

Postpartum Access & Continuity of Care (PACC)

Global AIM: Improve maternal health through hospital-facilitated continuum of postpartum (PP) care by coordinating and providing respectful, timely, and risk-appropriate coordinated care and services.

AIM

Primary Key Drivers

Secondary Key Drivers

- By 6/2024, FPQC participating hospitals will:**
- Increase % of patients with a 2-week PP visit scheduled prior to discharge by 20%*
 - Increase patient PP education~ by 20%*

Respectful care is a universal component of every driver and activity

Process for Maternal Discharge Risk Assessment & Arranging Early PP Visits

Develop a process flow to schedule early risk-appropriate PP visits/encounters prior to discharge and align policies and procedures accordingly

Conduct a PP Discharge Assessment prior to discharge

Implement universal Maternal Discharge Risk Assessment & schedule/arrange risk-appropriate PP care including obstetrical, specialty & community services before discharge

Comprehensive PP Patient Discharge Education

Verbally educate patients on the benefits of early risk-appropriate PP visits/encounters (Post-Birth Health Check) and provide written materials

Verbally educate all patient on PP Warning Signs and provide written materials

Verbally educate patients on the benefits of and options for pregnancy spacing, family planning and contraceptive choice and provide written materials

Establish a system to ensure that all patients receive recommended and documented PP education and discharge information

Clinician PP Engagement and Education

Develop a strategy to engage and educate inpatient and outpatient providers and staff using initiative promotional and education materials

Plan in place to continue to engage and educate new hires

Develop a strategy to engage and educate ER physicians & staff about pregnancy/PP care including PP screening & care practices.

~ Includes benefits of early PP visits, warning signs, and family planning

* Baseline will be established with the first quarter of hospital data