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MNPQC's Hospital Designation Program aims to create a platform to recognize and designate hospitals based on their performance in delivering high-quality, evidence-based care to mothers and newborns throughout their involvement in an MNPQC program.

The MNPQC Hospital Designation program is being implemented to drive accountability, share successful strategies, and improve maternal and neonatal outcomes statewide. We want to amplify and recognize all of the hospitals' hard work and commitment to improving perinatal health.

Benefits

Not only does collaboration with MNPQC satisfy the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) Hospital Inpatient Quality Reporting requirement for the Maternal Morbidity Structural Measure, but all programs and resources offered are free to participating hospitals. Upon completion of a team's first Initiative or Community of Learning program, they will be provided with an MNPQC Banner of Excellence, featuring space for their new badge to be applied and displayed. For each additional Quality Improvement (QI) program a team successfully completes, a new badge will be sent that can be added to their existing banner. In addition, virtual badges for each program will be given to be displayed on their website and media pages. Participating Hospitals will also be recognized on the website under each QI Program. Additional opportunities for tangible resources and education may become available as the program develops.

Hospital Involvement

To earn a designation, hospital teams will agree to participate in MNPQC's ongoing Initiatives and Community of Learning (COL). The criteria for successful completion includes:

COL Designation Requirements:

- At least 1 team member attends all program sessions
- All data submitted as requested
- A minimum of 1 PDSA submitted

Initiatives Designation Requirements:

- At least 1 team member attends all program sessions
- All data submitted as requested
- A minimum of 3 PDSAs submitted

Before May 2025, all hospitals that participated in MNPQC's Initiatives or COLs will receive a badge of recognition for the program, regardless of data submissions and overall participation, as it was not a requirement of the given program.

MNPQC Background

First established in 2018, the MNPQC is a state-wide organization dedicated to improving pregnancy care for families before, during, and after childbirth. Since then, we've brought together more than 80 multisector stakeholders, whom we identify as our six communities. These communities include Hospitals and Healthcare systems, Community-Based Organizations, Local, State, and Federal Agencies, Academia, Professional Organizations, and Families. MNPQC offers programs, services, and resources to aid in the improvement of perinatal care throughout the state.

Visit mnpqc.org/hospital-designations/ for more details.