

Ohio Perinatal Quality Collaborative Progesterone Project



The Ohio Perinatal Quality Collaborative (OPQC) strives to use improvement science methods to reduce preterm births & improve outcomes of preterm newborns in Ohio as soon as possible. Progesterone is an evidence-based therapy that can significantly decrease the chance of preterm birth in women with a previous preterm birth and/or short cervix. The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) and Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) asked OPQC to improve the use of progesterone in Ohio. OPQC began this effort by working closely with 23 prenatal care clinics associated with Ohio's 20 largest hospitals from 2014 - 2016 to test strategies and implement interventions to promote treatment of women at risk. ODH and ODM have now asked that these successful strategies be shared with all maternity care providers who treat Medicaid patients throughout Ohio in 9 OEI communities. The spread project will:

- Assist maternity care providers in implementing the new electronic **NurtureOhio Pregnancy Risk Assessment Form (PRAF 2.0)** for all pregnant women insured by Medicaid by the end of 2018. This form will facilitate communication among pregnant women, their care providers, Medicaid Managed Care Plans, pharmacies, home health services and the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.
- Partner with ODH and ODM to engage with maternity care providers in all 9 OEI Communities to use strategies from the Ohio Progesterone Promotion Project;
- Partner with the Ohio Association of Community Health Centers (OACHC) to spread the success of 4 pilot Federally Qualified Health Centers to additional Centers;
- Share the Progesterone Change Package concepts at each maternity care provider site using Quality Improvement methodology
- Work with key stakeholders at the system level (insurers, specialty pharmacies, health systems) to ensure that all eligible women have prompt access to Progesterone;
- Remove communication barriers among clinics, pharmacies, home health care services, and managed care plans about initiating and maintaining progesterone treatment.

Our aim is to decrease the rate of premature births < 32 weeks gestation with a focus in 9 OEI communities by June 30, 2018 by spreading the Progesterone Project methods to all care providers who care for pregnant women insured by Medicaid.

For further information please contact OPQC at info@OPQC.net



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