



Pregnancy-Related Optimal Management of Hypertension (PROMPT)

From January 2025 to June 2026, the FPQC PROMPT initiative aimed to **increase by 20%** the percentage of patients receiving:

- **Timely treatment** for persistent acute-onset severe hypertension **within 1 hour** from the first severe range BP reading.
- Appropriate **discharge education** and scheduled **follow-up encounters** within **3-7 days post-discharge**.

88 PROMPT Hospitals
86% of Birthing Hospitals
91% of Births



WHY PROMPT?

- Hypertensive disorders of pregnancy (HDP) are among the **leading causes** of pregnancy-related deaths in Florida.
- In 2020, HDP accounted for 18% of pregnancy-related deaths. 66% of these deaths occurred postpartum and **100% were deemed preventable** by the Florida Maternal Mortality Review Committee (MMRC).
- ACOG recommends that patients with persistent acute-onset severe hypertension (SHTN) receive treatment **within 60 minutes**, but this occurs in less than 50% of cases.
- For every woman who dies as a result of pregnancy-related complications, **up to 100 women experience severe complications** that could be life-threatening and may also increase their risk for lifelong health issues, including heart disease, diabetes, and mental health conditions.

KEY INITIATIVE RESULTS

The percentage of patients who received **timely treatment** for persistent SHTN increased from 54% to 75%

39%
INCREASE

The percentage of patients who received a **verbal brief** after a SHTN event increased from 70% to 84%

20%
INCREASE

The percentage of patients with scheduled **follow-up encounters** within 7 days post-discharge increased from 55% to 66%

20%
INCREASE

The percentage of hospitals implementing **interdepartmental team-based SHTN drills** increased from 69% to 95%

38%
INCREASE

The percentage of patients who received appropriate **discharge education** increased from 68% to 83%

22%
INCREASE

The percentage of patients who took home a **blood pressure cuff** increased from 31% to 67%

116%
INCREASE

STRUCTURAL CHANGES

8x

The percentage of **SHTN cases debriefed** by the clinical team increased over eight-fold (4% to 34%)

The percentage of hospitals providing **SHTN education to ED providers and staff** increased from 42% to 95%

126%
INCREASE

6x

The percentage of hospitals engaging a **patient advisor** on their QI team increased over six-fold (9% to 56%)

The percentage of hospitals **screening patients in the ED** for current or recent pregnancy status increased from 53% to 100%

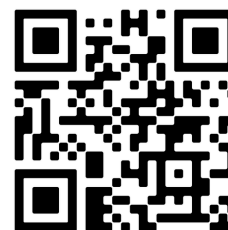
88%
INCREASE

The percentage of hospitals implementing a **system plan for level of care escalation** when needed increased from 76% to 99%

30%
INCREASE

IMPACT ON MOTHERS: SAVING LIVES

Being part of PROMPT saves lives! PROMPT focuses on ensuring that mothers receive timely treatment for severe hypertension. It also aims to improve practices such as accurate blood pressure assessment, collaborating with emergency departments and EMS, educating patients about postpartum warning signs and scheduling early postpartum follow-up visits. Hospitals are proud of the work they do and give FPQC permission to share their patient save stories.



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WHAT'S NEXT?

- 15 hospitals earned the **Patient Engagement Champion Badge** during the PROMPT initiative. This opportunity is ongoing for all hospitals participating in FPQC initiatives.
- 62 hospitals are participating in the **PROMPT sustainability phase**, which will run from July 2026 to June 2029 and includes continued data collection.
- Hospitals are collaborating with their local **emergency departments** and **emergency medical services**. FPQC has opportunities to provide OB emergencies training to providers in rural and low-resource areas.
- FPQC is building on lessons learned during the PROMPT initiative to launch a new maternal initiative focused on **cardiac conditions in obstetric care** in spring 2027.

Data presented compares January-March 2025 (baseline) to March-May 2026 (last 3 months of hospital data). Thanks to the Florida Department of Health and the Florida Maternal Mortality Review Committee for providing the data.



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