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Texas Perinatal Services News

Texas Perinatal Services to Offer Two-Part Series on Quality Assurance and Performance Improvement



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Texas Perinatal Services is proud to present a two-part series on quality assurance and performance improvement (QAPI) through its monthly Texas Perinatal Forums.

Jorie Klein, MSN, MHA, BSN, RN is the director of EMS/Trauma Systems at the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS). She will present on **October 20 at 1:00 p.m. Central.**

The second part of the series will be presented by David Weisoly, D.O., who is the NICU medical director at Memorial Hermann The Woodlands and is a TETAF board member. Dr. Weisoly will be the presenter for the November Texas Perinatal Forum on **November 8 at 11:00 a.m. Central.**

If you are not already signed up to join the forums and would like to attend, please email Erin Moore, communications director, at emoore@tetaf.org.

Texas Perinatal Services Provides Consultation Services to Any Texas Hospital



Texas Perinatal Services

A Program of the
Texas EMS Trauma &
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Texas Perinatal Services believes in a coach-to-success model that ensures our hospitals not only meet the necessary criteria to achieve a desired level of designation, but to also provide the best maternal and neonatal care for mothers and babies.

Our consultations surveys are designed to help our hospitals with any areas of improvement, make the verification survey process successful, and ensure

hospitals avoid a required contingency survey. This helps hospitals and mothers and babies with the assurance of quality care.

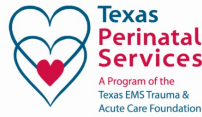
If you would like to learn more about our consultation services, please contact us or visit the [Texas Perinatal Services website](#).

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TETAF Governance Committee Seeks Nominations to the TETAF Board of Directors



The TETAF Governance Committee is now accepting nominations for the 2022 [TETAF Board of Directors](#). Members of the TETAF Board of Directors 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. Nominations are due by **Friday, November 12 at 5:00 p.m. Central**.

[Submit a Nomination](#)

Next Quarterly TETAF Board of Directors Meeting will be in San Antonio

The next quarterly meeting of the TETAF Board of Directors will be **Thursday, December 16** in San Antonio. In addition to the quarterly board meeting, the TETAF General Assembly will conduct its annual meeting and vote in the TETAF Board of Directors election.

More details regarding the location of the meeting and submitting nominations for the TETAF Board of Directors will be shared soon via email and on the [TETAF website](#).

Texas Intermittent Auscultation Collaborative's Planning Phase is Extended



The planning phase of a three-month grant to develop a statewide, multi-facility collaborative focused on increasing the safe use of intermittent auscultation (IA) in hospitals and birth centers has been extended through April 15. The Texas Intermittent Auscultation Collaborative (TIAC) is a joint project planned by Texas Perinatal Services, the [Institute for Perinatal Quality Improvement](#), and [Primary Maternity Care](#).

TIAC continues to conduct interviews with Texas perinatal experts to also gauge interest and perspective on implementing the safe use of IA in Texas.

Maternal and Neonatal News

Perinatal Advisory Council Meets Again on October 6



Texas Department of State
Health Services

The Perinatal Advisory Council (PAC) will meet on **Wednesday, October 6 at 1:00 p.m. Central**. The meeting can be viewed live via Microsoft Teams.

During the previous meeting on September 22, the PAC reviewed [proposed maternal level of care designation rule language relating to House Bill \(HB\) 1164](#) as part of the Placenta Accreta Syndrome Disorder (PASD) subcommittee report.

Last week, Texas Perinatal Services shared an email with stakeholders to solicit feedback regarding these recommendations from the PAC subcommittee. If you would like to submit feedback, please click on the link below to start the brief survey. Any feedback must be submitted by **Tuesday, October 5 at 5:00 p.m.**

[Submit Feedback on Rule Revisions](#)

Additionally, the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) provided an update on maternal and neonatal designations.

Maternal Designations

Total - 223
Level IV - 32
Level III - 43
Level II - 94
Level I - 54

Neonatal Designations

Total - 227
Level IV - 22
Level III - 60
Level II - 61
Level I - 84

The September 22 meeting can be viewed on the [DSHS website](#).

October is Accreta Awareness Month

Accreta Awareness Month focuses attention on placenta accreta, which is a pregnancy condition in which the placenta attaches too deeply into the wall of the uterus. The estimated



incidence of accreta has quadrupled since the 1980s and affects as many as 1 in 272 births.

Learn more from the [National Accreta Foundation](#).

October is Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month



October is [Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month](#). In 1988, US President Ronald Reagan declared October as a month to recognize the unique grief of bereaved parents in an effort to demonstrate support to the many families who have suffered such a tragic loss.

October 15 is designated as a day to honor the babies tragically lost so soon.

Maternal Health Summer Series Webinars Available Online

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) has made its Maternal Summer Series Webinars available online along with the DSHS Grand Rounds Perinatal Depression Series.

These webinars can be viewed on the [DSHS Healthy Texas Mothers and Babies Online Webinar Channel](#).

Two Hospitals Verified by TETAF's Texas Perinatal Services Successfully Achieve Designation



[Christus Mother Frances Hospital - Tyler receives Level III Maternal Level of Care Designation](#)

[Laredo Medical Center NICU Earns Level III NICU Designation Again](#)

