



WHO WE ARE: The mission of the [Georgia Perinatal Quality Collaborative](#) is to establish, maintain, and engage stakeholders in evidence-based practices to improve health outcomes for mothers and babies throughout Georgia. GaPQC leads statewide implementation of quality improvement initiatives through technical assistance, quality improvement training, education, and data support to hospitals.

The GaPQC was born in November 2012 when a group of neonatologists, obstetricians, midwives, public health professionals and other stakeholders came together to identify and implement quality improvement strategies to advance maternal and neonatal care and outcomes. Georgia is the first state in the country to implement the Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health's (AIM) Cardiac Conditions in Obstetrical Care (CCOC) patient safety bundle. The goal of the CCOC initiative is to reduce severe morbidity and mortality related to maternal cardiac conditions in Georgia. GaPQC's AIM will reduce harm related to existing and pregnancy related cardiac conditions through the 4th trimester by 20%.

Objectives include:

1. Readiness: Implementation of standard processes for optimal care of cardiac conditions in pregnancy and postpartum.
2. Recognition & Prevention: Screening and early diagnosis of cardiac conditions in pregnancy and postpartum.
3. Response: Care management for every pregnant or postpartum woman with cardiac conditions in pregnancy and postpartum.
4. Reporting/System Learning: Foster a culture of safety and improvement for care of women with cardiac conditions in pregnancy and postpartum.
5. Respectful, Equitable, and Supportive Care: Inclusion of the patient as part of the multidisciplinary care team.

GaPQC NEEDS YOUR HELP! To ensure a comprehensive system of cardiac care for pregnant and post-partum people, we would appreciate the support of the Georgia Chapter of the American College of Cardiology with establishing a statewide maternal cardiology referral system. The maternal referral system will: 1) Identify Cardiologist's serving pregnant and post-partum people 2) Establish a timely and appropriate consultation and referral process 3) Increase patient timeliness to care and improve outcomes 4) Support providers and hospitals in efforts to reduce morbidity and mortality rates as part of the statewide GaPQC efforts. ([Georgia 2018-2020 Maternal Mortality Fact Sheet](#) or visit www.dph.georgia.gov/maternal-mortality)

Please consider completing the Cardiologist Survey for Maternal Referrals at the link below to add your GA Cardiologist Practice to the referral list. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GAcardiologists>

Thank you,
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