



Official Newsletter of the Alabama Perinatal Quality Collaborative

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February 27th
Montgomery, AL
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3rd Annual ALPQC Summit

We are excited to announce the 3rd Annual ALPQC Summit which will take place on February 27th in Montgomery at the RSA Activity Center. We will be using this event as a kick-off for our two new initiatives. The latest ALPQC successes will be sure to engage your attention, and practical workshops will give you and your team the ability to be successful as we launch these important initiatives statewide. You don't want to miss it! To register, simply email jmcdouga@uab.edu.

2020 Projects

As discussed at the 2019 ALPQC Summit, two topics have been chosen for the ALPQC to conduct quality improvement initiatives around in the year 2020: maternal hypertension screening and neonatal opioid withdrawal syndrome (NOWS).

*Topic: Maternal Hypertension
Screening*

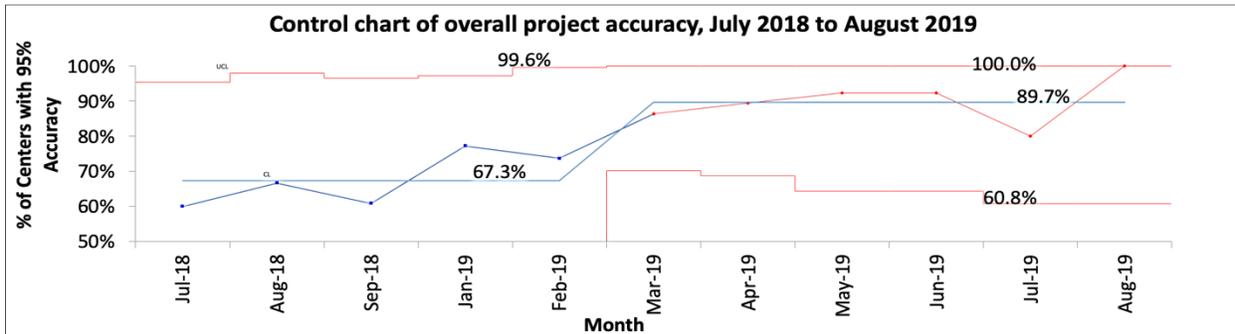
Work is underway in designing this project. This summer we called six different state PQCs to learn how they conducted this project in their state. After getting feedback from a number of various sized hospitals in Alabama, the project committee has begun designing this initiative and creating easy to use tools for hospitals to improve screening and outcomes for mothers with hypertension.

*Topic: Neonatal Opioid Withdrawal
Syndrome (NOWS)*

The committee spearheading this project has worked heavily with the state Opioid Task Force. This project involves compiling a lean, Alabama-relevant toolkit for hospitals to use when treating opioid exposed newborns. This project will culminate in the implementation of tools statewide in hospitals serving this vulnerable population of infants.

Birth Certificate Accuracy Initiative (BCAI) Update

The BCAI has shown immense success over the past year as the ALPQC's first project. Members of the BCAI committee included individuals from UAB, AlaHA, ADPH, and many Alabama hospitals. The results are being submitted to several notable meetings and conferences to disseminate these findings and share the success! See below for a graphical depiction of how data reporting accuracy increased from the beginning of the project until now. For those QI nerds, the change of the trend line from blue to red indicates a system change that improved data collection processes.



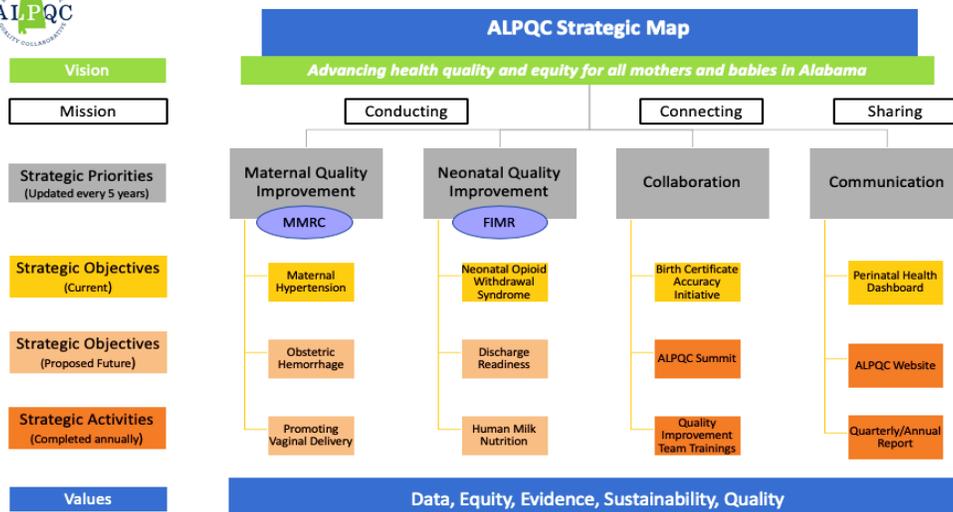
ALPQC Strategic Plan

This summer Matthew Moore (UAB School of Public Health) and Britta Cedergren (March of Dimes) conducted a strategic planning process for the ALPQC. The plan incorporated stakeholder input from the 2019 Summit and key informant interviews. The ALPQC Strategic Plan is being finalized and will be uploaded to the website soon. This will serve as an internal tool to guide the scope and work of the ALPQC as well as an external tool to communicate to our state and potential funding agencies exactly what we are doing and why. Below is a sneak peak of the Strategic Map!

Check It Out!

The latest installment of the Ann Diol McMillan Endowed Lectureship in Family and Child Health is on YouTube!

["Maternal Mortality Crisis: Progress Made & Next Steps"](#)



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