

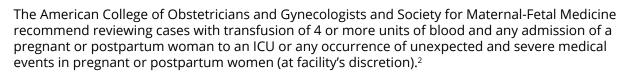
### **Severe Maternal Morbidity**



Implement a <u>Maternal Early Warning System (MEWS)</u> to recognize and respond to mothers with deteriorating conditions.<sup>1,2</sup>

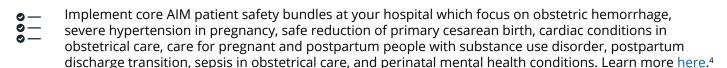


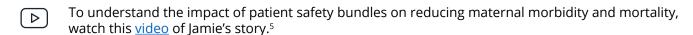
Integrate severe maternal morbidity patient safety simulation and drills at your hospital.3





Join the SCBOI Quality and Patient Safety Workgroup monthly meetings to connect with other clinicians, educators, and hospital administrators working to reduce SMM. Workgroup meeting information is found <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>.





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### **Hospital Quick Tips for Improvement**

# Severe Maternal Morbidity, Maternal Hemorrhage, & Severe Maternal Hypertension (continued)

### **Maternal Hemorrhage**

Maternal hemorrhage is a direct cause of maternal morbidity and mortality. 6,7

A blood loss threshold of >500ml should be considered regardless of mode of delivery.8 Likewise, tracking blood transfusion side-by-side is needed,4 but should not count against clinical quality.9,10



Using the SCBOI OB Hemorrhage tools to develop a comprehensive plan for evaluating and managing maternal hemorrhage at birthing facilities is recommended.<sup>11</sup>



SC AIM began implementing the OB Hemorrhage Patient Safety Bundle in September 2021. Get the newly revised version here.12

## **Severe Maternal Hypertension**

Maternal preeclampsia is a leading cause of maternal morbidity & mortality, prematurity, placental abruption, and low birthweight. 13,14



To support your hospital in the early recognition/management of preeclampsia, SCBOI has provided the Severe Hypertension in Pregnancy Bundle. 15



The Access and Care Coordination Workgroup is addressing chronic disease management to address some of the preventive interventions that may decrease severe hypertension. Consider attending a meeting to learn more.



Include the ED in hospital protocol and notify patients of warning signs prior to discharge. 16,17 Some hospitals even have postpartum mothers wear bracelets that notify ED personnel to treat immediately.<sup>18</sup>



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