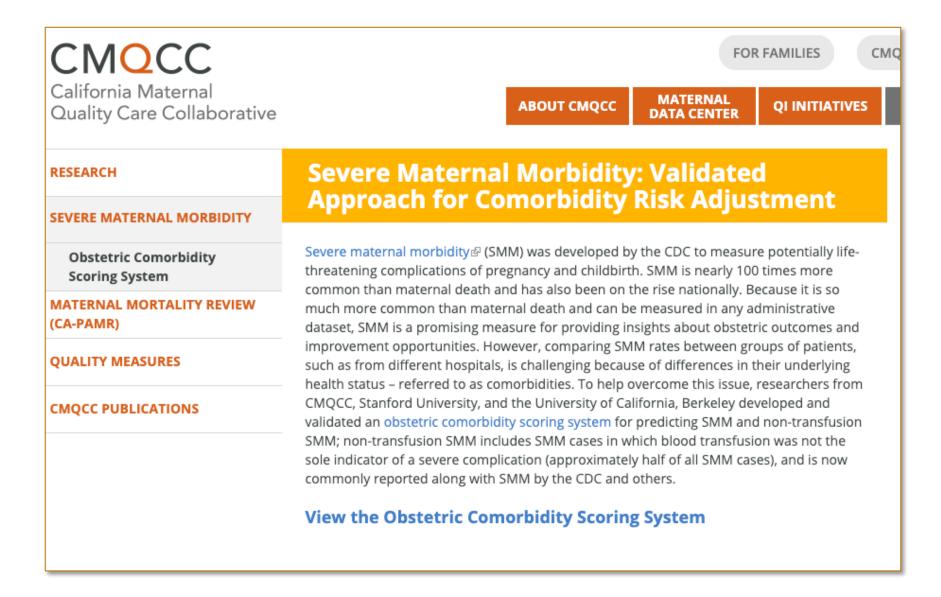
Risk Factor	aRR (95% CI)	aRD per 10,000 births (95% CI)	Points
Placenta accreta spectrum	30.5	4,737	59
Pulmonary hypertension	17.3	2,725	50
Chronic renal disease	9.1	1,328	38
Bleeding disorder, preexisting	6.9	879	34
Cardiac disease, preexisting	6.0	800	31
HIV/AIDS	5.6	773	30
Placenta previa, complete or partial	4.8	606	27
Preeclampsia WITH severe features	4.6	539	26
Anemia, preexisting	3.6	328	20
Twin/multiple pregnancy	3.2	351	20
Placental abruption	2.9	309	18
Preterm birth (< 37 weeks)	2.8	249	18
Gastrointestinal disease	2.0	153	12

## Scoring System Results for **SMM** (part 2)

Risk Factor	aRR (95% CI)	aRD per 10,000 births (95% CI)	Points
Preeclampsia W/O severe features	1.9	140	11
Asthma, acute or moderate/severe	1.9	140	11
Substance use disorder	1.8	131	10
Connective tissue or autoimmune disease	1.8	133	10
Chronic hypertension	1.8	127	10
Preexisting diabetes mellitus	1.7	119	9
Neuromuscular disease	1.7	108	9
Major mental health disorder	1.5	76	7
Thyrotoxicosis	1.4	67	6
Delivery BMI ≥ 40	1.4	57	5
Previous cesarean birth	1.3	41	4
Maternal age ≥ 35 years	1.1	17	2
Gestational diabetes mellitus	1.1	10	1
Bariatric surgery	NS	NS	0



#### Details on the CMQCC Website





### Face Validity: SMM Performance Among CA Hospitals (2018)

Hospital Level	Obs Rate	RA Rate
Critical Access Hospitals - All MDC	1.4%	1.4%
Nursery Level I & Not CAH - All MDC	1.5%	1.9%
Nursery Level II - All MDC	1.4%	1.5%
NICU Level III/IV - All MDC	1.8%	1.6%
Total Results	1.7%	1.6%

University	Obs Rate	RA Rate	
1	3.2%	1.5%	
2	4.1%	1.7%	
3	4.0%	1.7%	
4	4.4%	1.7%	
5	5.4%	2.3%	
6	1.3%	0.8%	
7	2.0%	0.9%	
Average	3.5%	1.5%	

Co Hospital	Obs Rate	RA Rate
1	8.0%	4.0%
2	4.7%	1.7%
3	7.3%	2.3%
4	1.8%	1.1%
5	1.5%	0.9%
6	1.4%	0.8%
7	2.7%	2.0%
Average	3.9%	1.8%



#### Cautions about Adjusting SMM by Race

- Risk-adjusting outcomes for R/E is fraught with considerations<sup>1</sup>
- Interpretation and framing of results is critical:
  - ☐ Blaming the patient?
  - □ Dismissing the role of social determinants and structural racism?
  - □ Reduction of provider responsibility/intervention opportunities?
- Many SMM risk factors have gradation
  - □ Do Black women have more severe HTN? Or is it not cared for as well?
- Different populations may have varying case to morbidity ratios
  - □ We know there are very different case-mortality rates by race for many maternal conditions



#### SMM *Underlying Cause*

- SMM is a list of 21 major complications, NOT causes
- What we want for Quality Improvement is to identify the underlying cause or "driver" for the complication
- Example: Pulmonary Edema
  - □ Rarely is it a primary respiratory disorder
  - Underlying causes may include: preeclampsia, severe hemorrhage, cardiac disease, sepsis



#### SMM: Underlying Cause Categories

- Obstetric Hemorrhage: e.g. atony, hematomas or lacerations during any type of delivery, post-op bleeding, myomas
- Placental Hemorrhage: e.g. previa, accreta, abruption, retained placenta
- Infection and Chorio: e.g. sepsis, endometritis, pyelonephritis, pneumonia, fasciitis, and chorio leading to hemorrhage
- Preeclampsia/Eclampsia: e.g. complications from preeclampsia with severe features, eclampsia, HELLP, and hemorrhage as a result of these
- Anemia on Admission: only if anemia was present on admission not if developed intra/postpartum



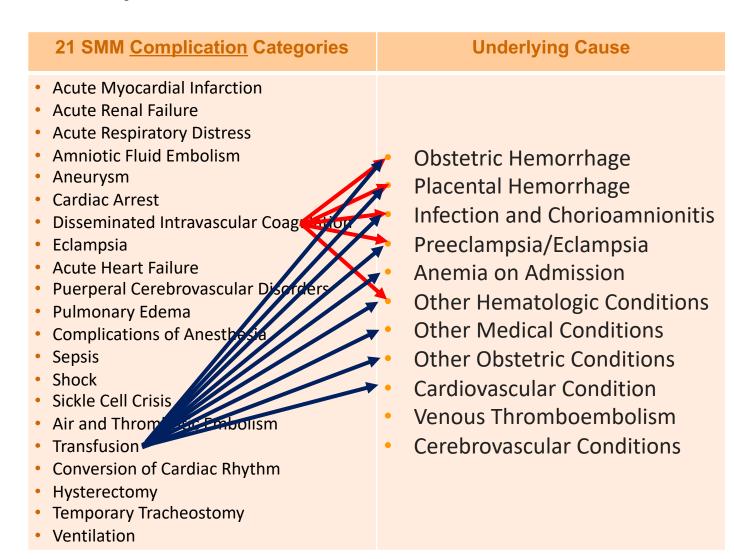
#### SMM: Underlying Cause Categories (cont.)

- Other Hematologic Conditions: e.g. ITP, TTP, hypercoagulable state, factor deficiencies, sickle cell
- Other Medical Conditions: e.g. ileus, cancer, Type I or II diabetes, other underlying medical conditions
- Other Obstetric Conditions: e.g. AFE, acute fatty liver, uterine rupture, anesthesia complications
- Cardiovascular Conditions: e.g. valvular heart disease, cardiomyopathy, arrhythmia, other cardiac conditions
- Venous Thromboembolism: e.g. pulmonary embolism, DVT
- Cerebrovascular Conditions: e.g. cerebral hemorrhage, occlusion, or infarction



#### SMM: *Underlying Cause* Analysis

- Key for driving QI actions
- Algorithm developed (based on ICD-10 codes) to identify "Underlying Cause" / "Driver"
- Testing against case review assessments by CA/WA/OR OB leaders (13 hospitals):
   600 case of SMM in MDC
- And >100,000 in CA data set





#### Underlying Cause Assignment is by an Algorithm (v15)

#### Examples of some consensus driven assignment rules:

SMM Condition	Logic (simplified)	Assignment of Underlying Condition
Stroke:	if Preeclampsia with Severe Features	Preeclampsia/Eclampsia
Hysterectomy:	if Previa, accreta if Uterine rupture	Placental Hemorrhage Other OB Conditions
Transfusion:	if Previa, accreta, abruption if Hematoma, laceration, hemoperitoneum, myomas if Preeclampsia with severe features if Chorioamnionitis if Hemorrhage diagnosis if Anemia POA	Obstetric Hemorrhage Preeclampsia/Eclampsia Infection and Chorio Obstetric Hemorrhage Anemia on Admission



# Underlying Cause Preliminary Frequency Analysis

- Based on ~24,000California SMM cases2016-2018 (ICD-10)
- Frequencies likely to change some with algorithm tweaks and more recent data

Underlying Cause	Frequency
Obstetric Hemorrhage	34.5%
Placental Hemorrhage	15.4%
Infection and Chorio	15.1%
Preeclampsia/Eclampsia	14.1%
Anemia on Admission	7.6%
Other Hematologic Conditions	3.3%
Other Medical Conditions	3.2%
Other Obstetric Conditions	2.1%
Cardiovascular Conditions	2.0%
Venous Thromboembolism	1.5%
Cerebrovascular Conditions	1.0%



## Both SMM *Complication* and SMM *Underlying Cause* are Important for Quality Improvement

Cases identified should be SMM Complication: "identifies SMM *Underlying Cause*: reviewed carefully for QI the maternal complication(s) "Which patient conditions opportunities at multiple experienced by the patient likely led to the SMM levels, particularly system that constitute a SMM" Complication developing" Can be tracked and trended Can be tracked and trended improvements **SMM Underlying** SMM Case Review: SMM w/o Trans Cause Quality of Care Issues Diagnosis and **Procedure Codes** 



#### New SMM Tools in the MDC

How to Navigate & Tips on Using the MDC for Quality Improvement



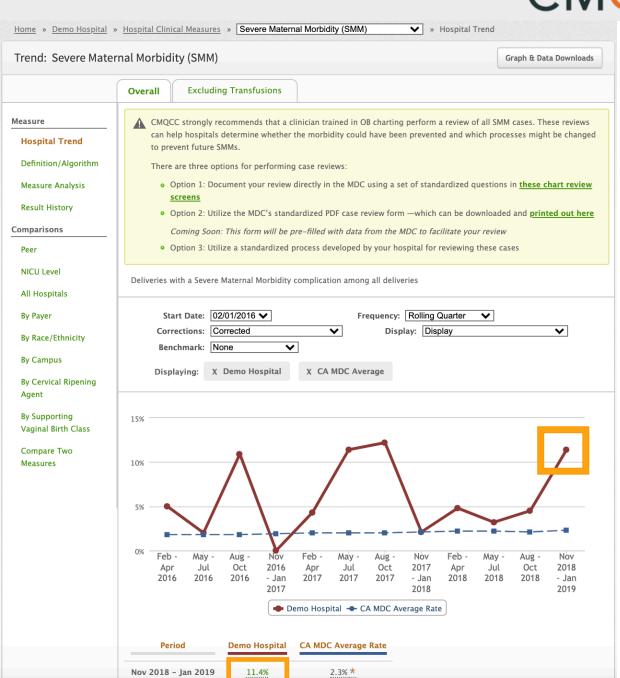
#### Overview of New SMM Enhancements in the MDC

- Updated SMM Drill-down Screens
- NEW: SMM Risk-Adjusted 1.0
- Updated SMM Measure Analysis
- Updated SMM Case Review Metric in the MDC
- NEW: SMM Case Review Measure Analysis
- Updated SMM CSV Downloads
- NEW and Coming Soon: SMM Case Review PDF



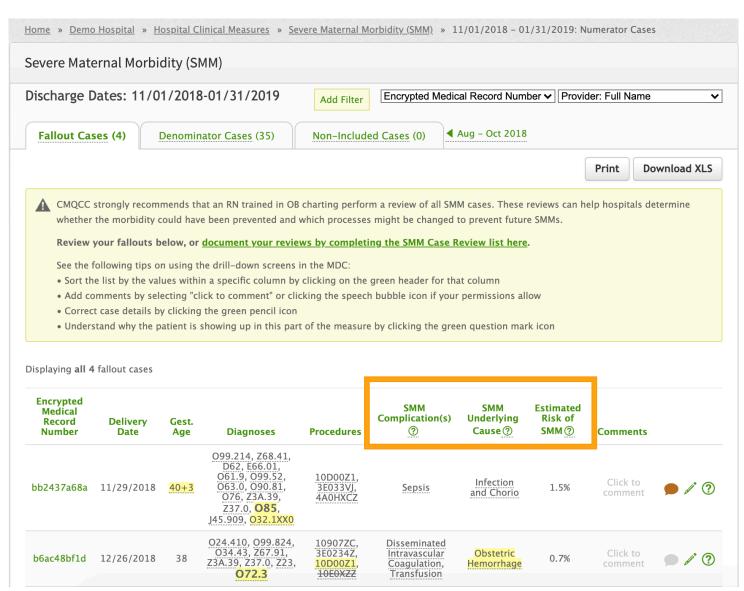
## Severe Maternal Morbidity (SMM) in the MDC

- Drill-down to the patient level by:
  - Clicking on a point on the graph or
  - Clicking on a number in the table below the graph



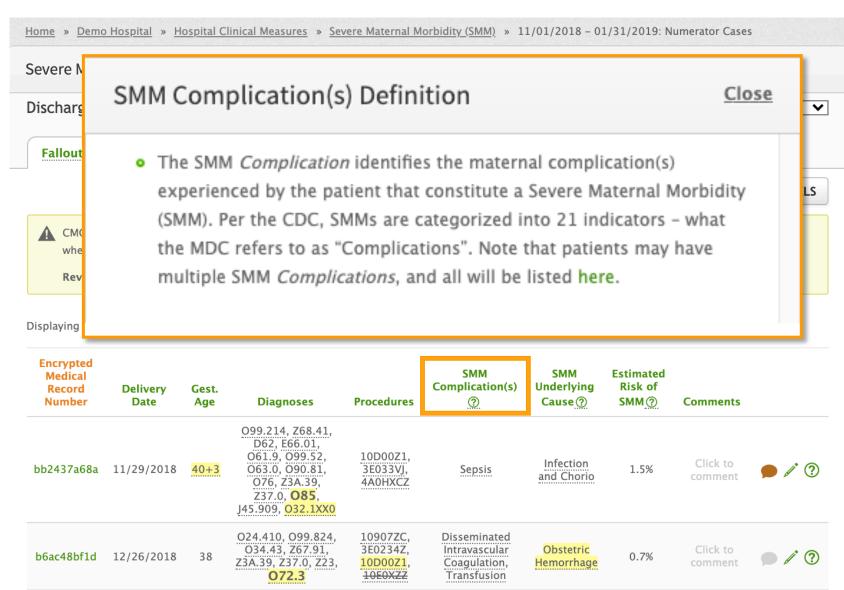


- New columns/headers:
  - □ SMM Complication(s) (formerly titled "SMM Category")
  - ☐ SMM UnderlyingCause
  - Estimated Risk of SMM



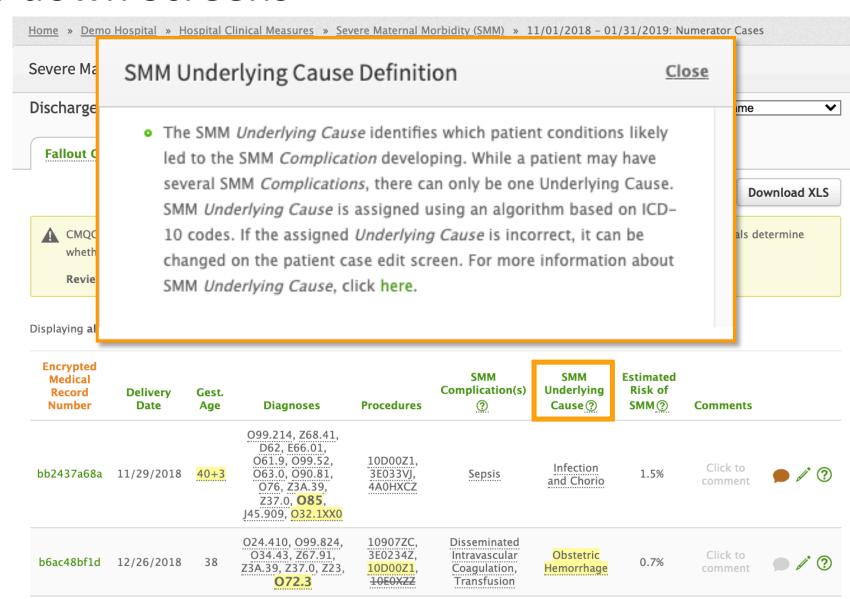


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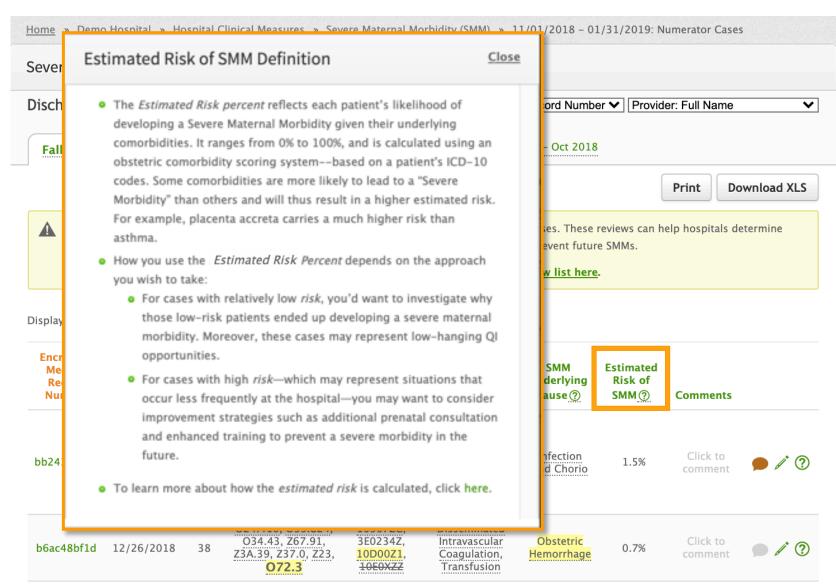


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#### SMM Underlying Cause: Edit Function

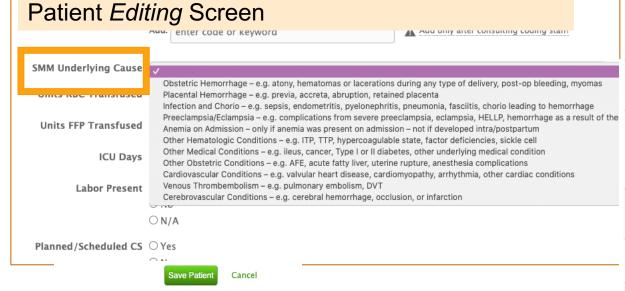
#### Patient Drill Down Screen

Encrypted Medical Record Number	Delivery Date	Gest. Age	Diagnoses	Procedures	SMM Complication(s)	SMM Underlying Cause ?	Expected Risk of SMM ②	Comments	
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b6ac48bf1d	12/26/2018	38	O24.410, O99.824, O34.43, Z67.91, Z3A.39, Z37.0, Z23, O72.3	10907ZC, 3E0234Z, 10D00Z1, 10E0XZZ	Disseminated Intravascular Coagulation, Transfusion	Other Medical Conditions	0.7%	Click to comment	<b>7</b> ?

- If you disagree with the algorithm-assigned Underlying Cause, you can edit the Underlying Cause from the case edit screen
- If edited, it will show your newly assigned Underlying Cause highlighted in yellow as well as the previously algorithm-calculated Underlying Cause

e.g. atony, hematomas or lacerations during any type of delivery, post-op bleeding, myomas

(calculated Underlying Cause: Other Medical Conditions, e.g., ileus, cancer, Type I or II diabetes, other



#### **Encrypted Estimated** Medical Complication(s) Underlying Risk of Record Delivery Gest. Diagnoses Cause ? Comments Number Date Procedures O99.214. Z68.41 D62, E66.01, 061.9, 099.52, 10D00Z1, Infection bb2437a68a 11/29/2018 40+3 063.0, 090.81 3E033VJ, and Chorio 076, Z3A.39, 4A0HXCZ Z37.0, **O85** J45.909, <mark>O32.1XX0</mark> 024.410. 099.824 10907ZC Disseminated O34.43, Z67.91, 3E0234Z, Intravascular Obstetric b6ac48bf1d 12/26/2018 Z3A.39, Z37.0, Coagulation, Hemorrhage

Patient Drill Down Screen

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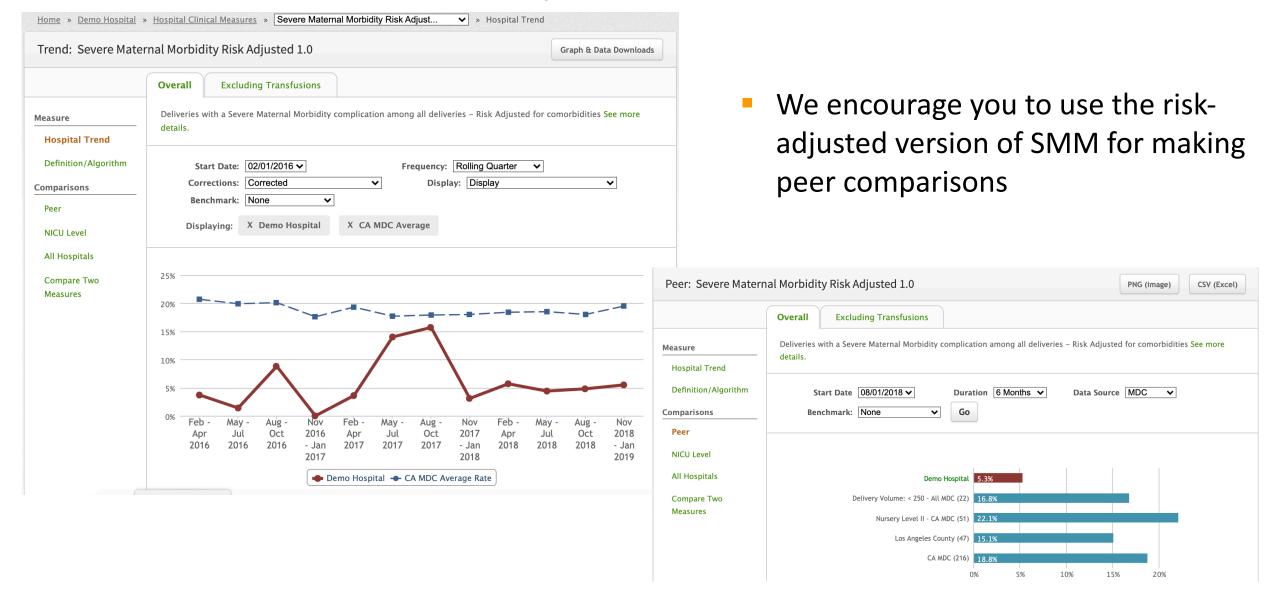
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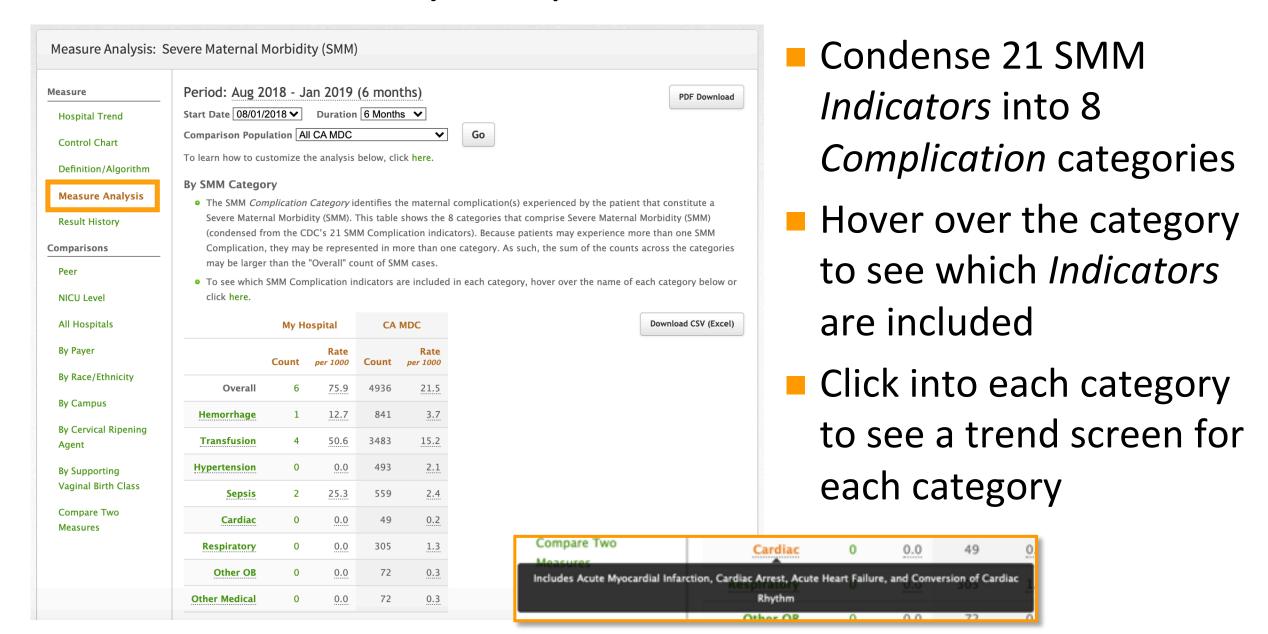
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#### New Metric: SMM Risk-Adjusted 1.0



#### SMM Measure Analysis: Updates



# SMM Measure Analysis: Updates

- NEW: By SMM Underlying Cause
- Hover over the Underlying Cause to see examples of what would be included
- Click into each
  Underlying Cause to see a trend screen for each
- Help focus your QI efforts by seeing what drives your SMM rate

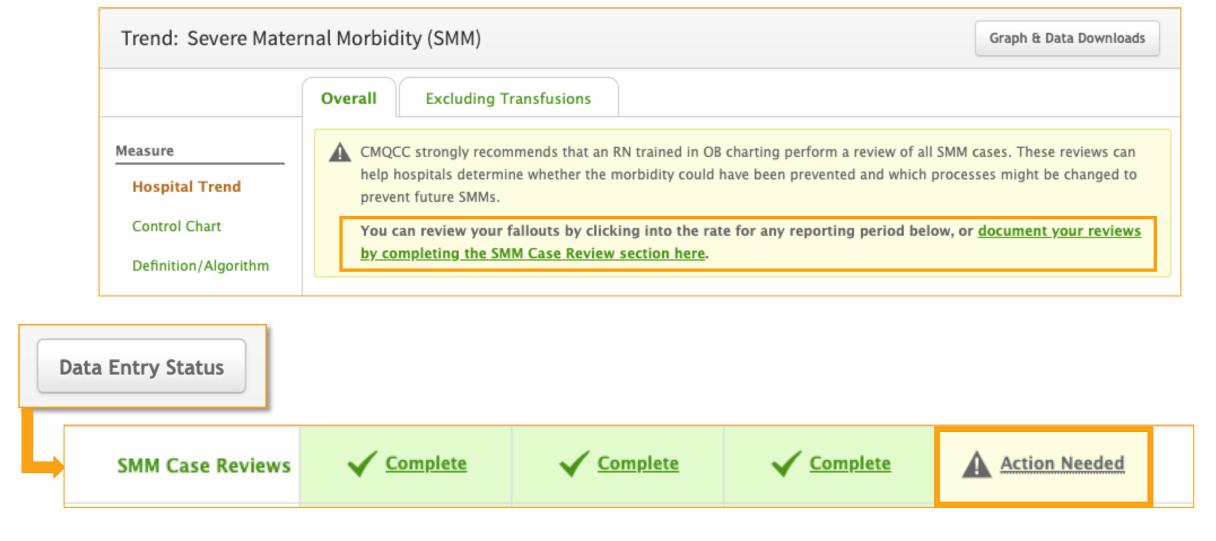
#### By SMM Underlying Cause

- The SMM Underlying Cause identifies which patient condition likely led to the SMM Complication developing. This table
  shows the Underlying Causes of SMM for your patient population. SMM Underlying Cause is assigned using an algorithm
  based on ICD-10 codes. If the assigned Underlying Cause is incorrect, you can change it on the patient case edit screen. If
  you edit the patient's ICD-10 codes, the SMM Underlying Cause may also change.
- Regardless of how many SMM Complications a patient has, there can only be one Underlying Cause. As such, a patient is
  represented in only one Underlying Cause category, so the sum of the counts across the categories will equal the "Overall"
  count of SMM cases.
- To see examples of SMM Underlying Cause, click here.

	My Hospital		CA MDC					
						Downlo	oad CSV (Exc	el)
	Count	Rate per 1000	Count	Rate per 1000				
Overall	6	75.9	4936	21.5				
Obstetric Hemorrhage	0	0.0	2044	8.9				
Placental Hemorrhage	1	12.7	657	2.9				
Infection and Chorio	2	25.3	828	3.6				
Preeclampsia/Eclampsia	1	12.7	559	2.4				
Anemia on Admission	0			.!	nfection and Chorio	2	25.3	
Other Hematologic Conditions	0	e.g. sepsi:	s, endometr	itis, pyelones	phritis, pneumonia, fasciitis,	chorio leadi	ng to hemor	ha
Other Medical Conditions	2	25.3	190	0.8				
Other Obstetric Conditions	0	0.0	66	0.3				
Cardiovascular Conditions	0	0.0	80	0.3				
Venous Thromboembolism	0	0.0	48	0.2				

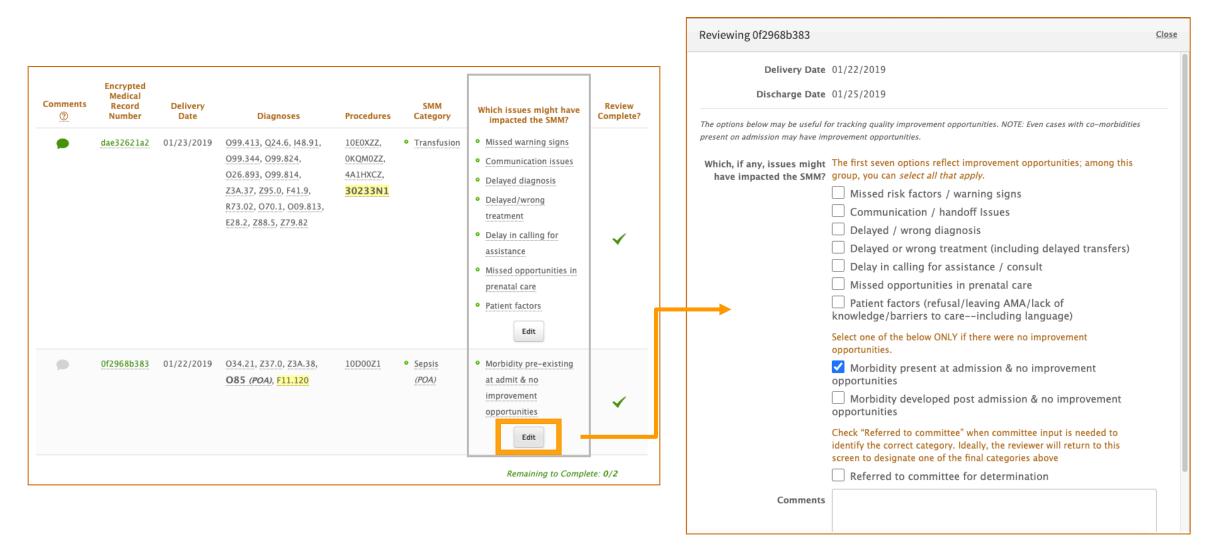


## SMM Case Reviews in the MDC



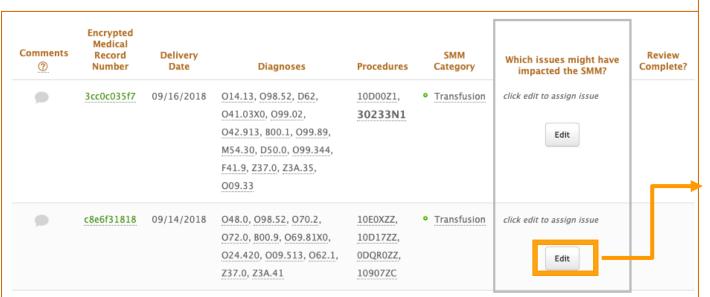


## SMM Case Reviews in the MDC: Old Version

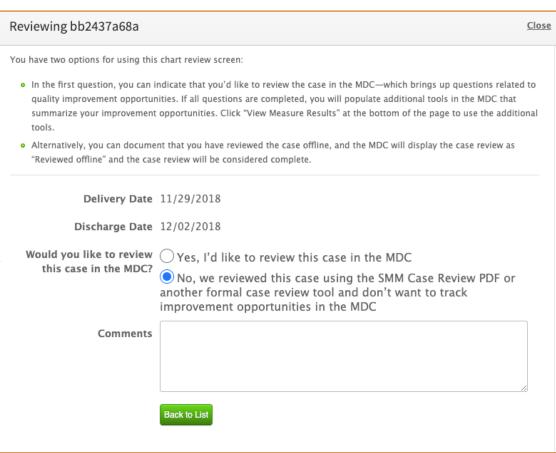




## SMM Case Reviews in the MDC: New Version



- This is useful for hospitals that want to track if the case was reviewed or not, but don't want to identify improvement opportunities in the MDC
- Can do a combination: review some in the MDC, some offline



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		Z3A.39, Z37.0, <mark>O85</mark> , J45.909, <mark>O32.1XX0</mark>				Offline	O



## SMM Case Reviews in the MDC: New Version

Reviewing bb2437a68a		Close
Discharge Date	12/02/2018	
Would you like to review this case in the MDC?	<ul> <li>Yes, I'd like to review this case in the MDC</li> <li>No, we reviewed this case using the SMM Case Review PDF or another formal case review tool and don't want to track improvement opportunities in the MDC</li> </ul>	
Was the case reviewed by committee?	○ Yes ● No	
Was the case debriefed during the hospitalization? ⑦	○ Yes ○ No	
Were all SMM complications present on admission (POA)? ⑦	○ Yes ○ No	
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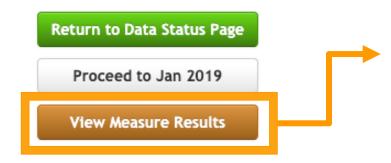
- Improvement opportunities now separate from "reviewed by committee" and "present on admission" questions
- If you select "no opportunities for improvement", it will remove any other selections from the improvements list

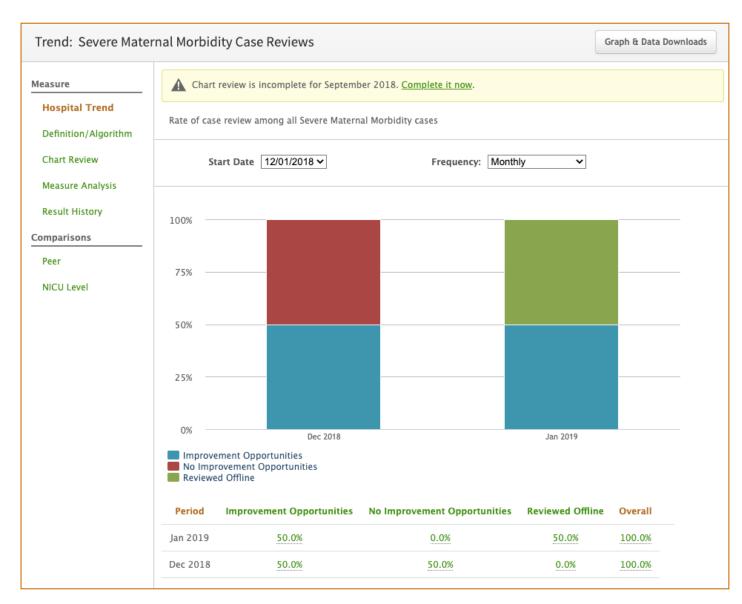
hich, if any, issues might have impacted the SMM? select all that apply	Communication Issues  RN communication/handoff issues  MD/CNM communication/handoff issues  Other teamwork issues (e.g. not following chain of communication)  Patient Factors and Other Barriers to Care  Poor staff-patient interactions (e.g. arguments, refusal of care, leaving AMA, bias)  Other barriers to care (e.g. language)  Social determinants of health (e.g. access, transportation)  Missed Opportunities  Missed risk factors / warning signs  Unit protocol(s) not followed
	Missed opportunities in prenatal care     Other system issues (e.g. pharmacy, transport, lab)
	Delays in Care  Delayed or wrong diagnosis Delayed or wrong treatment Delay in calling for assistance / consult Delayed transfer to higher level of care
Comments	No opportunities for improvement (e.g. planned hysterectomy)



## SMM Case Reviews Measure Results

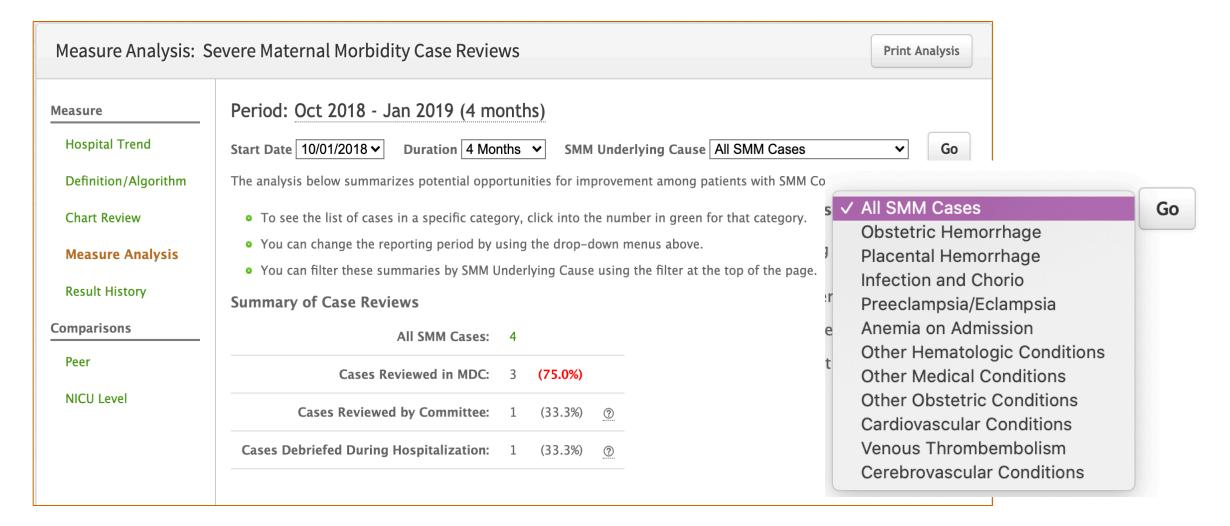
If you respond to all case review questions, the MDC will summarize your QI opportunities!







# SMM Case Reviews Measure Analysis





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#### SMM Complications and Present on Admission

A case is considered to have SMM "POA" only when all of the patient's SMM Complications were present on admission.

Filtered to: All SMM Cases Reviewed in MDC	Count	Percent
All SMM Cases	3	
Opportunity for Improvement	2	66.7%
No Opportunity for Improvement	1	33.3%
Cases where all SMM Complications were POA	1	
Opportunity for Improvement	1	100.0%
No Opportunity for Improvement	0	0.0%
Worsened During Hospitalization	0	0.0%
Cases where 1 or More SMM Complications not POA	2	
Opportunity for Improvement	1	50.0%
No Opportunity for Improvement	1	50.0%

- Potentially most useful for tertiary care centers that accept transfers from other facilities
- Focus your case reviews
- Keep in mind that the SMM may worsen after they are admitted at your hospital

# SMM Case Reviews Measure Analysis

- Focus your QI activities
   based on common issues
- Filter by SMM Underlying Cause
  - For example, there may be more communication issues in Infection and Chorio cases vs. delayed treatment for Preeclampsia/Eclampsia cases

#### Improvement Opportunities

The table below shows the potential improvement opportunities in your hospital's SMM cases. Because cases may have multiple improvement opportunities, this table highlights common issues among SMM cases rather than the cases themselves. As such, the numbers are likely to sum to be greater than 100%

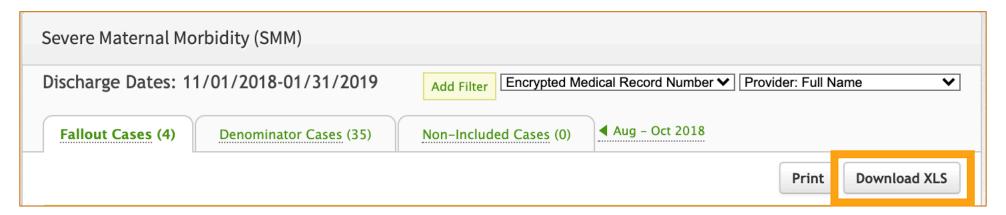
You can filter these improvement opportunities by SMM Underlying Cause using the filter at the top of the page, as there may be different QI opportunities depending on the Underlying Cause. For example, you may find that unit protocols are not being followed for infection cases, but there are system issues for obstetric hemorrhages. This will help direct your QI activities.

Improvement Opportunities (n=2) Filtered to: All SMM Cases Reviewed in MDC		
	Count	%
Communication Issues	2	66.7%
RN communication/handoff issues	0	0.0%
MD/CNM communication/handoff issues	0	0.0%
Other teamwork issues (e.g. not following chain of communication)	2	66.7%
Patient Factors and Other Barriers to Care	1	33.3%
Poor staff-patient interactions (e.g. arguments, refusal of care, leaving AMA, bias)	0	0.0%
Other barriers to care (e.g. language)	0	0.0%
Social determinants of health (e.g. access, transportation)	1	33.3%
Missed Opportunities	1	33.3%
Missed risk factors / warning signs	1	33.3%
Unit protocol(s) not followed	0	0.0%
Missed opportunities in prenatal care	0	0.0%
Other system issues (e.g. pharmacy, transport, lab)	0	0.0%
Delays in Care	1	33.3%
Delayed or wrong diagnosis	0	0.0%
Delayed or wrong treatment	1	33.3%
Delay in calling for assistance / consult	0	0.0%
Delayed transfer to higher level of care	0	0.0%
No Improvement Opportunities	1	33.3%

See *Underlying Cause* filter here



# **Updated SMM CSV Downloads**



- NEW Fields in the CSV Download:
  - SMM Complication(s)
  - SMM Underlying Cause
  - Estimated Risk of SMM
  - Case Reviewed by Committee
  - Case Debriefed
  - All SMM Complications POA
  - SMM Complications POA Worse During Hospitalization
  - Improvement Opportunities
  - QI Domains

## **SMM Case Review PDFs**



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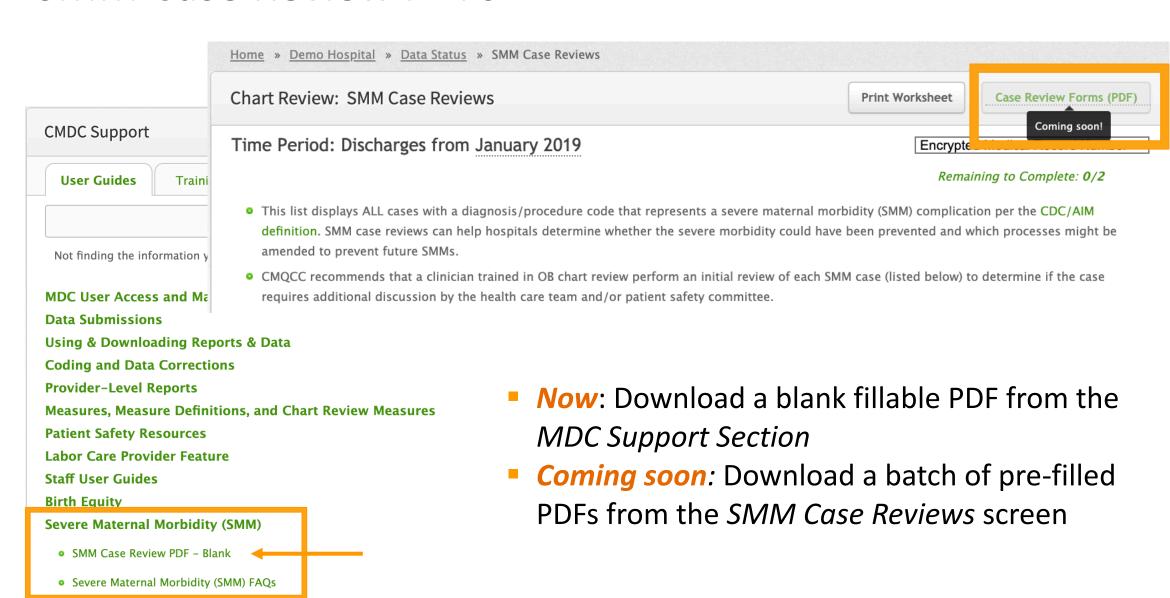
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Patient ID:	Admission Date:	
Patient DOB: Patient Age:	Discharge Date:	
Patient R/E:	Total LOS:	PP LOS:
Patient BMI:	Discharge Disposition:	
Month PNC Began:	Number of PNC Visits:	
Delivery Information:		
Delivery Date:	Gestational Age:	
Method of Delivery:	# Prior Live Births:	Plurality:
Indication for CS (if applicable):	Prior C/S: Yes No •	Prior Uterine Surgery Yes No
Delivering Provider:	Labor Care Provider:	
Transfer in? Yes No No	Type of Anesthesia (if appli	icable):
Transferring Hospital (if applicable):	Spontaneous, Induced, or I	
SMM Information:	·	
SMM Category(s):		
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SMM Risk Score:	SMM Underlying Cause:	
ICU Admission? Yes   No	Massive RBC Transfusion?	Yes No O
RBCs: FFP:	Plt Pack:	Cryo:
ICD-10 Diagnosis Codes POA:	·	•
ICD-10 Diagnosis Codes:		
ICD-10 Procedure Codes:		
Additional Notes:	•	



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radent ID.	Discharge Date.			
Review:				
Was the case debriefed during the hospitalization? Yes 🔘				
Were all SMM complication(s) present on admission? Yes			211 0 11 0	
If yes, did the SMM complication(s) present on admission ge	t worse during the hospi	italizatio	on? Yes No No	
Which, if any, issues that impacted the SMM? Please check	ALL that apply in this ca	se:		
	tient Factors and Other E		to Care	
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MD/CNM communication/handoff issues	care, leaving AMA, bias)	)		
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communication)	Social determinants of h	nealth (e	e.g. access, transportation)	
**	lays in Care			
	Delayed or wrong diagno			
	Delayed or wrong treatn			
<b>=</b>	Delay in calling for assist			
	Delayed transfer to high	ier ievei	or care	
□ No opportunities for improvement  Review Committee Analysis:				
f anything, what could have been done differently to impro-	ve the care?			
anything, what could have been done directionly to impro-	ve the cure.			
Was there an opportunity to alter the outcome? (this is NOT	whether the standard o	f care w	as met)	
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f there was a possibility to alter the outcome, was it related				
Provider System/Process System/Proce		ient 🔲		
Even if the outcome was not likely to have been altered, we	re system improvement	opportu	inities identified?	
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QI update communication shared with the unit				
Other:				



## **SMM Case Review PDFs**





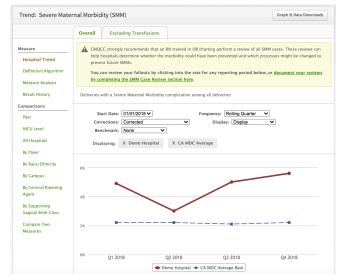
## Overview of SMM Enhancements

- Updated SMM Drill-down Screens
- NEW: SMM Risk-Adjusted 1.0
- Updated SMM Measure Analysis
- Updated SMM Case Review Metric in the MDC
- NEW: SMM Case Review Measure Analysis
- Updated SMM CSV Downloads
- NEW and Coming Soon!: SMM Case Review PDF



# 3 Places to Start Diving into SMM

### **#1: SMM Trend Screen**



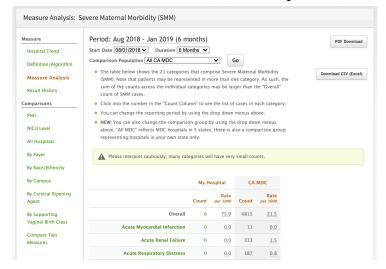
### Questions to ask:

- Is my trend changing over time?
- If I change the frequency on the graph, do I see a more cohesive trend?

#### Also consider:

- Look at SMM without Transfusions
- Compare two measures to check for impacts on other metrics
- Peer comparisons in SMM Risk-Adjusted

### **#2: SMM Measure Analysis**



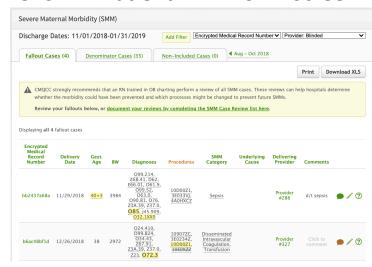
### Questions to ask:

- What SMM Complication Category is driving my SMM rate?
- What Underlying Cause is driving my SMM rate?

#### Also consider:

- TJC Perinatal Standards Tools if your underlying causes are primarily hemorrhages or hypertensive conditions

### #3: SMM Patient Drill-Down Screen



### **Questions to ask:**

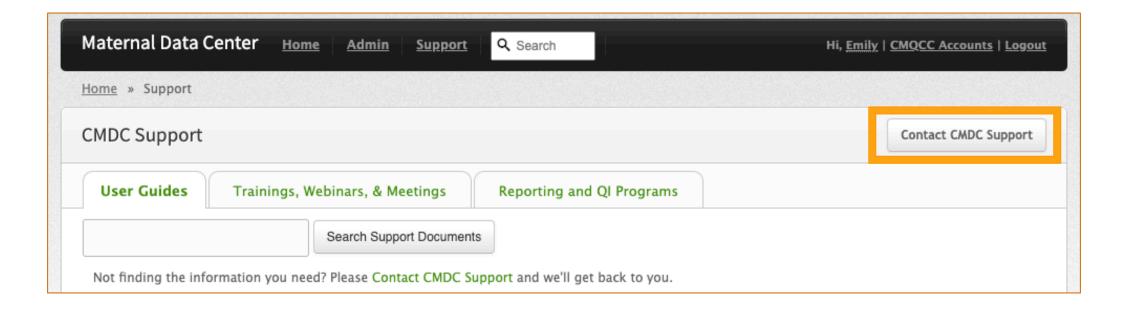
- What issues drove the SMM for each case?
- Is there anything that could have been done differently to prevent the SMM?

#### Also consider:

- Review cases directly in MDC using "SMM Case Reviews" screens
- SMM Case Review PDFs



# **MDC Support Section**



### Severe Maternal Morbidity (SMM)

- SMM Case Review PDF Blank
- Severe Maternal Morbidity (SMM) FAQs



# Questions?



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Terri Deeds RN MSN NE-BC CMQCC Clinical Lead: Birth Equity, QI Academy

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