



November 2021

Texas Perinatal Services News

Part Two of a Three-Part Series on Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement Continues in November

This month, Texas Perinatal Services is proud to present the second forum in a three-part series on quality assurance and performance improvement (QAPI) through its monthly Texas Perinatal Forums.

This month's forum will be presented by David Weisoly, D.O., chair of the Texas Regional Advisory Council (RAC) - Perinatal Care Region (PCR) Alliance and the Southeast Texas RAC (SETRAC) perinatal chair and is a TETAF board member. Dr. Weisoly will present on **November 8 at 11:00 a.m. Central**.

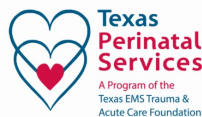
On **Monday, December 6 at 1:00 p.m.**, Texas Perinatal Services will host the third presentation in its QAPI three-part series. Dr. Rebecca Ballard and Dr. Hanine Hajj will speak on their QAPI project focused on the golden hour for infants. Drs. Ballard and Hajj are both neonatologists with Pediatrix and Obstetrix Specialists of Houston.

All three presentations in this series are different, so it is not necessary to have attended the first series to join the remaining two.

[Register for the November 8 Texas Perinatal Forum](#)

[Register for the December 6 Texas Perinatal Forum](#)

TETAF Board of Directors, TETAF General Assembly, and RAC Summit Meetings Return to San Antonio in December



The next quarterly meeting of the TETAF Board of Directors will be **Thursday, December 16 at 10:00 a.m.** in San Antonio at the Courtyard by Marriott San Antonio Riverwalk.

In addition to the quarterly board meeting, the TETAF General Assembly will conduct its annual meeting at 1:00 p.m. The TETAF

General Assembly consists of two members from each Regional Advisory Council (RAC) who vote in the TETAF Board of Directors election.

Deadline Approaching to Submit Nominations for the TETAF Board of Directors

Nominations for the 2022 TETAF Board of Directors are **due by Friday, November 12 at 5:00 p.m. Central.**

Board members serve a three year term. Every effort shall be made to recruit and nominate individuals who will result in a multi-disciplinary board with diversity of geography and experience.

TETAF's mission is to strengthen regional healthcare delivery systems through collaboration, advocacy, and education. The Board seeks membership that reflects the mission, and our represented organizations. Leaders should have demonstrated expertise in EMS, trauma, stroke, neonatal, and maternal care from across Texas.

Please take a moment to submit nominations via the form linked below.

[Submit a Nomination](#)

Maternal and Neonatal News

Perinatal Advisory Council Discusses Maternal Levels of Care Rule Language



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The Perinatal Advisory Council (PAC) met on October 6. The PAC's Placenta Accreta Syndrome Disorder subcommittee presented proposed changes to the maternal levels of care designation rule language as it relates to House Bill (HB) 1164 from the 87th Regular Legislative Session that is regarding safety practices for placenta accreta spectrum disorder.

Texas Perinatal Services solicited feedback from stakeholders in September regarding these recommendations and share those with the PAC subcommittee for review.

The full meeting from October 6 can be viewed on the [Perinatal Advisory Council's webpage](#).

The next PAC meeting will be on **December 1 at 9:00 a.m.** Central via Microsoft Teams.

November is Prematurity Awareness Month



November is Prematurity Awareness Month and November 17 is World Prematurity Day. These tiny newborns receive care in our neonatal intensive care units (NICU) across Texas. Every year, 1 in 10 babies in the United States are born preterm.

The [March of Dimes](#) offers helpful resources to use during the month of November.

In the News



[See How Many People in Texas Live in a Maternal Health Care Desert](#)

[Study Could be Key to Addressing Troubling Causes of Maternal Mortality](#)

