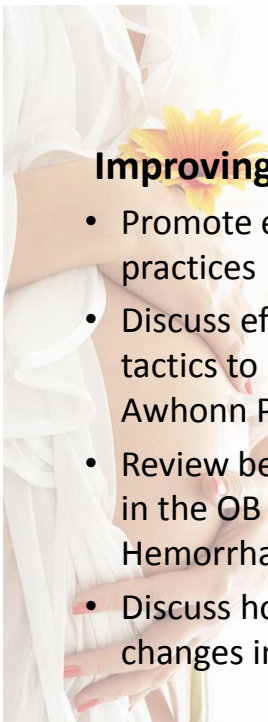




# Post partum Hemorrhage: Best Practices to Reduce Health Disparities

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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

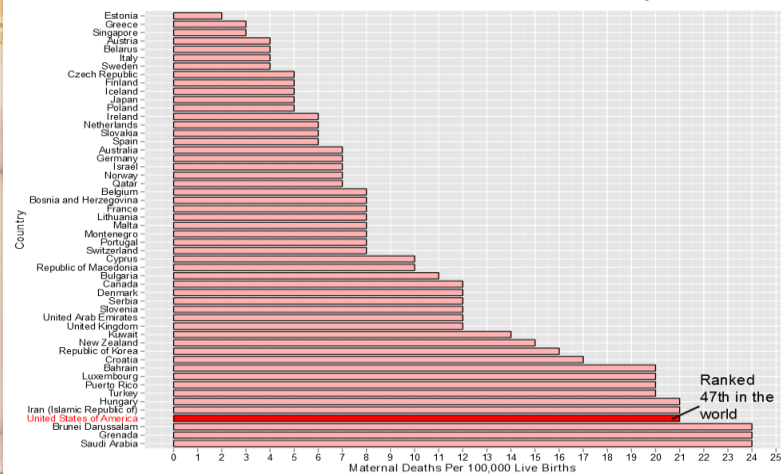
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## Magnitude of the Problem

- 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

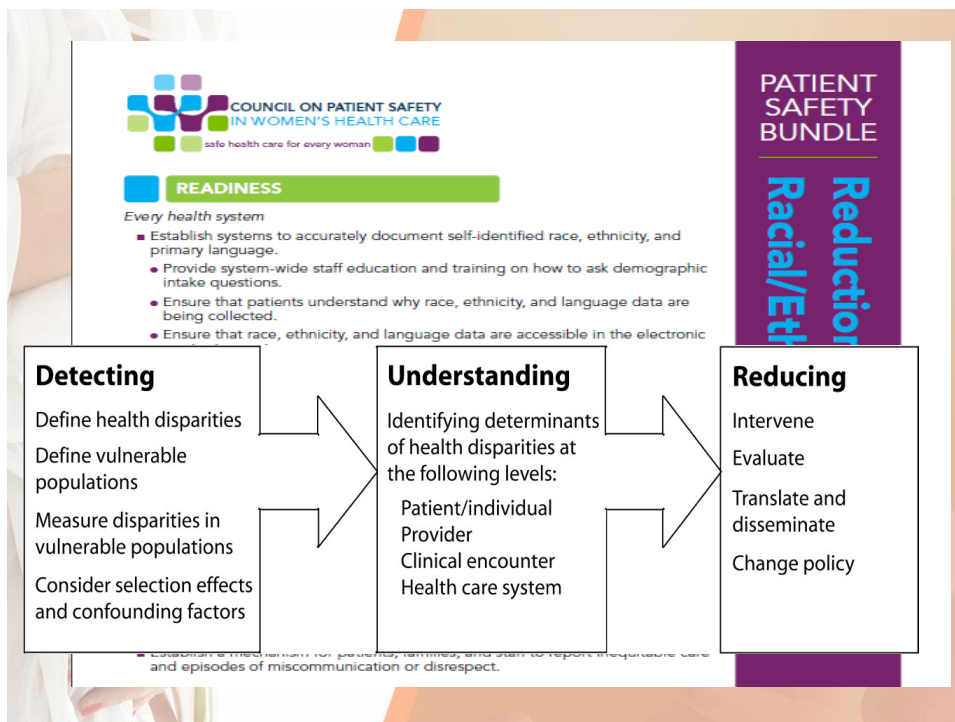
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- RISK REDUCTION
- SAFE CLINICAL OUTCOMES

## Processes

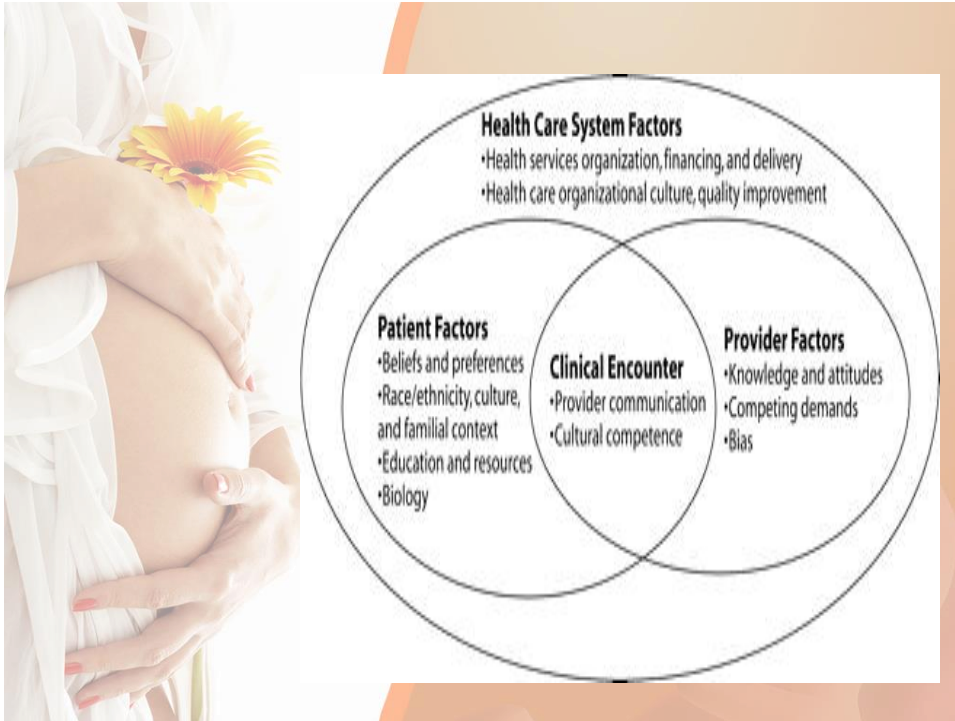
- ORDER SETS
- PROTOCOLS
- EDUCATION, PATIENT TEACHING
- DISPARITIES



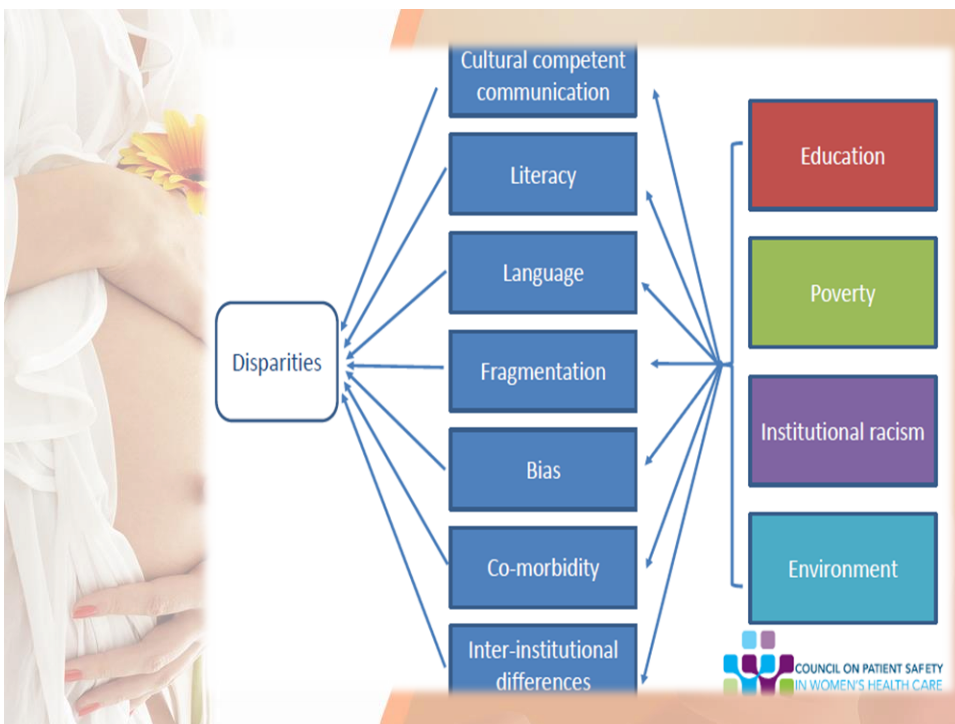
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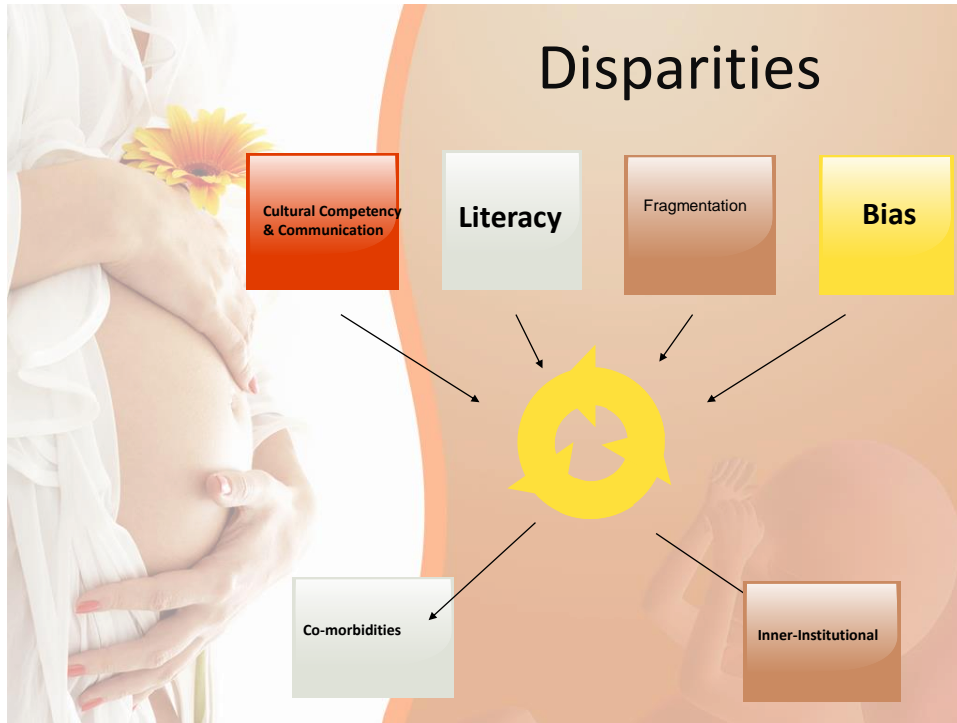
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## Cultural Competency: Consider the Source

- 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

The slide also features a small image of a spiral-bound book titled "Maternal-Neonatal Facts, Incredibly Quick! 2nd edition". The book cover is colorful, with a yellow and orange design and a small illustration of a person.

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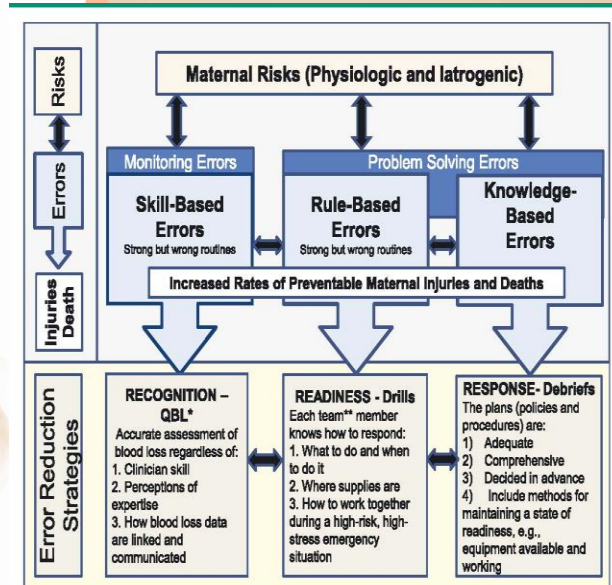
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In Focus

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 Generic Errors Modeling System to Obstetric Hemorrhage Quality Improvement Efforts






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## AWHONN PPH Project Goals

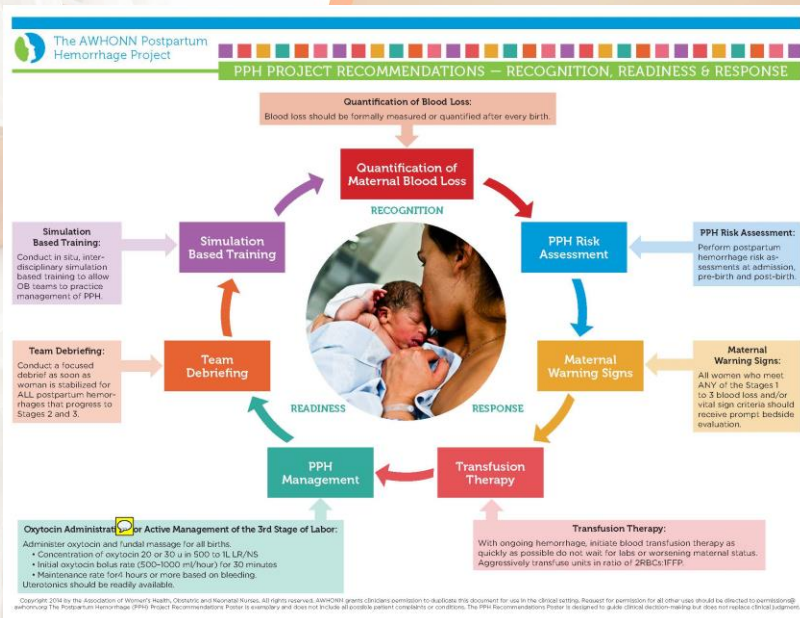
- Goal 1: Promote equal access of evidence-based care practices
- Goal 2: Support effective implementation strategies
  - **Recognition - Readiness - Response**
- Goal 3: Identify facilitators and barriers to making improvements and disseminate lessons learned

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# AWHONN PPH Project Regional Leaders

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

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## Examples of Data Collection

### Outcome Measures

- ICU Admissions
- Blood transfusions

### Structure Measures

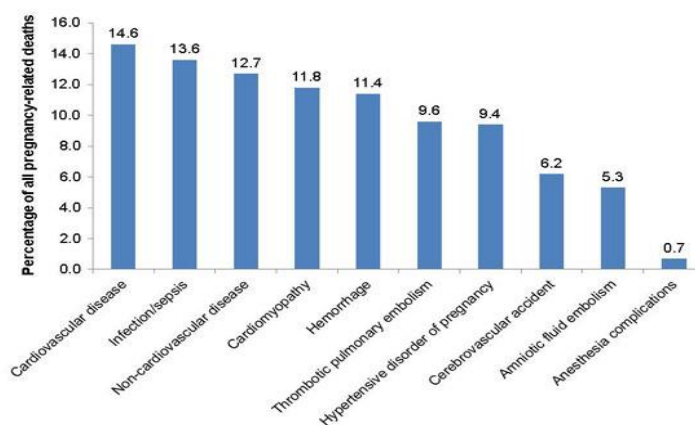
- Develop Policies and Procedures
- Education, Drills, Debriefs

### 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.

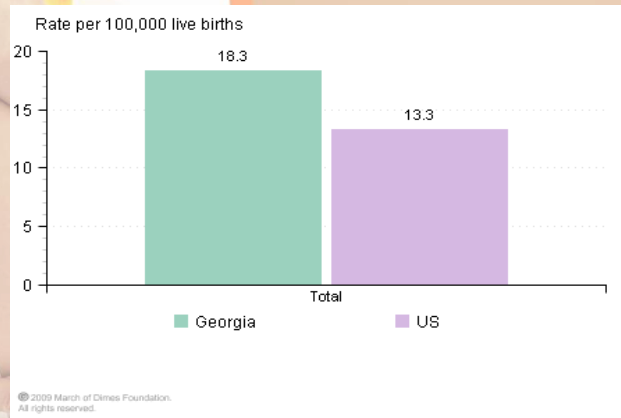
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## Maternal mortality rates

### Georgia and US, 2003-2007 Average

- Georgia (GA) 20.5 per 100,000 Ranks 50th
- 88 Birthing Hospitals



Footnotes available in notes section.  
 Source: National Center for Health Statistics, final mortality data; National Center for Health Statistics, final natality data. Retrieved January 29, 2014, from [www.marchofdimes.com/peristats](http://www.marchofdimes.com/peristats).

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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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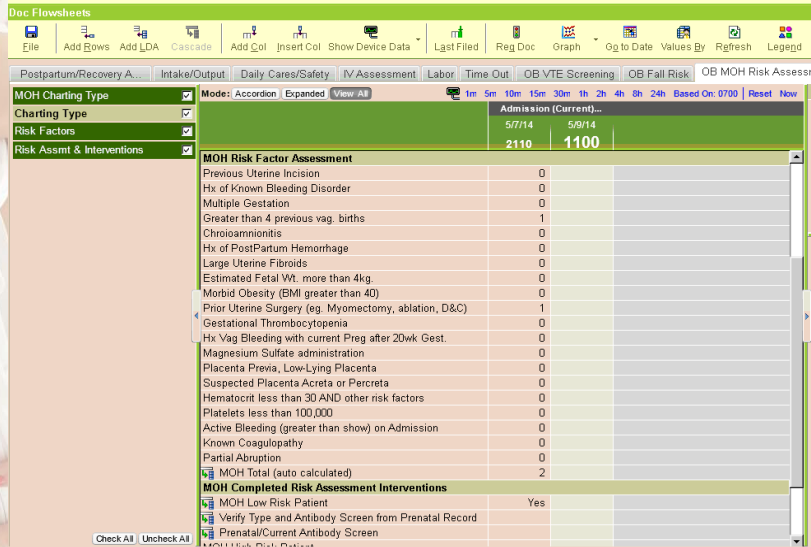
## Recognition

- 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



The screenshot shows the 'MOH Risk Assessment' section of the software. It includes a table for risk factors and a section for completed risk assessment interventions.

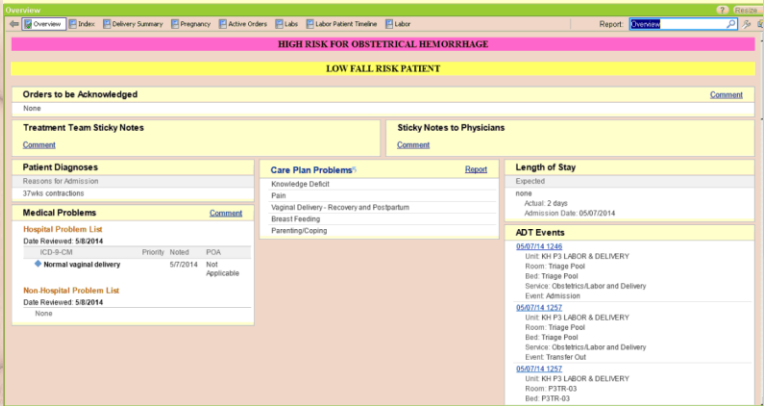
Risk Factor	5/7/14	5/9/14
MOH Risk Factor Assessment	2110	1100
Previous Uterine Incision	0	
Hx of Known Bleeding Disorder	0	
Multiple Gestation	0	
Greater than 4 previous vag. births	1	
Chorioamnionitis	0	
Hx of PostPartum Hemorrhage	0	
Large Uterine Fibroids	0	
Estimated Fetal Wt. more than 4kg	0	
Morbid 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	0	
MOH Total (auto calculated)	2	
MOH Completed Risk Assessment Interventions		
MOH Low Risk Patient	Yes	
Verify Type and Antibody Screen from Prenatal Record		
Prenatal/Current Antibody Screen		

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# Recognition

## High Risk Banner



The screenshot displays a medical software interface with a green header bar. The main content area is titled "HIGH RISK FOR OBSTETRICAL HEMORRHAGE" and "LOW FALL RISK PATIENT". The interface includes several sections:

- Orders to be Acknowledged:** A section with a "Name" field and a "Comment" link.
- Treatment Team Sticky Notes:** A section with a "Comment" link.
- Care Plan Problems:** A section with a "Report" link. It lists "Knowledge Deficit", "Pain", "Vaginal Delivery - Recovery and Postpartum", "Breast Feeding", and "Parenting/Coping".
- Length of Stay:** A section with a "Report" link. It shows "Expected" as "none" and "Actual" as "2 days" with an "Admission Date" of "05/07/2014".
- Medical Problems:** A section with a "Comment" link. It lists "Hospital Problem List" and "Non-Hospital Problem List", both with a "Date Reviewed" of "5/8/2014".
- ADT Events:** A section with a "Report" link. It lists "ADT Events" and "ADT Events" with a "Date Reviewed" of "5/8/2014".
- ICD-9-CM:** A table with columns for "ICD-9-CM", "Priority", "Noted", and "POA". It lists "Normal vaginal delivery" with a "Date Reviewed" of "5/7/2014" and "Not Applicable".



## 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

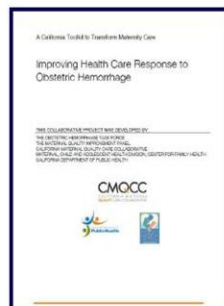
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## Side Effects

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

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## Key OB Hemorrhage QI Toolkits: Full of Resources



[www.CMQCC.org](http://www.CMQCC.org)  
v2.0 available soon



ACOG District II Website  
(thru ACOG website)



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

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# Obstetric Hemorrhage Key Elements

## Response - Every Hemorrhage

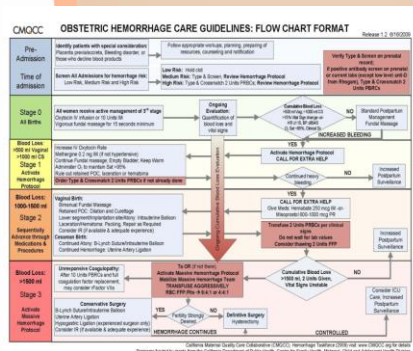
1. Unit-standard, stage-based, obstetric hemorrhage emergency management plan with checklists
2. Support program for patients, families, and staff for all significant hemorrhages

	Assessments	Medications/Procedures	Blood Bank
<b>Stage 0</b> Every woman in labor/giving birth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assess every woman for risk factors for hemorrhage</li> <li>Ongoing quantitative evaluation of blood loss on every birth</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Active Management 3<sup>rd</sup> Stage:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oxytocin IV infusion or 10u IM</li> <li>Fundal Massage: vigorous, 15 seconds, 20s</li> </ul> </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 current, exclude low level anti-D from Rh(D) T&amp;C 2 U</li> </ul>
<b>Stage 1</b> Stage 1 is short activate hemorrhage protocol, initiate preparations and give Methergine 1st	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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>\leq</math> 95%)</li> <li>IV Access: at least 18 gauge</li> <li>Activate OB Hemorrhage Protocol and Checklist</li> <li>Notify Charge nurse, Anesthesia Provider</li> <li>VS, O2 Sat q5</li> <li>Calculate cumulative blood loss q5-15</li> <li>Weight bloody materials</li> <li>Careful inspection with good exposure of vaginal walls, cervix, uterine cavity, placenta</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>IV Access: at least 18 gauge</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 move on to 2<sup>nd</sup> level uterine 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> Stage 2 is focused on sequential actions through medications and procedures, mobilizing help and Blood Bank support, and keeping ahead with volume and blood products	<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 5-15 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 Postpartum: Move to L&amp;D OR</li> <li>Inspect broad lig, posterior uterus and retained placenta</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>Carboprost 250 mcg IM q5</li> <li>Misoprostol 800-1000 mcg IM</li> <li>2<sup>nd</sup> IV Access (at least 18 gauge)</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: no retained placenta</li> <li>Place intrauterine 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>Uterine Suture</li> <li>Place intrauterine 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 thawing 2 FFP (takes 35-min), use if transfusing &gt;2u PRBCs</li> <li>Determine availability of additional PRBCs and other Coag products</li> </ul>
<b>Stage 3</b> Stage 3 is focused on the Massive Transfusion protocol and invasive surgical approaches for control of bleeding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mobilize team</li> <li>Advanced CTN</li> <li>Anesthesia Provider</li> <li>OR staff</li> <li>Adult Intubation</li> <li>Repeat labs including coag and ABG's</li> <li>Central line</li> <li>Social Worker/family support</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Activate Massive Hemorrhage Protocol</li> <li>Laparotomy</li> <li>B-Lynch Suture</li> <li>Uterine Artery Ligation</li> <li>Hysterectomy</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 PLT pheresis pack per 8 units PRBCs</li> <li>Disseminated Coagulopathy: After 10 units PRBCs add full coagulation factor replacement; may consider rFVIIa</li> </ul>

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## CMQCC OB Hemorrhage Guidelines

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CALIFORNIA MATERNAL  
QUALITY CARE COLLABORATIVE



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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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**OPS** **AWHONN**  
PROMOTING THE HEALTH OF WOMEN AND NEWBORNS

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.

<b>GETTING STARTED</b> 	<b>FIND A COURSE</b> View the Location of an OPS Instructor	<b>COURSE MATERIAL</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prerequisite: Complete the PPH Online Module</li> <li>• Search "view" 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>
<b>COURSE CERTIFICATES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete eval and obtain CME certificate</li> <li>• Receive CME and PPH Course certificates (Email previously completed)</li> </ul>		<b>OPS INSTRUCTOR LOGIN</b> 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 portal opens.
<b>ADDITIONAL RESOURCES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JDGEM In-Focus Series on OB Hemorrhage</li> <li>• PPH Project</li> <li>• Identification of Blood Loss (IBL) Practice</li> <li>• Brief</li> <li>• IBL Video</li> <li>• Oxytocin Administration After Birth</li> </ul>		<b>OPS FAQs</b> Coming Soon <b>FAQ</b>

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## AWHONN PPH Education Modules

- On-line
- Fast
- Self-paced
- Team Training
- Certificate of completion



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## Response

### Debriefings

- Quick review of events
- Identify process errors : individual, team & system


### Root-Cause Analysis

- Management decisions
- Work flow
- Patient decisions/ Patient characteristics

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# Response



**IMMEDIATE FOCUSED POSTPARTUM HEMORRHAGE (PPH) REBIRTH FORM**

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

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

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

**Description:** A quick response to PPH is essential to prevent complications. This form is designed to help you quickly identify areas for improvement.

**Clinical Debrief Guidelines:**

- Conduct a debrief within 24-48 hours of the event.
- Include all team members who were present at the time of the event.
- Focus on the event, not the individuals.
- Use this form as a guide, not a checklist.

**Facilitator Guidelines:**

1. Ask and listen. Ask the team to share their perspectives on the event.
2. Listen. Listen to the team's input and provide support as needed.
3. No blame. Focus on the event, not the individuals.

**Debrief Attendees:**

Attendee	Present	Not Present
Physician	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nurse	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Midwife	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pharmacist	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Respiratory Therapist	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Overall Team Management:**

Team Management	Present	Not Present
Team leader	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Team members	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Team communication	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Team coordination	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Resources and Equipment:**

Resource/Equipment	Present	Not Present
Physician	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nurse	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Midwife	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pharmacist	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Respiratory Therapist	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Additional Comments:**

Comments	Present	Not Present
Physician	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nurse	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Pharmacist	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Respiratory Therapist	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**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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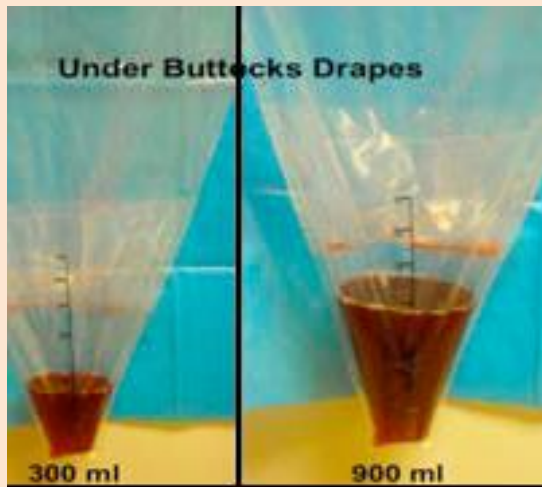
## Practice Brief Quantification of Blood Loss (QBL)

### • 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)

Total Weight: Laps + Sleeves

Lap Sleeves Used

# of Laps Used

# of Chux Used

Additional Source of Blood Loss Volume

Add "Total Blood Loss Calculated" below to "Total Delivery Blood Loss" section (for I&O)

TOTAL BLOOD LOSS CALCULATED

**VAGINAL DELIVERY BLOOD LOSS**

Method Of Quantification

**TOTAL DELIVERY BLOOD LOSS (Vaginal or C/S)**

EBL/QBL During Delivery (mL)

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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

Advance Medical Directive

No Blood



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 ( <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ) WHICH ONE APPLIES:	
INITIAL	<p><b>FRACTIONS OF HUMAN BLOOD</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Cryoprecipitate</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Albumin</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Interferons</p> <p><b>MEDICATIONS THAT CONTAIN A FRACTION OF HUMAN BLOOD</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Rho(D) immune globulin</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Erythropoietin</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Human immunoglobulin</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Antithrombotic factor kit (1000 unit) (Monoclate P)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Antithrombotic factor - VWF750 unit (Humate P)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Antithrombin III (human) (500 unit) (Thrombate III)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fibrin sealant component kit 10 mL, 4 mL (Tisseal)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Interferon A 2B (IntronA)</p> <p><b>TECHNIQUES FOR BLOOD CONSERVATION / PROCESSING</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Cell saver / salvage</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Autologous blood bank</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Cardiopulmonary bypass</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Plasmapheresis</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Hemodialysis</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p>
<p>I understand:</p> <p>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.</p> <p>That I can change my mind. If I do, I must tell my / the patient's doctor or team before they start.</p> <p>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.</p>	
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): _____	
<p>WellStar</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Cobb <input type="checkbox"/> Douglas <input type="checkbox"/> Kennestone</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Paulding <input type="checkbox"/> Windy Hill</p> <p>Informed Consent Addendum Blood Transfusion Refusal</p>	<p>Page 1 of 3</p> <p>New 7/2013 HIM Approved 6/2013</p>

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

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**Oxytocin Administration for Management of Third Stage of Labor**

**Recommendation:**  
AWHONN recommends oxytocin administration for management of third stage of labor for all births.

**Magnitude of the Problem**

- Each year approximately 13,000 women in the United States (or 2.8% of all births) experience postpartum hemorrhage (Cunningham, Leveno, & King, 2013).
- Every year there are 16 million cases of postpartum hemorrhage worldwide (United States Agency for International Development [USAID], 2009).
- Postpartum hemorrhage occurs in more than 10% of all births and accounts for 26% of maternal deaths (World Health Organization [WHO], 2009).
- Oxytocin is routinely administered to prevent and treat postpartum hemorrhage (Babcock, Coleman, Cohen, Wiley, & Caravita, 2005; Open Network & Caravita, 2001; King, Douglas, Lingen-Wiley, & King, 2003).

**Oxytocin Doses and Administration**

- Oxytocin should never be administered via IV push (Babcock et al., 2002; Davidson & Hennessy, 2010; George, Johnson, Chaplin, & Bellizzi, 2005; King et al., 2003).
- Slow oral and infusion rates have yet to be established in the literature (Open Network & Caravita, 2001; Moschetti, Coffey, & Sipe, 2005).

**Oxytocin Administration Guidelines**

- 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 (IM) in women without intravenous (IV) access.
- For women 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.

**Active Management of the Third Stage of Labor (AMTSL)**

- 1. AMTSL, various of administration of uterine agents, cord traction, and uterine massage after the delivery of the placenta (International Confederation of Nurses & International Federation of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, 2005).
- 2. AMTSL, reduces the risk of postpartum hemorrhage (Cohen, Johnson, & Prusoff, 2003).
- 3. Researchers have no difference in amount of blood loss or incidence of maternal deaths when oxytocin was given at the time of the delivery of the placenta (Johnson, 2005).
- 4. One exception to AMTSL is oxytocin 10 units intramuscularly (IM) in women without intravenous (IV) access.
- 5. In a study on the effectiveness of the individual components of AMTSL, IV oxytocin reduced the risk of postpartum hemorrhage but the use of cord traction and uterine massage had no effect on blood loss (Johnson, 2005).

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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

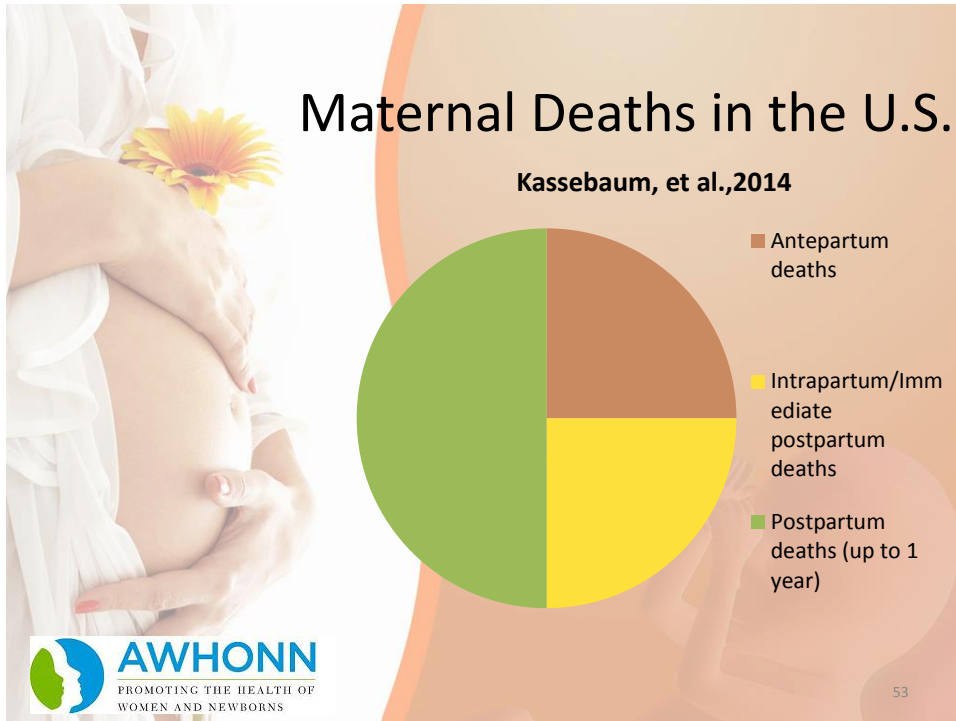


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## Blood Estimation Table

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.

**Call 911 if you have:**

- Shortness of breath at rest
- Chest pain (worse when you breathe or cough)
- Thoughts or feelings of wanting to hurt yourself or your baby
- Seizures

**Call your healthcare provider if you have:**

- Swelling, redness, warmth, or pain in your leg
- Bleeding through more than 1 pad in an hour
- Passing 1 or more clots the size of an egg or bigger from your vagina
- Severe, constant headache (even after medication)
- Vision changes
- Nausea or dizziness
- Pain in upper right abdominal area

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

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

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 if you have:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Pain in chest <input type="checkbox"/> Obstructed breathing or shortness of breath <input type="checkbox"/> Seizures <input type="checkbox"/> Thoughts of hurting yourself or your baby
<b>Call your healthcare provider if you have:</b> <small>(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 <input type="checkbox"/> Incision that is not healing <input type="checkbox"/> Red or swollen leg that is painful or warm to touch <input type="checkbox"/> Temperature of 100.4°F or higher <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.
- Prioritize those 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	Revised
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, shallow, 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 RIGHT AWAY!				
Obstetric Hemorrhage	Essential Teaching for Women	Date Taught	Initiated	Revised	Revised
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 clots larger than the size of a golf ball</li> </ul>				

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**Don't Rush Me! Go the Full 40**  
Tips & Tools for Sharing

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Tool Kit  
Champions Group

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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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