

Florida Perinatal Quality Collaborative



Partnering to Improve Health Care Quality
for Mothers and Babies

Welcome from the Principal Investigator, John S. Curran, MD!



The Florida Perinatal Quality Collaborative's (FPQC) recent successes in our initiatives to eliminate non-medically indicated

deliveries (NMID) <39 weeks and to reduce neonatal catheter associated blood stream infections (NCABSI) has led to our tremendous growth within a short period of time. We are now proud to announce the continued support from the Florida Chapter of the March of Dimes as well as new support from the Florida Hospital Association, the Florida Department of Health and the Agency for Health Care Administration in expanding our current initiatives as well as launching new initiatives

aimed at some of the most critical health issues in Florida's perinatal care. This brief newsletter highlights some of our upcoming events where we will engage perinatal practitioners and proponents on ways to continue improving the health outcomes of mothers and babies in Florida.

If you have any questions or wish to participate in one of our projects, please contact us by email at fpqc@health.usf.edu, by phone at 813-974-8888 or email me at jcurran@health.usf.edu.

Sincerely,

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The FPQC Exhibiting at the 2012 FOGS Conference

The FPQC is proud to support the Florida Obstetric and Gynecologic Society as well as the Florida Section

of the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists by exhibiting at their conference - "Pathways to Clinical Excellence in OB/GYN 2012" - on August 3rd and 4th at The Ritz-Carlton Orlando, Grande Lakes. If you are planning to attend: Please stop by our booth to learn more about our organization, recent successes, current projects and upcoming initiatives.

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TO CLINICAL EXCELLENCE IN OB/GYN

Expansion of Efforts to Eliminate Early Elective Deliveries

The FPQC is partnering with the March of Dimes and the Florida Hospital Association to expand efforts to eliminate early elective deliveries (EED) before 39 weeks by inviting hospitals to take part in a hospital engagement network (HEN). In August, the three organizations will hold an orientation meeting for hospitals to cover such topics as key components, current hospitals' success stories, approaches to address barriers/roadblocks, Florida's experience with reducing EED and clinical and consumer education strategies.

The FPQC's Governance and Neonatal-Focused Meetings

Please save the dates for the FPQC's two, one-day meetings in Tampa at USF Health's new, state-of-the-art medical simulation center – the Center for Advanced Medical Learning and Simulation (CAMLS).

Governance Meeting

On Thursday, September 27th: The FPQC will hold its governance meeting to address our organizational structure, decision-making process and strategic plan as well as to define clearer roles for our maternal, infant and data subcommittees.

Neonatal-Focused Meeting

On Friday, September 28th: The FPQC will bring together neonatologists to discuss the most critical issues affecting infant health outcomes in Florida and to plan next steps for new initiatives.

Both meetings are open to all Florida perinatal practitioners and proponents who want to become involved with our organization. If you are interested in one or both of our meetings, please RSVP to fpqc@health.usf.edu.

The FPQC 2013 Annual Conference

Mark your calendars now for the FPQC's Annual Conference in the spring of 2013! Next year's Conference will take place in downtown Tampa on **March 21st and 22nd**. More detailed information coming soon.

Florida Perinatal Quality Collaborative at The Lawton and Rhea Chiles Center for Healthy Mothers and Babies

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To apply to become a member of the FPQC directly online, please visit us at www.usf.edu/ua/perinatal.



The mission of the Florida Perinatal Quality Collaborative (FPQC) at The Chiles Center is to improve Florida's maternal and infant health outcomes through assuring quality perinatal care for all of Florida's women and infants. We seek to collaborate with all Florida perinatal health care stakeholders using data-driven, value-added quality improvement processes in projects aimed at enhancing maternal and infant health.

To learn more about the FPQC, please visit us on the web at <http://health.usf.edu/publichealth/chilescenter/fpqc> or on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/FPQCatUSF>.

