**PROVIDE 2.0 Implementation Planning Tool**

**LABOR DYSTOCIA FOCUS AREA**

*This tool is meant to facilitate your local team’s QI efforts. It aligns with the Key Driver Diagram for Induction cases.*

Overall Aim: Within 18 months of project start, 60% of NTSV cesarean section rates that were labor dystocia cases will have met all ACOG/SMFM criteria.

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| A unit that values, supports, and promotes vaginal deliveries | **I.** Revise and adopt updated **hospital care guidelines** to reflect evidence-based practices related to:  1. Appropriate admission criteria and latent labor management | Establish meeting time with essential team members to establish roles and a plan to begin reviewing your current department guidelines and the ACOG, SMFM, FPQC recommended guidelines.  Review admission criteria which could include admission checklists, algorithms, consents, timing, patient education, and other expectations.  Review latent labor management guidelines, which could include cervical exam and timing expectations, latent labor best practices, algorithms, consents, oxytocin and AROM policies, definition of labor arrest, alternatives, and other expectations.  Conduct tests of change; share results and solicit feedback from staff and providers (PDSA cycle).  Determine and implement a standardized plan for admission criteria components or checklists and modify hospital guidelines accordingly.  Note date of adoption of new guidelines. |  |  |  |
| **I.** Revise and adopt updated **hospital care guidelines** to reflect evidence-based practices related to:  2. Active stage of labor management/labor dystocia criteria; | Establish meeting time with essential team members to establish roles and a plan to begin reviewing your current department guidelines and the ACOG, SMFM, FPQC recommended guidelines.  Review and update labor management guidelines which could include algorithms, active labor best practices, including timing expectations, oxytocin policies, definition of active labor arrest, pre-cesarean huddles or checklist, and use of labor progression support tools including movement, medication, doulas, nutrition, intermittent monitoring.  Conduct tests of change; share results and solicit feedback from staff and providers (PDSA cycle).  Determine and implement a standardized plan for labor management/labor dystocia criteria components or checklists and modify hospital guidelines.  Note date of adoption of new guidelines. |  |  |  |
| **I.** Revise and adopt updated **hospital care guidelines** to reflect evidence-based practices related to:  3. Second stage management/arrest criteria. | Establish meeting time with essential team members to establish roles and a plan to begin reviewing your current department guidelines and the ACOG, SMFM, FPQC recommended guidelines.  Review and update second stage management/arrest criteria which could include second stage best practices, including timing expectations, positioning and movement, pre-cesarean huddle or checklist, algorithms, management of malposition.  Conduct tests of change; share results and solicit feedback from staff and providers (PDSA cycle).  Determine and implement a standardized plan for labor management/labor dystocia criteria components or checklists and modify hospital guidelines  Note date of adoption of new policies. |  |  |  |
| **II. Educate** physicians, nursing, and staff on new evidence-based practices and policies/protocols related the newly revised and adopted hospital guidelines | Create a plan to increase communication to identify opportunities to improve and standardize care and tie education to interim steps for smaller changes in practice.  Education topics could include:   * The Safe Reduction of Primary C/S: Support for Intended Vaginal Births bundle and your unit-standard protocol * Appropriate induction scheduling and admission criteria * Latent and active labor management and labor dystocia criteria * Second stage management/arrest criteria * Methods to promote labor progress and prevent malposition * Labor support and shared decision making * Pain management (pharmacologic and non-pharmacologic)   Track the number of existing MD’s and non-MD clinical staff who receive didactic/cognitive and skills education. Track the number of new hires who receive education. |  |  |  |
| **III.** Document use of **patient education materials** on evidence-based techniques that prevent cesareans | Create a plan to find, create, encourage, and document use of patient education materials on evidence-based techniques that prevent cesareans, including:   * Shared decision making * Birth doulas * Pharm and non-pharm comfort techniques * Strategies to promote labor progress/prevent dystocia. |  |  |  |
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| Standardization of processes related to admission and latent stage of labor | **IV**. Increase number of patients that are not admitted until 6 or more centimeters (active labor) | Educate care providers and staff about the new evidence-base, definitions, and recommendations related to labor curves for primipara patients.  Create a standard process for when to admit and not to admit patients in latent labor, which could include a checklist and patient education materials.  Meet to do PDSA cycles, solicit feedback, improve processes, do case reviews, and incorporate into department guidelines. |  |  |  |
| **V**. Reduce percent of NTSV cesareans with labor dystocia where **recommended criteria** are not met at:  a.) < 6 cm | Review and educate care providers and staff on evidence-based recommended management, practices, and dystocia definitions for latent stages of labor. To include:   * Latent labor management prior to 6 cm for primiparas * Adequate uterine activity, oxytocin, and AROM * Algorithms and pre-cesarean checklists   Plan PDSA cycles and case reviews focusing on one labor stage at a time. |  |  |  |
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| Standard, evidence-based responses to labor challenges in active and second stage of labor | **V**. Reduce percent of NTSV cesareans with induction where **recommended criteria** are not met at:  b.) 6 – 9 cm;  c.) 10 cm | Review and educate care providers and staff on evidence-based recommended management, practices, and dystocia definitions for latent, active, and second stages of labor. To include:   * Adequate uterine activity, oxytocin, and AROM * Pushing time with and without epidural analgesia * Algorithms and pre-cesarean checklists   Plan PDSA cycles and case reviews focusing on one labor stage at a time. |  |  |  |
| Standard, evidence-based responses to labor challenges in latent, active, and second stage of labor | **VI**. Use labor dystocia/pre-cesarean **checklist** with team members intrapartum and/or as debrief tool | Meet with your team to determine roles and responsibilities related to:  Adopt or adapt a communication tool for use as an inter-disciplinary intrapartum pre-cesarean huddle in non-emergency cases. Could also be used as a debrief tool.  Practice use of the tool (conduct a PDSA cycle), solicit feedback, and implement routine use of the tool. |  |  |  |
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| Track, report, and review to monitor progress | **VII.** Quality review meetings to conduct **case reviews**, review initiative data and progress, and/or review provider-specific rates | Establish regular review process with times/dates and expectations for participation.  Randomly review your data audit cases to discuss reasons for fall outs and improve processes.  Determine how provider rates will be shared, with the goal of transparency at some point. |  |  |  |
| **VIII.** Integrate order sets, protocols, and documentation for the safe reduction of primary cesareans into your hospital’s **EHR system** | Enlist electronic health records team and administrators early on in the process to ensure needed components are incorporated.  Determine person responsible for ensuring changes are tested and made. Create list of needed documentation and report additions. |  |  |  |