



Wisconsin Perinatal Quality Collaborative Updates

SEPTEMBER 2020

- **WisPQC Adopts New Quality Improvement Data Platform - [Life QI®](#)**
 - After seeking input from WisPQC leadership and stakeholders, the CDC/NNPQC, other state perinatal quality collaboratives, and Wisconsin's own quality improvement (QI) science leaders, WisPQC will adopt Life QI® as its data platform to support and optimize statewide QI efforts.
 - Life QI® is specifically designed to provide rapid-response QI data to participating sites and aggregate that data at the collaborative level.
 - All WisPQC initiatives moving forward will utilize the Life QI® data platform.
 - Please visit the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page on the WisPQC website for more information.
- **Wisconsin Receives Designation as an [Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health \(AIM\) State](#)**
 - In March 2020, Wisconsin was officially designated an "AIM" State, joining 36 other states in the effort to standardize maternal health care practices across the nation.
 - [Severe Hypertension in Pregnancy](#) will be Wisconsin's first statewide AIM bundle.
 - In collaboration with several statewide stakeholders, WisPQC will carry out all statewide AIM deliverables and data efforts, with the [Wisconsin Association for Perinatal Care \(WAPC\)](#) as the administrative "home."
- **WisPQC Adopts the [Model for Improvement](#)**
 - The Model for Improvement was developed by [Associates in Process Improvement](#) and is widely used by the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI). The model is an evidence-based tool with a proven track record of success.
 - WAPC staff are undergoing formal training in this methodology through a program offered by the NNPQC and IHI to apply the Model for Improvement to the PQC context.
 - WisPQC initiatives will follow the Model for Improvement and utilize these evidence-based collaborative QI methods.

WisPQC Initiatives Overview

Fall 2020

Human Milk Feeding (HMF)

WisPQC launched the [Human Milk Feeding initiative](#) in 2017. The vision for the initiative is to have as many infants as possible receive human milk

Measures span the perinatal period and include prenatal education, skin-to-skin after delivery, exclusive human milk feeding in the hospital, human milk feeding at discharge, human milk feeding in the NICU, and human milk feeding after discharge.

This initiative is currently active. The Learning Collaborative meets the third Wednesday of even months from 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome/Neonatal Opioid Withdrawal Syndrome (NAS/NOWS)

With funding from the CDC, WisPQC launched the [NAS/NOWS initiative](#) in January 2018. The focus of this initiative is on 1) improving identification of infants at risk for NAS/NOWS, and 2) standardizing management.

This initiative has been active since January 2019. It will be the first WisPQC initiative to shift over to the new Life QI® data platform. The pilot for NAS/NOWS (and Life QI®) will run September 2020 to March 2021. In March 2021, the initiative will launch with a larger cohort.

Maternal Hypertension (HTN)

WisPQC began with Maternal Hypertension as its first initiative in 2015. Participants in the first cohort collected data on four measures. In 2016, a second cohort followed seven quality measures. When Wisconsin received designation as an AIM state in March 2020, WisPQC modified the initiative to align with the AIM bundle and metrics.

The Maternal Hypertension initiative will be re-framed to follow the [Severe Hypertension in Pregnancy AIM Bundle](#) and align with the new [Joint Commission](#) requirements.

This initiative will re-launch in 2021.

Maternal Opioid Use Disorder (Mat OUD)

This initiative builds off the NAS/NOWS initiative and will focus on improving maternal screening and referral to treatment for opioid use disorder. The Change Package and measures for the initiative are in development.

This initiative will launch in 2022.

If you are interested in participating in any of these initiatives or would like to learn more, please contact WisPQC at wispqc@perinatalweb.org.