



Mission Statement

The Maryland Perinatal-Neonatal Quality Collaborative (MDPQC) is a collaboration of hospitals, perinatal care providers, neonatal care providers, community organizations, and public health professionals working together with the same goal—to make Maryland a safer and more equitable place to give birth across all levels of care.

The MDPQC supports the sharing of best practices, ongoing training and education, sustained data-driven quality improvement, and alignment with other state initiatives to promote a safe birthing experience and improved outcomes for all, laying the groundwork for long-term family well-being.

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What participants have to say:

“ I am looking forward to the upcoming maternal and neonatal collaboratives. Our postpartum hemorrhage management is good, but even after our first meeting with MDPQC, I learned how we can make it even better. We also want to revise our hypoglycemia policy for our newborns, and we are excited to work with others for the best possible outcomes. ”

Susan Hoffman

Clinical Manager of Family Birthplace and Pediatrics
Carroll Hospital

“ Through participation in the MDPQC collaboratives, we have been able to better focus on important quality measures, such as timely treatment for severe hypertension and achieve lasting improvements for our patients and families. Benchmarking with other facilities in the collaborative and sharing best practices and ideas are invaluable to the improvement process. The MDPQC requirement to stratify our data by race inspired us to do the same for other QI projects, which led to the creation of an equity dashboard at our facility. ”

Jodie Bell

Assistant Director of Maternal Newborn Health
Greater Baltimore Medical Center

“ In collaborating with MDPQC we have gained knowledge that has helped us to change our policies and procedures to assist in decreasing maternal morbidity. As a multiple disciplinary team, we are working together to continue to give the best care to our patients. We have established relationships to allow for ongoing collaboration with critical care specialties to improve the continuum of care of the obstetrical patient. The resources and support from MDPQC are continuing to aid us in giving world class care. ”

Hannah Starr

Perinatal Services Data Coordinator
Shady Grove Medical Center



“ Being the MDPQC doctor lead has been one of the most rewarding positions I have had in Obstetrics. Working with the 32 Maryland delivering hospitals with reducing maternal morbidity, specifically in regards to hypertension and hemorrhage, has made a difference with our patients. Ascension Saint Agnes is located in Baltimore City and serves a vulnerable population with diverse racial backgrounds. Collaborating with the other hospitals during the MDPQC office hours has been an invaluable experience. I have learned what other hospitals do in regards to measuring Blood Pressures, doulas, electronic data collection and how to get buy-in from physicians and staff to adhere to the AIM guidelines. This Collaborative has really made a difference in pregnant people’s lives. ”

Dr. Ishrat Rafi

Patient Safety Quality Director, MDPQC Maternal Physician Chair
Ascension St. Agnes Hospital

“ I have been working with the MDPQC as the neonatal physician lead for about 2 years and it has been one of the highlights of my career. The opportunity to help shape the quality of care at a state level, to learn from my colleagues from other institutions and to be able to engage with national and local experts has been incredibly impactful to me and to the care I provide my patients. The work we do with MDPQC provides all the birthing hospitals in Maryland the opportunity to compare their practices and helps us develop quality improvement frameworks around the care we deliver. I know that the antibiotic stewardship collaborative helped raise the awareness around the overuse of antibiotics in the neonatal population in our state. Implementation of the early onset sepsis calculator, our educational bundle and the guidance for reducing antibiotic exposure in the nurseries and NICUs has impacted thousands of babies. I am proud to be part of MDPQC and believe this collaborative has made a real difference in the delivery of care in Maryland. ”

Dr. David Kanter

Medical Director of Division of Neonatology, MDPQC Neonatal Physician Chair
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