

Perinatal Advisory Council: Leadership, Advocacy and Consultation



Quality Care for Mothers and Babies

Regional Quality Improvement Committee Meeting Minutes – February 14, 2006

Members Present: Paulette Anest* (Cedars Sinai), Cyndi Atkinson (Children's Hospital Los Angeles), Estelle Brutton* (Community Memorial Hospital), Belinda Chen (UCLA), Christine Clignett*(Glendale Memorial Hospital), Diane Dale (Encino-Tarzana), Janeen Gaul (Children's Hospital Los Angeles), Heather Gocke* (Catholic Healthcare West), Mitchell Goldstein (PAC/LAC), Andrea Hoberman (PAC/LAC), Jeetsna Grover (Olive View- UCLA), Michael Lu (UCLA), Megan Meeker* (Community Memorial Hospital), Cheryl Routon (Valley Presbyterian), Dawn Richardson (PAC/LAC), Barry Schifrin, Ellen Silver (PAC/LAC), Elsa Sonder (Huntington Hospital), Triz Tajalli (Antelope Valley Hospital), Jennifer Taylor (PAC/LAC), Brenda Ybarra (LAC-USC)

* denotes that member attended via teleconference

I. Welcome and Introductions: Round table introductions made

II. Recap and Going Forward

Results from the RQI member survey were presented to the group. Key findings showed that members viewed distance/ travel time and conflicts with other commitments as barriers to participation in RQI meetings, and that teleconferencing was a desirable option. Group members agreed that inductions and breastfeeding rates at the time of discharge were areas of interest for future quality improvement projects. The group was also presented with results from a recent survey involving birth clerks and the completion of vital records in Ventura and Santa Barbara counties. Members discussed the importance of obtaining accurate and timely birth certificate data as a basis for quality improvement projects. Michael Lu then reported that the MQI project was progressing and that additional preliminary information may be available in the spring.

III. 30 Things to Know About Perinatal Profiles

Ellen Silver gave a presentation on the importance of using Perinatal Profiles data for quality improvement. Group members were given an overview of the purpose of collecting this data and how it can be used to generate quality improvement projects. After the presentation, group members were given an opportunity to complete a test on major concepts from the Perinatal Profiles of California 2002 and 5-Year Cohort Data in exchange for continuing education units.

IV. Induction

Michael Lu presented an overview on U.S. trends in the induction of labor and the potential risks associated with these practices. Jennifer Taylor followed up with a presentation on state, regional, and local induction trends, and then opened the floor for group discussion on the potential for quality improvement in this area. Group members emphasized the importance of developing well-defined goals for the project, which would result in enhanced quality of care for patients. Members also highlighted the need to focus the project on improving practices and procedures related to the induction of labor versus trying to change induction rates alone. Members then gave constructive feedback on ways to modify the existing audit tool in order to make it more user-friendly. The group agreed that the next steps for the project are to refine the audit tool and to create a protocol for the chart review and data collection process.

****NEXT MEETING****

May 16, 2006, 12-2 PM

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