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# OB Readiness in the Emergency Department

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The Oklahoma Perinatal Quality Improvement Collaborative (OPQIC) will soon launch an educational program on **obstetrical care readiness for emergency care providers** in Oklahoma . OPQIC is partnering with the Oklahoma State Department of Health, the Oklahoma Hospital Association and others to respond to recommendations from the Oklahoma Maternal Mortality Review Committee to ensure emergency care clinical teams are ready for and can respond appropriately to **obstetric and postpartum clinical situations in the emergency department (ED)**.

[OPQIC.org/OBReadiness](https://www.opqic.org/obreadiness)

**On Maternal Health Awareness Day, ACOG, with support from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention\*, joins with other specialty organizations in a commitment to help eliminate preventable maternal mortality. Specifically, this multidisciplinary effort will address readiness in prehospital, emergency department, primary care and urgent care settings to identify and manage obstetric emergencies during pregnancy and the postpartum period.**

Goals of this multidisciplinary effort include

- Increasing awareness of the critical role of the nonobstetric health care professionals in reducing maternal mortality
- Improving identification of patients who are pregnant or have been pregnant in the last 12 months in nonobstetric settings in which these patients may present for care
- Enhance understanding among nonobstetric health care professionals to facilitate recognition of signs and symptoms of obstetric emergencies and readiness to stabilize or treat patients who present outside the obstetric setting

<https://www.acog.org/news/news-articles/2022/01/commitment-to-action-eliminating-preventable-maternal-mortality>

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# Postpartum ER Care—Mortality Prevention

*ER care can prevent some postpartum deaths based on Maternal Mortality Review Findings*

1. Ask women ages 15-45 years if they have been pregnant in the past year?
2. If yes, add postpartum complications to your differential
3. Check for early postpartum warning signs and their medical problem list
4. If needed, review postpartum checklist & management guidelines
5. If unsure, seek OB consultation early
6. If discharged, arrange referral and educate when to return

The AIM Obstetric Emergency Readiness Resource Kit contains best practices, resources, and planning materials that can be used by teams in healthcare settings where obstetric services are not typically provided to appropriately prepare to care for pregnant and postpartum people experiencing obstetric emergencies.

- Learn what ERs can do to prevent postpartum deaths
- Understand care management of select postpartum conditions

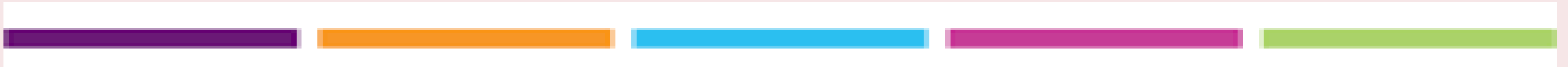
[AIM Obstetric Emergency Readiness Resource Kit](#)

## OPQIC has received a \$20,000 grant from AIM

- Will be used to provide AWHONN Obstetric Patient Safety: OB Emergencies Workshop to emergency department providers across Oklahoma



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# AWHONN Obstetric Patient Safety: OB Emergencies Workshop

- Online prerequisite
- Live in person workshop
- 10.75 nursing contact hours/CME
- Available to any Emergency Department Nurses or Providers
- More information coming in 2024!!



# Thank you !!

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