

DRAFT SPPC-II Information sheet:

NEW! Teamwork and Communication Training Applied to the AIM Maternal Safety Bundles is NOW Available!

Background

Guided by the vision to achieve safe healthcare for every woman, the Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health (AIM) program is working toward elimination of all preventable maternal mortality and severe morbidity across the United States. The mission of AIM is to continually improve patient safety in women's health care through multidisciplinary collaboration that drives culture change. As of August 2019, there are 27 states and 3 health systems participating in AIM, an initiative developed and funded by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

Patient safety isn't simply about the application of clinical knowledge and expertise. Adaptive skills, including teamwork and communication skills, are also essential because they enable the translation of technical competence into practice and deeply affect how clinical care is delivered.

The Safety Program in Perinatal Care-II (SPPC-II) Demonstration Project was developed with the objective of improving patient safety culture in labor and delivery units. The SPPC-II project aims to demonstrate the value of integrating the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)'s teamwork and communication tools (Team Strategies and Tools to Enhance Performance and Patient Safety or TeamSTEPPS) with two AIM maternal safety bundles – Obstetric Hemorrhage in TX and Severe Hypertension in OK. The Safety Program in Perinatal Care-II (SPPC-II) Demonstration Project is being implemented by AHRQ and the Johns Hopkins University (JHU) in collaboration with HRSA and AIM. Oklahoma (OK) and Texas (TX) are the first AIM states to participate in this demonstration project.

The AIM maternal safety bundles that hospitals implement satisfy the technical component for safe care delivery. The SPPC-II project complements the AIM maternal safety bundles by emphasizing the essential adaptive skills that provide clinicians and hospitals in OK and TX with an approach to improve unit-level patient safety culture and obstetric care processes to eliminate patient safety failures.

Training Workshop Description

Implementation in OK and TX will begin with a one full-day interactive workshop during November and December 2019 for hospital AIM team leads. One or two AIM team leads per hospital will join their AIM peers from hospitals across the state for a dynamic workshop which will provide the foundation they need to bring these tools and resources back to the frontline staff (nurses, physicians, etc.) at their hospital.

Workshop participants will learn about and deepen their knowledge of teamwork basics and communication tools, including huddles, debriefs, and call-out/check-backs. In addition, the workshop faculty from JHU will help participants plan for implementing the project at their hospital with a session dedicated to implementation. Participants will leave the training with a preliminary plan on how to begin implementation at their facility and a Facilitator Guide containing detailed guidance and examples on how to manage the rollout of these materials.

*Maintenance of Certification Improvement in Medical Practice (MOC Part IV) is available.

**Continuing Nursing Education credits may be available. Updated information to follow.