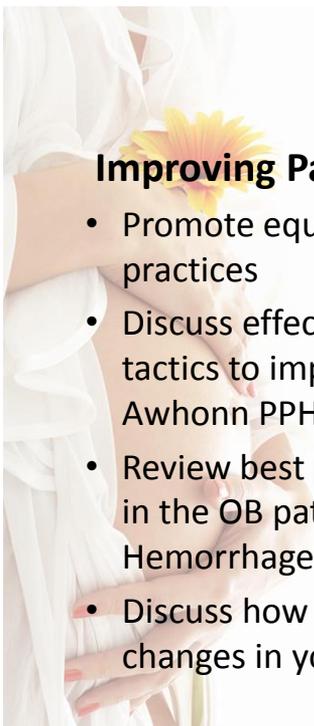




# Post partum Hemorrhage: Best Practices to Reduce Health Disparities

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## Objectives

### Improving Patient Outcomes

- Promote equal access of evidence –based care practices
- Discuss effective implementation strategies and tactics to improve clinician practice through Awhonn PPH project, OPS course.
- Review best practice recommendations for TXA use in the OB patient in response to Postpartum Hemorrhage (PPH)
- Discuss how to access resources and implement changes in your institution

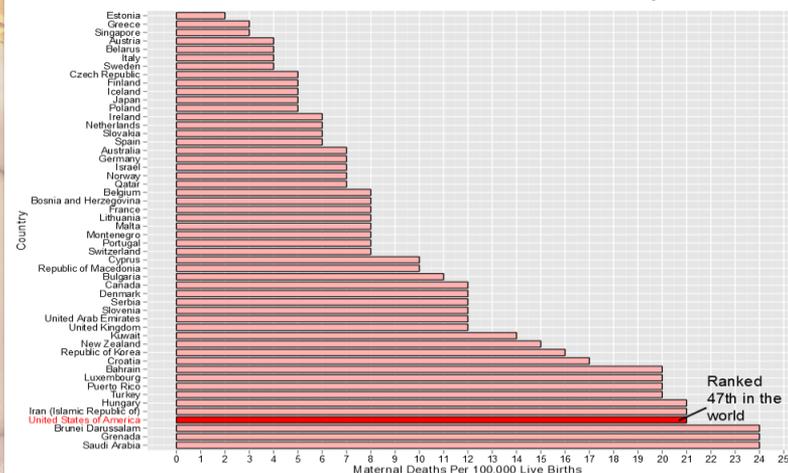
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## Magnitude of the Problem

- Each year approximately 125, 000 women in the U.S. experience postpartum hemorrhage, its leading cause of **PREVENTABLE** death (Awhonn, 2014)
- Every year there are 14 million cases of postpartum hemorrhage worldwide (USAID, 2010)
- Estimated that 90% of PPH occurs within 4 hours after delivery.

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### Countries with the Lowest Maternal Mortality Ratios



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## Standardization

- PATIENT SAFETY
- RISK REDUCTION
- SAFE CLINICAL OUTCOMES

## Processes

- ORDER SETS
- PROTOCOLS
- EDUCATION, PATIENT TEACHING
- DISPARITIES

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**READINESS**

*Every health system*

- Establish systems to accurately document self-identified race, ethnicity, and primary language.
- Provide system-wide staff education and training on how to ask demographic intake questions.
- Ensure that patients understand why race, ethnicity, and language data are being collected.
- Ensure that race, ethnicity, and language data are accessible in the electronic

**PATIENT SAFETY BUNDLE**

Reduction  
Racial/Eth

**Detecting**

Define health disparities

Define vulnerable populations

Measure disparities in vulnerable populations

Consider selection effects and confounding factors

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**Understanding**

Identifying determinants of health disparities at the following levels:

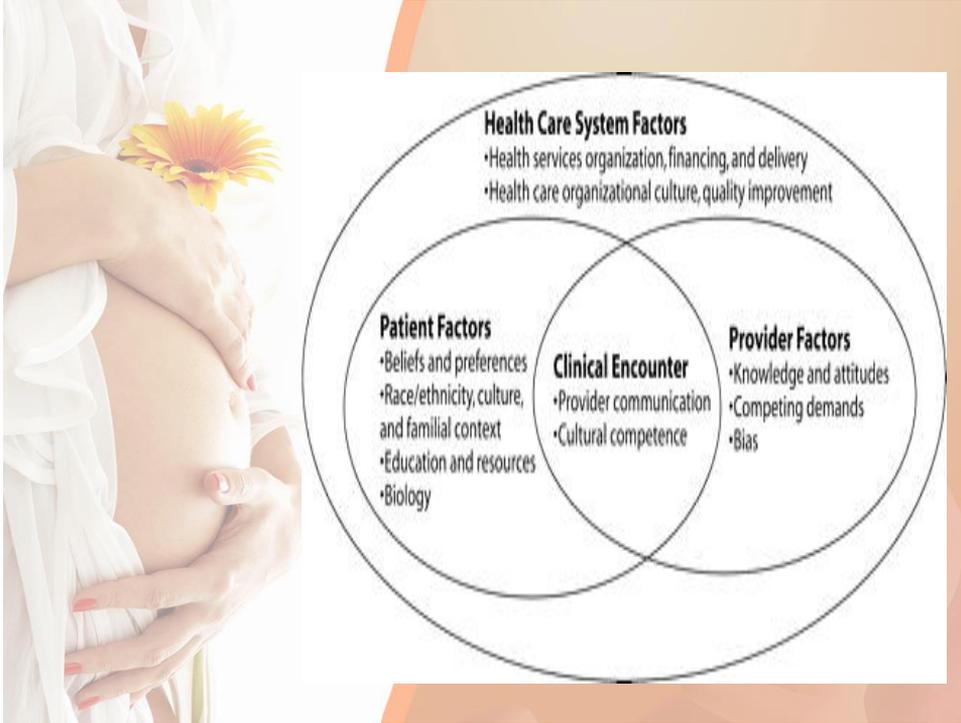
- Patient/individual
- Provider
- Clinical encounter
- Health care system

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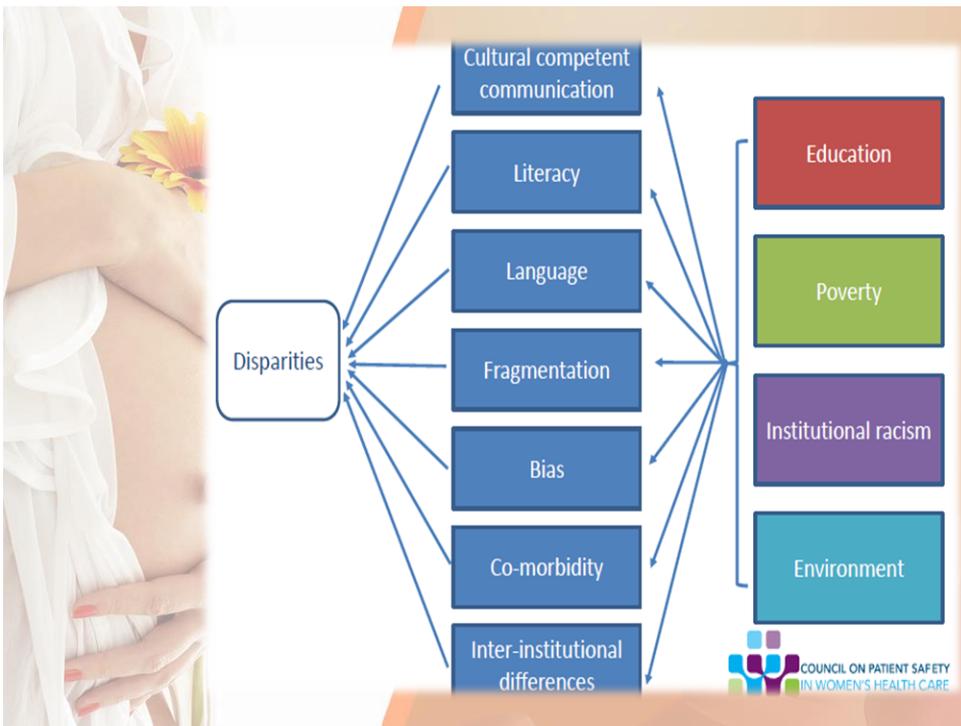
**Reducing**

- Intervene
- Evaluate
- Translate and disseminate
- Change policy

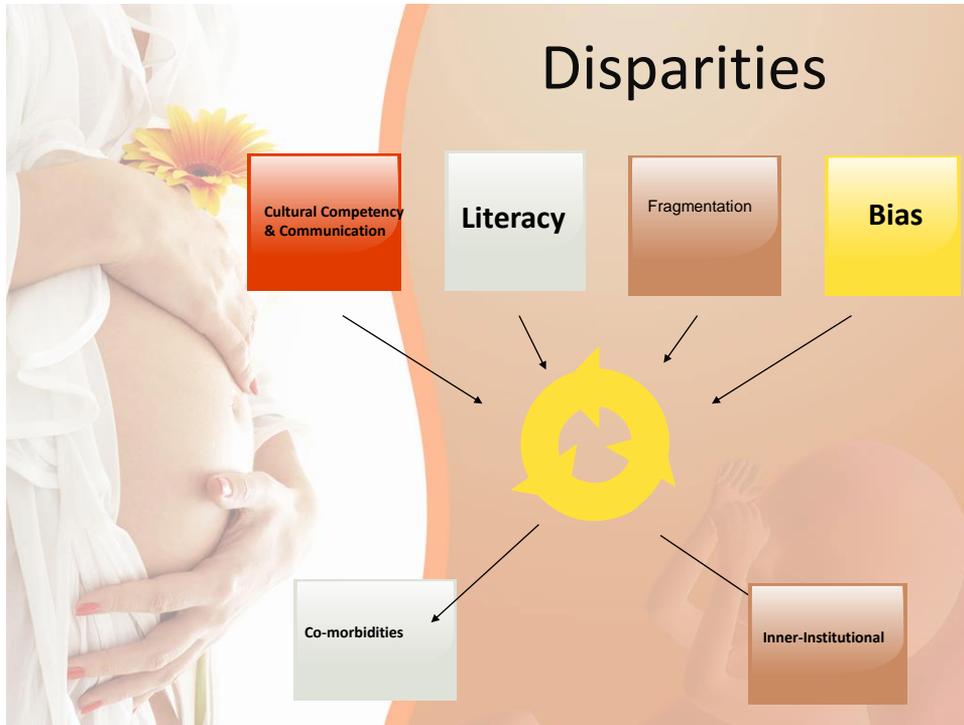
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## Cultural Competency: Consider the Source

- Cultural diversity officer
- Text books : Are they current? Who was their source for obtaining the information?
- Internet searches: Are you using a reproable website?
- Breast pump rental example

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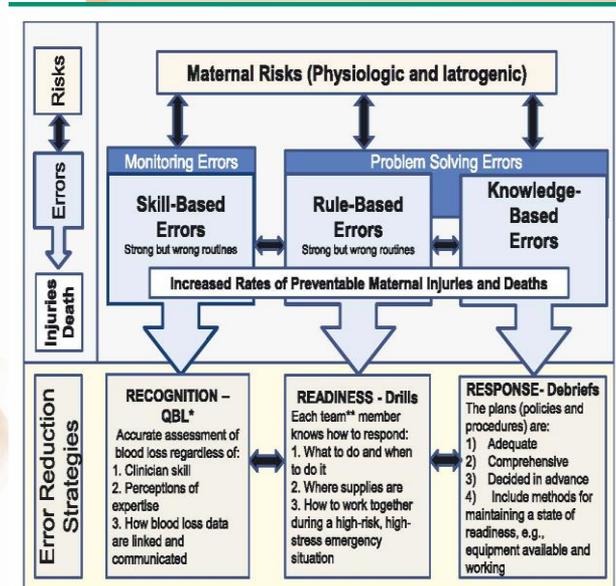
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In Focus

CNE

Continuing Nursing Education (CNE) Credit  
A total of one contact hour may be earned as CNE credit for reading "Applying the Generic Errors Modeling System to Obstetric Hemorrhage Quality Improvement Efforts", and for completing an online post-test and evaluation.

Applying the  
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Improvement Efforts



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## AWHONN PPH Project Goals

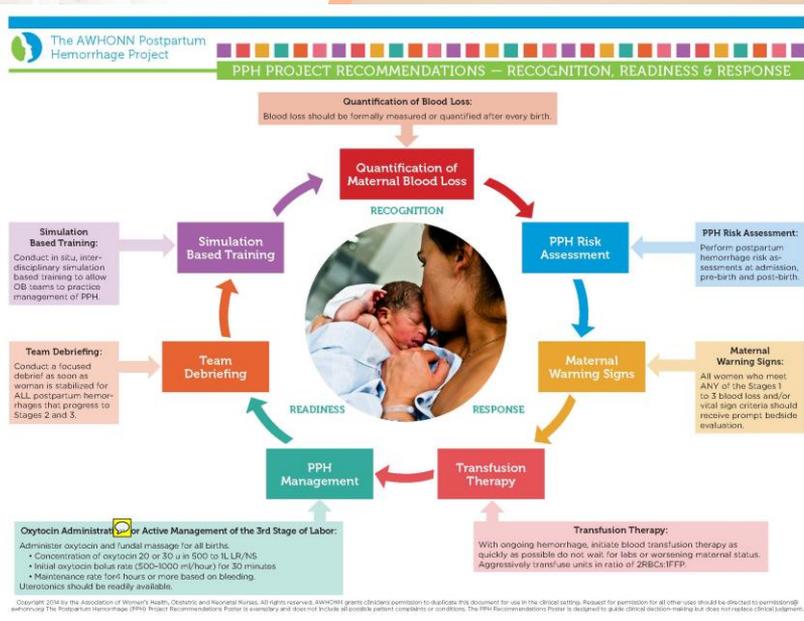
- Goal 1: Promote equal access of evidence-based care practices
- Goal 2: Support effective implementation strategies
  - **Recognition - Readiness - Response**
- Goal 3: Identify facilitators and barriers to making improvements and disseminate lessons learned

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# AWHONN PPH Project Regional Leaders

| New Jersey   | District of Columbia   | Georgia  |
|--|--|--|
|                         |       |                              |
| <p><b>Robyn D'Oria MA, RNC, APN</b><br/>Executive Director   Central Jersey Family Health Consortium</p> | <p><b>Catherine Ruhl, MS, CNM</b><br/>Director of Women's Health Programs   AWHONN</p> | <p><b>Lashea Wattie RNC, C-EFM, BSN, M.ED</b><br/>Clinical Nurse Specialist   Wellstar Kennestone Hospital</p> |

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## Examples of Data Collection

### Outcome Measures

- ICU Admissions
- Blood transfusions

### Structure Measures

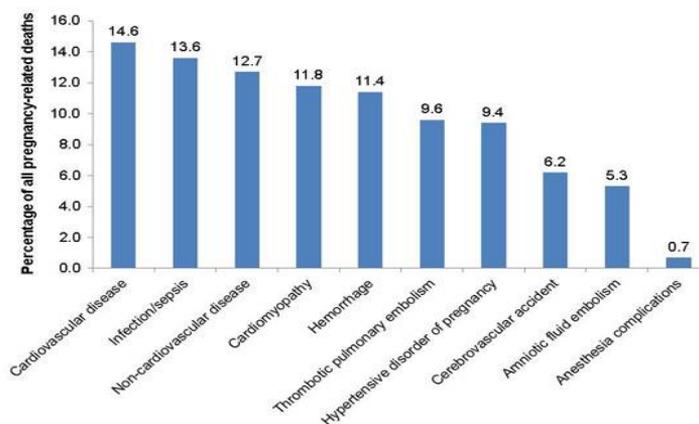
- Develop Policies and Procedures
- Education, Drills, Debriefs

### Process Measures

- 3 Risk Assessments (Admission, Pre-birth, Post-birth)
- Quantification of Blood Loss

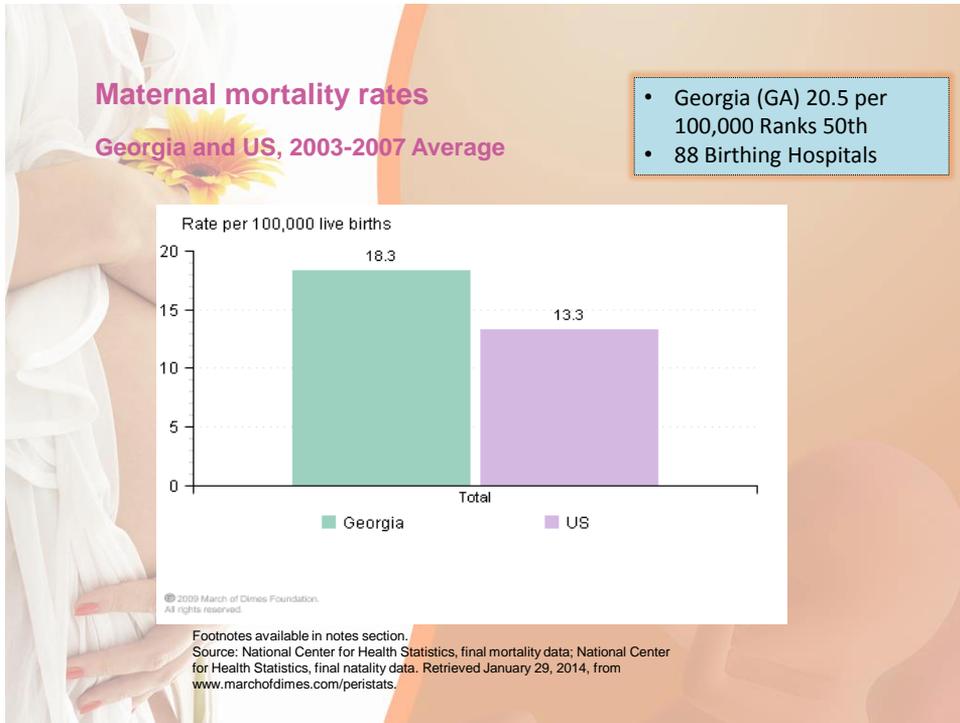
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## Causes of pregnancy-related death in the United States: 2006–2010



Note: The cause of death is unknown for 4.7% of all pregnancy-related deaths.

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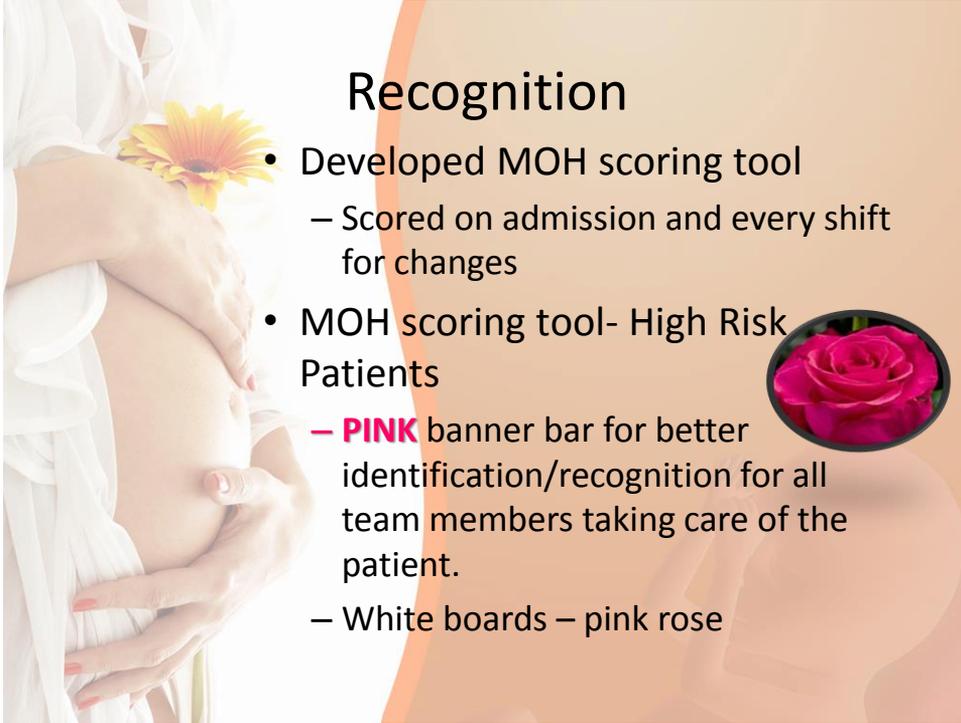


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## Recognition

- Tracking PPH to discuss in OB department meetings, Women's Safety & Quality Meeting
  - Charge nurses fill out event reporting record so that everyone in leadership would receive notification of the event.
  - Excel sheet with pertinent logistics about our PPH.
- Trying to determine any identifying factors such as: OB practice, time of event, time of transfer, type of delivery

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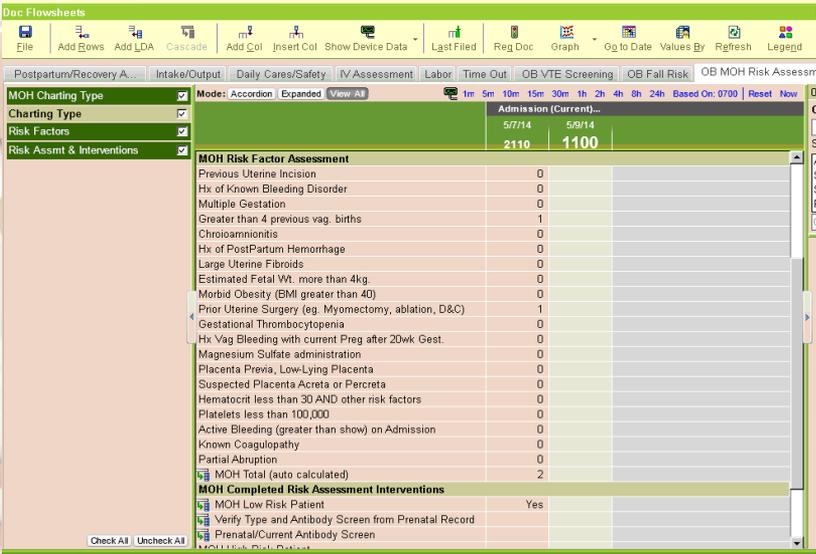


## Recognition

- Developed MOH scoring tool
  - Scored on admission and every shift for changes
- MOH scoring tool- High Risk Patients
  - **PINK** banner bar for better identification/recognition for all team members taking care of the patient.
  - White boards – pink rose

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## MOH Risk Assessment Scoring Tool



|   | 5/7/14      | 5/9/14      |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| <b>MOH Risk Factor Assessment</b>                     | <b>2110</b> | <b>1100</b> |
| Previous Uterine Incision                             | 0           |             |
| Hx of Known Bleeding Disorder                         | 0           |             |
| Multiple Gestation                                    | 0           |             |
| Greater than 4 previous vag. births                   | 1           |             |
| Chorioamnionitis                                      | 0           |             |
| Hx of PostPartum Hemorrhage                           | 0           |             |
| Large Uterine Fibroids                                | 0           |             |
| Estimated Fetal Wt. more than 4kg                     | 0           |             |
| Morbid Obesity (BMI greater than 40)                  | 0           |             |
| Prior Uterine Surgery (eg. Myomectomy, ablation, D&C) | 1           |             |
| Gestational Thrombocytopenia                          | 0           |             |
| Hx Vag Bleeding with current Preg after 20wk Gest.    | 0           |             |
| Magnesium Sulfate administration                      | 0           |             |
| Placenta Previa, Low-Lying Placenta                   | 0           |             |
| Suspected Placenta Accreta or Percreta                | 0           |             |
| Hematocrit less than 30 AND other risk factors        | 0           |             |
| Platelets less than 100,000                           | 0           |             |
| Active Bleeding (greater than show) on Admission      | 0           |             |
| Known Coagulopathy                                    | 0           |             |
| Partial Abruption                                     | 2           |             |
| <b>MOH Total (auto calculated)</b>                    |             |             |
| <b>MOH Completed Risk Assessment Interventions</b>    |             |             |
| MOH Low Risk Patient                                  | Yes         |             |
| Verify Type and Antibody Screen from Prenatal Record  |             |             |
| Prenatal/Current Antibody Screen                      |             |             |

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## Readiness

- Postpartum hemorrhage cart
  - Kept on labor & delivery
- OB rapid response team
  - L & D charge nurse or who activates the team?

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## What is TXA?

- Tranexamic Acid (TXA) –
  - antifibrinolytic agent
- Given IV to prevent or reduce bleeding and reduce the need for transfusions
- Has been used to treat hemorrhage in trauma, Jehovah's Witness patients, burn patients and dental practices for years
- Now being used as an additional treatment for PPH in OB patients (off-label)



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## What is TXA?

- Early use of TXA for PPH within 3 HOURS of birth can reduce risk of death due to bleeding in PPH
- For **vaginal** or **C-section births**
- **OTHER BENEFITS OF TXA:**
  - Relatively inexpensive
  - Readily available
  - Easy to administer



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## WHO

(World Health Org)

- **WHO RECOMMENDATIONS – for OB:**
  - Considered as part of the standard PPH treatment package
  - Administered as soon as possible after onset of bleeding
  - Should not be started > 3 hours after birth
  - Should be administered via IV route only
  - Should be used regardless of whether the bleeding is due to genital tract trauma or other causes

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## Contraindications

- TXA should NOT be given to women with a clear contraindication to anti-fibrinolytic therapy, including TXA:
  - known thromboembolic event during pregnancy
  - history of coagulopathy
  - active intravascular clotting
  - known hypersensitivity to TXA

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## Side Effects

- RARE – r/t thromboembolic events;
  - Blurry vision or changes in vision
  - Confusion
  - Dizziness or lightheadedness
  - Numbness of the hands
  - Pain, redness, or swelling in the arm or leg
  - Sudden shortness of breath or troubled breathing
  - Convulsions or seizures
  - Chest pain
  - Increased heart rate

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Side Effects



- RARE – generalized;
  - Anxiety
  - Increased thirst
  - Cough
  - Loss of appetite
  - Sudden change in urinary frequency

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Side Effects



## Key OB Hemorrhage QI Toolkits: Full of Resources

A California Toolkit to Transform Maternity Care

Improving Health Care Response to Obstetric Hemorrhage

THIS TOOLKIT/PROJECT WAS DEVELOPED BY:  
THE CENTER FOR ADVANCED WOMEN'S HEALTH  
AND WOMEN'S WELLNESS (CAWWH) AT  
STANFORD UNIVERSITY AND THE CALIFORNIA  
MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH FOUNDATION (CMCHFH) HEALTH  
SYSTEMS RESEARCH CENTER (CMCHFH)

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Learn more about our geographic areas  
of focus.

[www.CMQCC.org](http://www.CMQCC.org)

v2.0 available soon

ACOG District II Website  
(thru ACOG website)

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# Obstetric Hemorrhage Key Elements

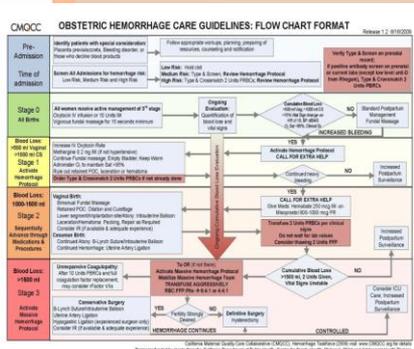
## Response - Every Hemorrhage

1. Unit-standard, stage-based, obstetric hemorrhage emergency management plan with checklists
2. Support program for patients, families, and staff for all significant hemorrhages

| CMQCC Obstetric Hemorrhage Care Guidelines: Table Chart Format |   |  |   |  |
|--|---|--|---|--|
|  | Assessments   | Medics/Procedures  | Blood Bank  |  |
| <b>Stage 0</b>   | <b>Every woman in labor/giving birth</b>  | <b>Active Management 3<sup>rd</sup> Stage:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oxytocin IV infusion or 10u IM</li> <li>Fundal Massage: rigorous, 15 seconds/min.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Medium Risk: T&amp;C 2 U</li> <li>High Risk: T&amp;C 2 U</li> <li>Positive Antibody Screen (prenatal or Rh(Dam)): T&amp;C 2 U</li> </ul>   |  |
| <b>Stage 1</b>   | <b>Blood loss: &gt;500 ml vaginal or &gt;1000 ml Cesarean, or VS changes (by &gt;15% or HR <math>\geq</math> 110, BP <math>\leq</math> 85/45, O2 sat <math>&lt;</math> 95%)</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IV Access: at least 18gauge</li> <li>Increase Oxytocin rate, and repeat fundal massage</li> <li>Methergine 0.2mg IM (if not hypertensive)</li> <li>May repeat if good response to first dose, BUT otherwise <b>move on</b> to 2<sup>nd</sup> level uterotonic drug (see below)</li> <li>Empty bladder: straight cath or place Foley with urimeter</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>T&amp;C 2 units PRBCs (if not already done)</li> </ul>   |  |
| <b>Stage 2</b>   | <b>Continued bleeding with total blood loss under 1500ml</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>OB back to bedside (if not already there)</li> <li>Extra help 2<sup>nd</sup> OB</li> <li>Rapid Response Team (per hospital), assign roles</li> <li>VS &amp; cumulative blood loss q 5-10 min</li> <li>Weight bloody materials</li> <li>Complete evaluation of vaginal wall, cervix, placenta, uterine cavity</li> <li>Send additional labs including DIC panel</li> <li>If in Progrium: Move to L&amp;D/COR</li> <li>Evaluate for special cases:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Uterine Inversion</li> <li>Amn. Fluid Embolism</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2<sup>nd</sup> Level Uterotonic Drugs:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Misoprostol 800-1000 mcg IM</li> <li>2<sup>nd</sup> IV Access (at least 18gauge)</li> <li>Manual massage</li> <li>Vaginal Birth: (typical order)                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Move to OR</li> <li>Repair any tears</li> <li>DIC: ly retained placenta</li> <li>Place misoprostone balloon</li> <li>Selective Embolization (Interventional Radiology)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Cesarean Birth: (cell intra-op) (typical order)                                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inspect broad lig. posterior uterus and retained placenta</li> <li>B. Lynch Suture</li> <li>Place misoprostone balloon</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Notify Blood Bank of OB Hemorrhage</li> <li>Bring 2 Units PRBCs to bedside, transfuse per clinical signs - do not wait for lab values</li> <li>Use blood warmer for transfusion</li> <li>Consider drawing 2 FFP (takes 35-min), use if transfusing &gt;2u PRBCs</li> <li>Determine availability of additional RBCs and other Coag products</li> </ul> |
| <b>Stage 3</b>   | <b>Total blood loss over 1500ml, or &gt;2 units PRBCs given or VS unstable or suspicion of DIC</b>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mobilize team</li> <li>Advanced CTN</li> <li>Anesthesia Provider -OR staff</li> <li>Obstetrical protocol and invasive surgical approaches for control of bleeding</li> <li>Repeat labs including coag and ABG's</li> <li>Central line</li> <li>Social Worker/family</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Activate Massive Hemorrhage Protocol</li> <li>Laboratory</li> <li>B. Lynch Suture</li> <li>Uterine Artery Ligation</li> <li>Hydronephros</li> <li>Patient support</li> <li>Fluid warmer</li> <li>Upper body warming device</li> <li>Sequential compression stockings</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transfuse Aggressively</li> <li>Massive Hemorrhage Pack</li> <li>Near 1:1 PRBC: FFP</li> <li>1 PLTpheres pack per 6 units PRBCs</li> <li>Unresponsive Coagulopathy: After 10 units PRBCs add full coagulation factor replacement, may consider rFator VIIa</li> </ul>   |

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# CMQCC OB Hemorrhage Guidelines



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## Resources for Guidelines

- Council on Patient Safety in Women's Health Care and the Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health  
<http://safehealthcareforeverywoman.org>
- <http://hret-hen.org> – Hospital Engagement Network Obstetrical Harm Change Package (AHA)
- [www.pphproject.org](http://www.pphproject.org)
- Safety Program for perinatal Care (AHRQ)  
<http://www.ahrq.gov/professionals/quality-patient-safety/hais/tools/perinatal-care>
- [www.cmqcc.org](http://www.cmqcc.org)

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Obstetric Patient Safety Education Program ★

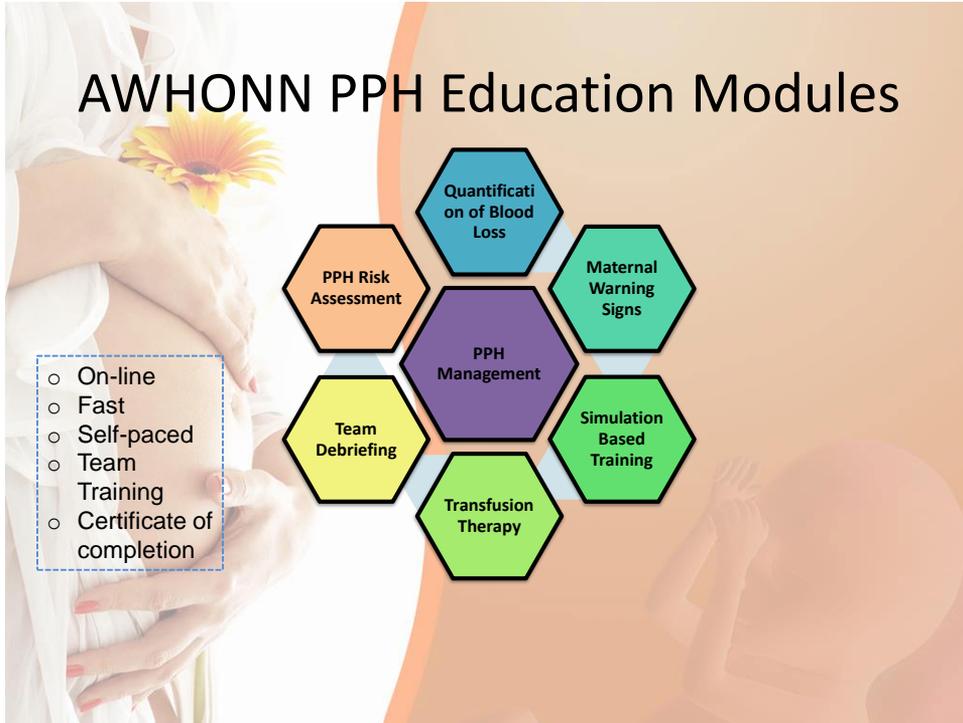
**AWHONN** **OB** **PATIENT SAFETY** Welcome to AWHONN's Obstetric Patient Safety Program

As part of its effort to reduce the rising trend of maternal mortality in the United States, AWHONN is excited to release the Obstetric Patient Safety (OPS) Program. The curriculum for this program is guided by the topic areas of focus in accordance with the Council on Patient Safety in Women's Health Care. The initial focus of the program will be on Postpartum Hemorrhage (PPH), but the program will expand to other topics in the future.  
Contact [ops@awhonn.org](mailto:ops@awhonn.org) with questions and comments.

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|---|---|---|
| <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: small;">GETTING STARTED</p>    | <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: small;">FIND A COURSE</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">View the Location of an OPS Instructor</p> | <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: small;">COURSE MATERIAL</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prerequisite: Complete the PPH Online Module</li> <li>• Search "PPH" in the Online Learning Center to find the course and bring a copy of your certificate to the OPS Classroom Course</li> <li>• Purchase Student Materials</li> <li>• Prerequisite: PPH Online Education Group Order Form</li> </ul> |
| <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: small;">COURSE CERTIFICATES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete eval and obtain CME certificate</li> <li>• Receive CME and PPH course certificates (Email <a href="mailto:ops@awhonn.org">ops@awhonn.org</a> if already completed)</li> </ul>                     |    | <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: small;">OPS INSTRUCTOR LOGIN</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Not an OPS Instructor? Email your name to <a href="mailto:ops@awhonn.org">ops@awhonn.org</a> and we will contact you when our next application period opens.</p>  |
| <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: small;">ADDITIONAL RESOURCES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JDGHW In-Focus Series on OB Hemorrhage</li> <li>• PPH Project</li> <li>• Quantification of Blood Loss (QBL) Practice Brief</li> <li>• QBL Video</li> <li>• Oxytocin Administration After Birth</li> </ul> |    | <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: small;">OPS FAQs</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">Coming Soon</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold; font-size: small;">FAQ</p>   |

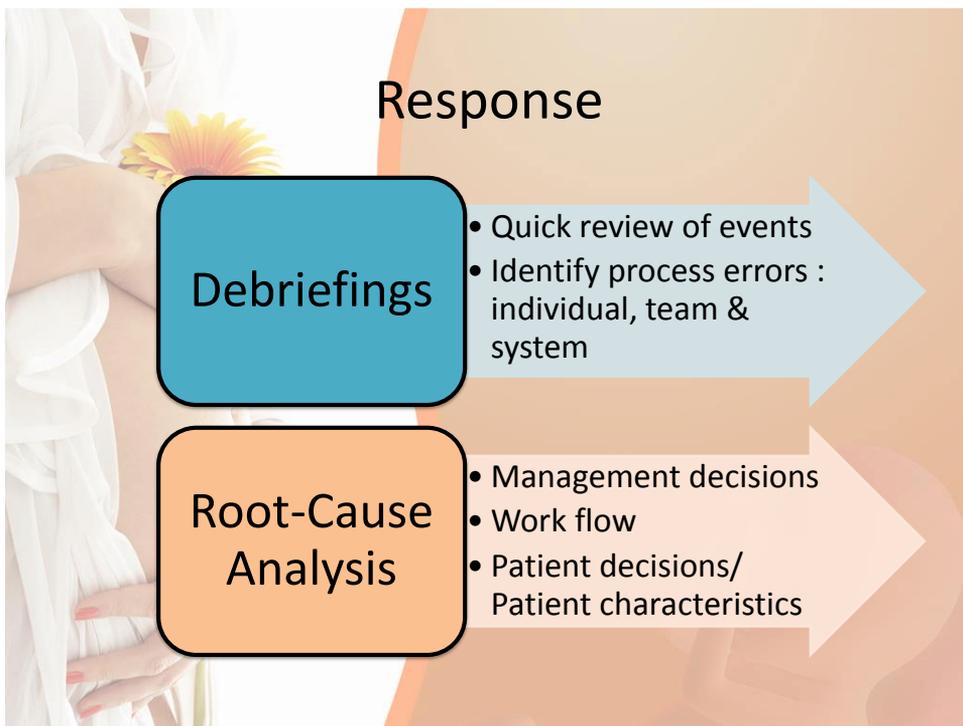
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## AWHONN PPH Education Modules



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## Response



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# Response



**IMMEDIATE FOCUSED POSTPARTUM HEMORRHAGE (IPPH) CHECKLIST FORM**

**Date of the event:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Form completed by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Type of event:**  Stage 1  Stage 2  Stage 3

**Description:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Clinical Debrief Guidelines:**

**Facilitator Guidelines:**

**Debrief Attendees:**

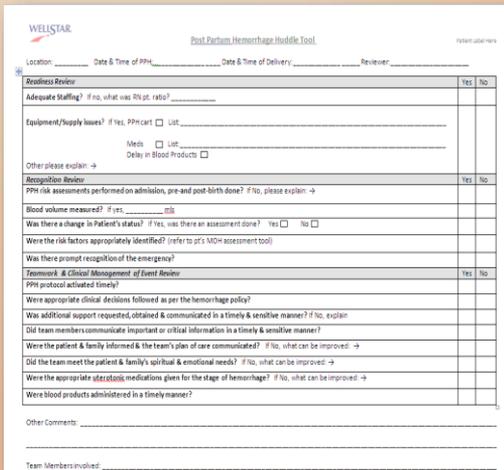
**Overall Team Management:**

**Team and Hemorrhage Recognition:**

**Response and Equipment:**

**Rescue and Clinical Management:**

**Team and Family Communication:**



**WELSTAR Postpartum Hemorrhage Huddle Tool**

Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Date & Time of PPH: \_\_\_\_\_ Date & Time of Delivery: \_\_\_\_\_ Reviewer: \_\_\_\_\_

**Readiness Review:** \_\_\_\_\_ Yes No

**Adequate Staffing?**  If no, what was PPH ratio? \_\_\_\_\_

**Equipment/Supply Issues?**  If yes, PPH cart  List: \_\_\_\_\_

Medi  List: \_\_\_\_\_

Delay in Blood Products

Other please explain: → \_\_\_\_\_

**Recognition Review:** \_\_\_\_\_ Yes No

PPH risk assessments performed on admission, pre- and post-birth done? If No, please explain: → \_\_\_\_\_

Blood volume measured? If yes, ml: \_\_\_\_\_

Was there a change in Patient's status? If yes, was there an assessment done? Yes  No

Were the risk factors appropriately identified? (refer to p's MCH assessment tool)

Was there prompt recognition of the emergency?

**Teamwork & Clinical Management of Event Review:** \_\_\_\_\_ Yes No

PPH protocol activated timely?

Were appropriate clinical decisions followed as per the hemorrhage policy?

Was additional support requested, obtained & communicated in a timely & sensitive manner? If no, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Did team members communicate important or critical information in a timely & sensitive manner?

Were the patient & family informed & the team's plan of care communicated? If no, what can be improved: → \_\_\_\_\_

Did the team meet the patient & family's spiritual & emotional needs? If no, what can be improved: → \_\_\_\_\_

Were the appropriate pharmacologic medications given for the stage of hemorrhage? If no, what can be improved: → \_\_\_\_\_

Were blood products administered in a timely manner?

Other Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Members Involved: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Case Study

**A 24-year-old woman, Gravida 2 Para 1 at 38 weeks gestation was induced for "tired of being pregnant":**

After an 8-hour active phase and 2-hour second-stage, she gave birth (spontaneous vaginal delivery) to an 8 pound, 6 ounce infant. After placental delivery, she had an episode of uterine atony that fi rmed with massage. A second episode of uterine atony responded to intramuscular methylergonovine (Methergine) and the physician went home at 1 a.m. The nurses called the physician 30 minutes later to report more bleeding and further methylergonovine was ordered. Sixty minutes after the call, the physician performed a dilatation and curettage (D&C) with minimal return of tissue. The woman received more methylergonovine. Forty-fi ve minutes later a second D&C was performed, again with minimal returns. EBL at this point was >2,000 mL. Further delays in blood transfusion occurred because of inability to fi nd proper blood administration tubing. Anesthesia was delayed, but a second I.V. started for more crystalloid. Vital signs became markedly abnormal: pulse = 144 beats/min, blood pressure 80/30 mmHg. One further dose of methylergonovine was given and the woman was taken for a third D&C. She had received 2 units of packed red blood cells by this point. After the D&C she had a cardiac arrest from hypovolemia and hypoxia, and was taken to the ICU, where she died 3 hours later despite intensive supportive care and resuscitative efforts.

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## Benefits of QBL

- QBL reduces the likelihood that clinicians will underestimate the volume of blood loss and delay early recognition and treatment.
- Improves maternal outcomes:
  - Improves prompt recognition and response to hemorrhage
- Decreases denial of blood loss and delay of life saving interventions



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But the hospital was down to its last unit of matching blood, according to court records. “We didn’t even have enough blood to give her a hysterectomy,” De Lorenzo said in a deposition.

Benefits of QBL

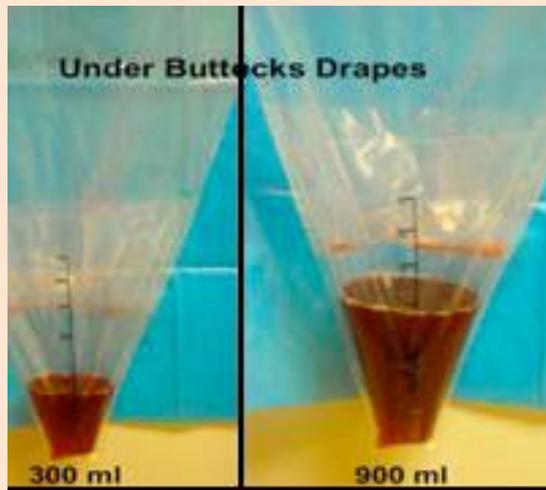
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## Practice Brief Quantification of Blood Loss (QBL)

- **Suggested Equipment**
  - Calibrated under-buttocks drapes to measure blood loss
  - Dry weight card, laminated and attached to all scales, for measurement of items that may become blood-soaked when a woman is in labor or after giving birth
  - Scales to weigh blood-soaked items, ideally in every labor and operating room and on the postpartum unit; save costs by using the scales used to weigh newborns
  - Formulas inserted into the electronic charting system that automatically deduct dry weights from wet weights of standard supplies such as chux and peri-pads



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### Methods to Estimate Blood Loss

Quantifying blood loss by measuring

- Use graduated collection containers (C/S and vaginal deliveries)
- Account for other fluids (amniotic fluid, urine, irrigation)

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## QBL Calculator



| CESAREAN SECTION BLOOD LOSS  |  |
|--|--|
| Canister Volume (blood volume only)  | <input type="text"/>   |
| Total Weight: Laps + Sleeves   | <input type="text"/>   |
| Lap Sleeves Used   | <input type="text" value="1"/> <input type="text" value="2"/> <input type="text" value="3"/> <input type="text" value="4"/> <input type="text" value="5"/> <input type="text" value="6"/> <input type="text" value="7"/> <input type="text" value="8"/> <input type="text" value="9"/> <input type="text" value="10"/> |
| # of Laps Used   | <input type="text"/>   |
| # of Chux Used   | <input type="text"/>   |
| Additional Source of Blood Loss Volume   | <input type="text"/>   |
| Add "Total Blood Loss Calculated" below to "Total Delivery Blood Loss" section (for I&O) |  |
| TOTAL BLOOD LOSS CALCULATED  | <input type="text" value="0"/>   |
| VAGINAL DELIVERY BLOOD LOSS  |  |
| Method Of Quantification   | <input type="radio"/> EBL - Visual estimate only <input type="radio"/> QBL - Direct measure <input type="radio"/> QBL - Weight of blood soaked items   |
| TOTAL DELIVERY BLOOD LOSS (Vaginal or C/S)   |  |
| EBL/QBL During Delivery (mL)   | <input type="text"/>   |

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## Vaginal and Cesarean Births

### For Vaginal Births

- Begin right after the infant's birth:
  - Note amniotic fluid, urine, etc. in the under-buttocks bag prior to birth. (applicable if SROM occurs close to birth or amnioinfusion performed.)
  - RN looks at the bag as soon as MD/CNM has completed the delivery to communicate the amount of blood in the calibrated drape as QBL.

### For Cesarean Births

- Begin when the amniotic membranes are ruptured (unless woman is post AROM/SROM) or after the infant is born:
- Start by using two suction canisters:
  - One for amniotic fluid and second for QBL.
  - Switch suction tubing to the QBL canister prior to delivery of placenta (not applicable if ROM prior to surgery) and document the canister volume as QBL prior to irrigation.
- Weigh bloody sponges, laps, record QBL amount after fascia closed and prior to skin closure .

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# Transfusion Therapy



**INFORMED CONSENT**  
Addendum Blood Transfusion Refusal  
DO NOT SIGN THIS FORM UNTIL YOU READ AND UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS  
PLACE THIS FORM IN THE MEDICAL CHART

PLEASE INITIAL AND CHECK (  ) WHICH ONE APPLIES:

|                |  |
|----------------|--|
| <b>INITIAL</b> | <b>FRACTIONS OF HUMAN BLOOD</b>  |
| _____          | <input type="checkbox"/> Cryoprecipitate                                     |
| _____          | <input type="checkbox"/> Albumin   |
| _____          | <input type="checkbox"/> Interferons   |
| _____          | <b>MEDICATIONS THAT CONTAIN A FRACTION OF HUMAN BLOOD</b>                    |
| _____          | <input type="checkbox"/> Rh(D) immune globulin                               |
| _____          | <input type="checkbox"/> Erythropoetin                                       |
| _____          | <input type="checkbox"/> Human immunoglobulin                                |
| _____          | <input type="checkbox"/> Antihemophilic factor kit (1000 unit) (Monoclade P) |
| _____          | <input type="checkbox"/> Antihemophilic factor - VWF750 unite (Humate P)     |
| _____          | <input type="checkbox"/> Anithrombin III (human) (500 unit) (Thrombate III)  |
| _____          | <input type="checkbox"/> Fibrin sealant component kit 10 mL, 4 mL (Tisseal)  |
| _____          | <input type="checkbox"/> TECHINQUES FOR BLOOD CONSERVATION / PROCESSING      |
| _____          | <input type="checkbox"/> Cell saver / salvage                                |
| _____          | <input type="checkbox"/> Autologous banked blood                             |
| _____          | <input type="checkbox"/> Cardiopulmonary bypass                              |
| _____          | <input type="checkbox"/> Plasmapheresis                                      |
| _____          | <input type="checkbox"/> Hemodialysis  |
| _____          | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____   |

I understand:  
That this form will help me delineate which blood products may be acceptable to me, as I have refused blood transfusion, whether based on religious or personal preference.  
That I can change my mind. If I do, I must tell my / the patient's doctor or team before they start.

I have been given the opportunity to ask questions and all questions have been answered to my satisfaction. My Signature below indicates that I request no blood derivatives other than the ones which I have designated in this addendum to be administered to me during this hospitalization.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF patient / person giving consent (legally authorized to do so)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness to signature (SIGNATURE AND PRINTED NAME)

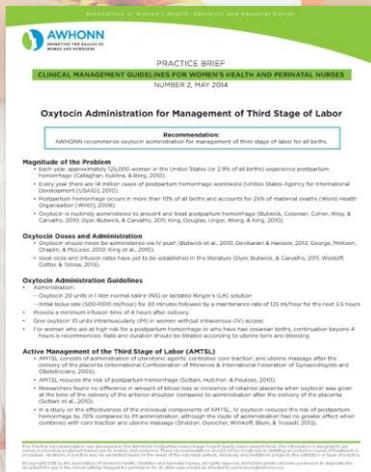
DATE SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ TIME: \_\_\_\_\_ AM / PM DATE SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ TIME: \_\_\_\_\_ AM / PM  
Relationship to patient (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of interpreter (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

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# Oxytocin Administration for Management of 3<sup>rd</sup> Stage of Labor



## Oxytocin Administration Guidelines

- **Administration:**
  - Oxytocin 20 units in 1 liter normal saline (NS) or lactated Ringer's (LR) solution
  - — Initial bolus rate (500-1000 ml/hour) for 30 minutes followed by a maintenance rate of 125 ml/hour for the next 3.5 hours
  - Provide a minimum infusion time of 4 hours after delivery.
  - Give oxytocin 10 units intramuscularly (1m) in women without intravenous (IV) access.
  - For woman who are at high risk for a postpartum hemorrhage or who have had cesarean births, continuation beyond 4 hours is recommended. Rate and duration should be titrated according to uterine tone and bleeding.

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## Ways to prevent PPH in our high risk patients

- Fundal Massage
- Urinating frequently
- Active 3<sup>rd</sup> stage of labor
  - Be aware of maternal warning signs such as:

### Vital Signs

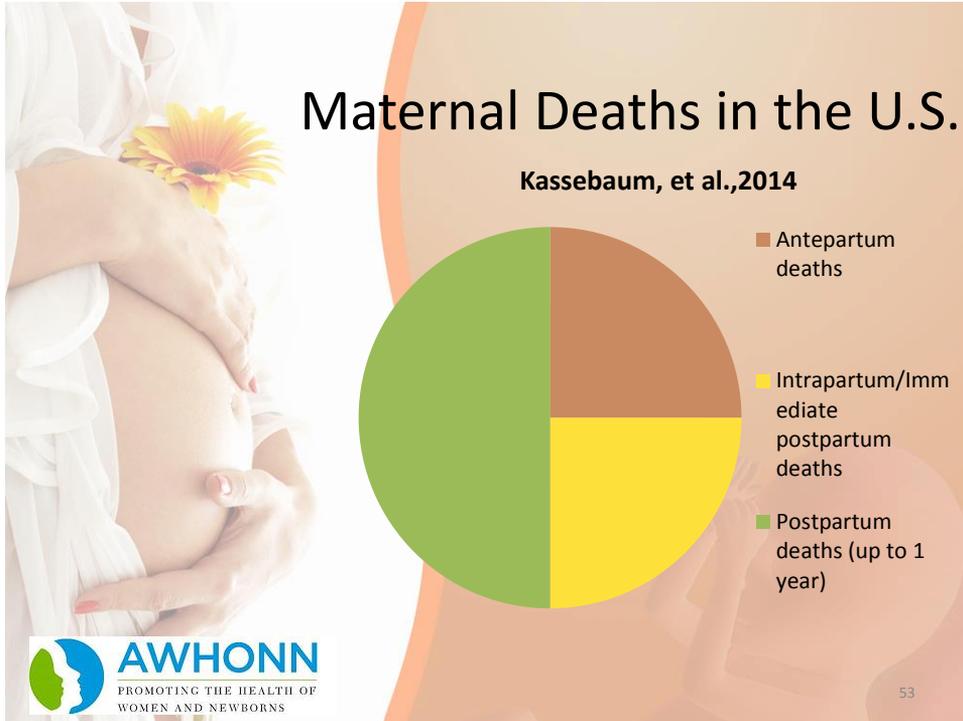


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## Blood Estimation Table

| Blood volume loss     | BP (systolic)               | Pulse  | Signs & symptoms                | Degree of shock |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|--------|---------------------------------|-----------------|
| 500–1000 ml (10–15%)  | Normal                      | Normal | Palpitation, dizziness          | Compensated     |
| 1000–1500 ml (15–25%) | Slight fall (80–100 mm Hg)  | > 100  | Weakness, tachycardia, sweating | Mild            |
| 1500–2000 ml (25–30%) | Moderate fall (70–80 mm Hg) | > 120  | Restlessness, pallor, oliguria  | Moderate        |
| 2000–3000 ml (35–45%) | Marked fall (50–70 mm Hg)   | > 140  | Collapse, air hunger,           | Severe          |

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## Save Your Life: Get Immediate Care

- Handout for **ALL** women to reinforce teaching
- Organized by call to action and specific warning signs of obstetric hemorrhage, severe hypertension, and venous thromboembolism

**SAVE YOUR LIFE!** Get Immediate Care for These Post-Birth Warning Signs

Most women who give birth recover without problems. Knowing what could be life-threatening warning signs after the birth of your baby could save your life. Tell your partner and others you need immediate care if you experience any of the following warning signs.

Tell 911 or your healthcare provider that you've recently had a baby—this is very important.

I had a baby on (DATE) and I am having (SPECIFIC WARNING SIGN(S)).

|   |
|---|
| <p><b>Call 911</b> if you have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shortness of breath at rest</li> <li>• Chest pain (severe when you breathe or cough)</li> <li>• Thoughts or feelings of wanting to hurt yourself or your baby</li> <li>• Seizures</li> </ul>   |
| <p><b>Call your healthcare provider</b> if you have:</p> <p>(If you can't reach your healthcare provider...)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Swelling, redness, warmth, or pain in your leg</li> <li>• Bleeding through more than 1 pad in an hour</li> <li>• Passing 1 or more clots the size of an egg or bigger from your vagina</li> <li>• Severe, constant headache (even after medication)</li> <li>• Vision changes</li> <li>• Nausea or dizziness</li> <li>• Pain in upper right abdominal area</li> <li>• Fever of 100.4°F or higher</li> </ul> |

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## POST-BIRTH WARNING SIGNS: POSTPARTUM DISCHARGE EDUCATION CHECKLIST

POST-BIRTH WARNING SIGNS

This checklist is a teaching guide for nurses to use when educating all women about the essential warning signs that can result in maternal morbidity and/or mortality.

**Instructions:**

- Instruct ALL women about all of the following potential complications. All teaching should be documented on this form or in your facility's electronic medical record.
- Focus on risk factors for a specific complication first; then review all warning signs.
- Emphasize that women do not have to experience ALL of the signs in each category for them to seek care.
- Encourage the woman's significant other or her designated family members to be included in education whenever possible.

The information included on this checklist is organized according to complications that can result in severe maternal morbidity or maternal mortality. Essential teaching points should be included in all postpartum discharge teaching.

The parent handout, "Save Your Life", is designed to reinforce this teaching. This handout is organized according to AWHONN's acronym, POST-BIRTH, to help everyone remember the key warning signs and when to call 911 or a health provider. A portion of this handout is below for reference.

|   |  |
|---|--|
| <b>Call 911</b><br><small>if you have:</small>  | <input type="checkbox"/> Pain in chest<br><input type="checkbox"/> Obstructed breathing or shortness of breath<br><input type="checkbox"/> Seizures<br><input type="checkbox"/> Thoughts of hurting yourself or your baby  |
| <b>Call your healthcare provider</b><br><small>if you have:<br/>(If you can't reach your healthcare provider, call 911 or go to an emergency room!)</small> | <input type="checkbox"/> Bleeding, soaking through one pad/hour, or blood clots, the size of an egg or bigger<br><input type="checkbox"/> Incision that is not healing<br><input type="checkbox"/> Red or swollen leg that is painful or warm to touch<br><input type="checkbox"/> Temperature of 100.4°F or higher<br><input type="checkbox"/> Headache that does not get better, even after taking medicine, or bad headache with vision changes |

**Below is a suggested conversation-starter:**

*"Although most women who give birth recover without problems, any woman can have complications after the birth of a baby. Learning to recognize these POST-BIRTH warning signs and knowing what to do can save your life. I would like to go over these POST-BIRTH warning signs with you now, so you will know what to look for and when to call 911 or when to call your healthcare provider.*

*Please share this with family and friends and post the "Save Your Life" handout in a place where you can get to it easily (like your refrigerator)."*

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# Maternal Mortality Postpartum Discharge Education Checklist

- Checklist of talking points for nurses
- Use with ALL postpartum women
- Document, sign, and place in each medical record after completed

Maternal Mortality Postpartum Discharge Education Checklist

**Instructions:**  
This checklist includes warning signs that can result in severe maternal morbidity and mortality.

- Instruct ALL women about all of the following potential complications.
- Emphasize these warning signs that pose greatest risk for postpartum women.
- Encourage the woman's significant other and/or her designated family members to be included in education, whenever possible as a way of reinforcing educational content to those closest to the woman.

**Here is an example of how to open the conversation:**

"Although the majority of women who give birth do not have complications once they go home, all women are potentially at risk. Knowing these postpartum warning signs can save your life as many can be life-threatening. Therefore we educate all women before they go home so they will know what to look for and when to call their health care provider. I would like to go over these with you now."

| Pulmonary Embolism            | Essential Teaching for Women   | Date Taught | Initiated | Revised | Health Provider Present |
|-------------------------------|--|-------------|-----------|---------|-------------------------|
| What is Pulmonary Embolism    | Pulmonary embolism is a blood clot that has traveled to your lung.   |             |           |         |                         |
| Signs of Pulmonary Embolism   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shortness of breath at rest (e.g., tachypneic, diaphoretic, rapid respirations)</li> <li>Chest pain that worsens when coughing</li> <li>Change in level of consciousness</li> </ul>                     |             |           |         |                         |
| Obtaining Immediate Care      | Call 911 or go to nearest emergency room BRIGHT AWAY!  |             |           |         |                         |
| Obstetric Hemorrhage          | Essential Teaching for Women   | Date Taught | Initiated | Revised | Health Provider Present |
| What is Obstetric Hemorrhage  | Obstetric hemorrhage is when you have an excess amount of bleeding after you have delivered your baby.   |             |           |         |                         |
| Signs of Obstetric Hemorrhage | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bleeding through more than 1 perineal pad/hour</li> <li>Passing a clump of blood that is the size of a golf ball</li> <li>Feeling dizzy or lightheaded</li> <li>Feeling faint or passing out</li> </ul> |             |           |         |                         |

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## Go the Full 40: a consumer campaign

- Partnership between AWHONN and its *Healthy Mom&Baby* media
- *Healthy Mom&Baby*: magazine, iPad app, [www.health4mom.org](http://www.health4mom.org) HMB social media
- Nurse distribution



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