



## Obstetric Hemorrhage Community Of Learning (OBH COL) Charter

### Introduction

Obstetric hemorrhage remains a leading cause of preventable maternal morbidity and mortality in the United States. Timely recognition and response are critical to saving lives and improving maternal outcomes. In Minnesota, disparities in outcomes persist across geographic and demographic lines, underscoring the need for a standardized, equitable approach to care. This program aims to strengthen obstetric hemorrhage preparedness and response across Minnesota birthing facilities by implementing the best practices outlined in the [AIM Obstetric Hemorrhage Patient Safety Bundle](#). We strive to ensure timely, coordinated, and person-centered care for all birthing individuals through standardized protocols, enhanced team readiness, and data-driven quality improvement.

### Program Overview

The **Obstetric Hemorrhage Community of Learning** is a collaborative, statewide opportunity that supports hospitals and healthcare providers in strengthening their response to obstetric hemorrhage. Facilitated by the Minnesota Perinatal Quality Collaborative (MNPQC), it offers a structured forum for peer learning and systems improvement that supports hospitals and healthcare providers in strengthening their response to obstetric hemorrhage by implementing evidence-based practices.

Guided by the **AIM Obstetric Hemorrhage Patient Safety Bundle**, this program is tailored to meet the varying needs of Minnesota's rural, urban, and suburban communities. A pre-program priority survey identified focus areas across diverse facility types: qualitative blood loss measurement, unit policies and procedures, clinical and patient debriefs, patient education materials on maternal warning signs, and access to well-stocked hemorrhage carts.

This program was designed with equity in mind, recognizing that resources, staffing, and access vary across the state. By centering the voices and needs of participating communities, this program supports targeted improvements that address both system-level challenges and local context.

# Program Aim

By April 2026, increase the proportion of Minnesota birthing facilities with the training, standardized protocols, and resources needed to effectively identify, prevent, and manage obstetric hemorrhage, particularly in communities where women are at elevated risk for poor outcomes. Through collaborative learning, the program will improve clinical practice and protocol continuity and respectful care.

## Goals and Objectives

Program Goals:

- Improve the clinical readiness and response of Minnesota birthing facilities to obstetric hemorrhage.
- Standardize the implementation of the AIM Obstetric Hemorrhage Bundle across participating sites.
- Promote equitable care by addressing resource disparities and adapting strategies to meet local needs.

Program Objectives:

- Participating sites will implement a standardized protocol for measuring quantitative blood loss.
- Participating sites will demonstrate progress toward fully implementing and maintaining obstetric hemorrhage policies and procedures, including:
  - An obstetric rapid response team appropriate to the facility's Maternal Level of Care
  - A standardized, stage-based hemorrhage emergency management plan with checklists and an escalation policy
  - Emergency release and massive transfusion protocols
  - A protocol for patients who decline blood products
- Participating sites will establish a process for conducting clinical and patient debriefings following hemorrhage events.
- Participating sites will establish a process for conducting and documenting hemorrhage risk assessments for all birth admissions, including risk level assignment prior to delivery.
- Participating sites will confirm the availability of a stocked hemorrhage cart in all relevant units.

## Participant Expectations

Participants in the Obstetric Hemorrhage Community of Learning are expected to:

- **Engage Regularly:** Attend monthly learning sessions, actively participate in discussions, and share insights and lessons learned from your facility.
- **Commit to Implementation:** Work toward adopting and sustaining elements of the AIM Obstetric Hemorrhage Patient Safety Bundle, with an emphasis on identified priority areas.

- **Submit Data, Status Updates, & PDSA Cycles:** Provide timely data submissions, progress updates, and Plan-Do-Study-Act (PDSA) cycle documentation to support improvement tracking and shared learning across participating sites.
- **Collaborate Across Teams:** Strengthen communication and coordination among your facility's obstetric, nursing, anesthesia, and emergency care teams.
- **Foster Equity & Inclusivity:** Integrate culturally responsive practices and strive for equitable care delivery in your local context.
- **Provide Feedback:** Share feedback with MNPQC on successes, barriers, and opportunities for improvement to enhance the support provided.

## Benefits of Participation

Participants in the Obstetric Hemorrhage Community of Learning will gain:

- **Access to Evidence-Based Tools:** Utilize resources, templates, and implementation guides aligned with the AIM Obstetric Hemorrhage Patient Safety Bundle.
- **Tailored Technical Assistance:** Receive one-on-one support from MNPQC's Clinical Quality Coordinator and Quality Improvement Advisor to adapt tools, strategies, and workflows to facility specific needs.
- **Opportunities for Peer Learning:** Engage with hospital teams across Minnesota to exchange ideas, troubleshoot challenges, and celebrate shared successes.
- **Enhanced Clinical Preparedness:** Increase staff readiness and confidence through targeted training and implementation of standardized response protocols.
- **Improved Patient Outcomes:** Reduce delays in recognizing and treating hemorrhage to promote safer, more timely care for birthing individuals.

## Timeline

- **September: Individual Hospital Team Meetings**
- **September 24th, 2025, 12 pm:** Virtual Group Orientation
- **October 27th, 2025, 4-6:30 pm:** Session 1- In Person OB Hemorrhage COL Kickoff
- **December 3rd, 2025, 12-1 pm:** Session 2
- **January 14th, 2026, 12-1 pm:** Session 3
- **February 11th, 2026, 12-1 pm:** Session 4
- **March 11th, 2026, 12-1 pm:** Session 5
- **April 22nd, 2026, 12-1 pm:** Session 6- Final session

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