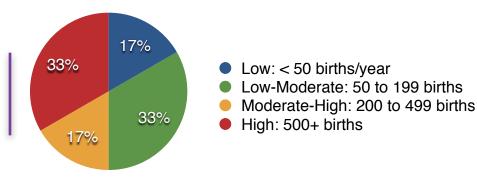
Benchmarking Best Practice Pearls

Midwifery practices identified as "Best Practices in Primary Cesarean Section" by 2014 Benchmarking were surveyed on the facilitators and barriers to their success.

Survey Demographics

Out of the top 11 'Best Practices for Primary Cesarean Section', 6 practices participated in the survey representing home birth, birth center, and hospital settings.



Survey Results

Facilitators

- * Providers Value Evidence-Based Practice was identified as a facilitator for best practice by 100% of survey participants.
- * Supportive Physicians colleagues, clients philosophically aligned with midwifery, and a healthy, low-risk, population were the second most common factors attributed to facilitating best practice success.
- * Half of the survey participants cited having dedicated time to work on primary cesarean rate
- * Other cited facilitators to best practice include, completing a QI project on primary cesarean rate, supportive nursing colleagues, and supportive hospital administration.



Barriers

* 100% of participants, across all birth setting and practice volumes, identified lack of payer support as the single barrier they face in maintaining their 'Best Practice'.

PROTOTYPE (Comments are welcomed!)

Resources: Words of the Wise

The following are quotes and recommended resources from survey participants in working towards Best Practice in Primary C/S rate!

Facilitator Quotes

"Being able to follow The Pearls for Normal Birth."

"No elective IOL before 41 wks with an unfavorable cervix."

"Removing timelines in labor is essential!

"I try to the best of my ability to watch over them & support them in labor, being proactive in my care. I try to keep them out of bed, moving, on the ball, in the shower, and supported. I encourage them to come to the hospital only when they need to be there, not in early labor."

Barrier Quotes

"Biggest barrier I see is that when staff and leadership turn over its always BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD."

"We would like to have the RNs support more intermittent auscultation, getting patients up and moving."

Pearls for Normal Birth

Check it out here: http://www.slideshare.net/gwmfa/gw-midwifery-pearlsfornormalbirth1-22150582

Pearls of Midwifery

Check it out here: http://www.midwife.org/Evidence-Based-Practice-Pearls-of-Midwifery

BirthTOOLS.org

Visit http://birthtools.org/HBI-Reducing-Primary-Cesareans

Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health

http://www.safehealthcareforeverywoman.org/aim.php

ACNM Pocuments

Clinical Bulletins

Intermittent Auscultation For Intrapartum Fetal Heart Rate Surveillance - No. 13 Located in the ACNM Library under Professional Resources at www.midwife.org

ACNM Position Statements

Appropriate Use Of Technology In Childbirth Elective Primary Cesarean Section Induction of Labor

Find these at: http://midwife.org/index.asp?bid=59&cat=3&button=Search