

What Hospitals Can Do

Hospitals that commit to transparency and continuous improvement set the standard for safe, high-quality maternity care.

Hospitals can:

- Set goals to achieve significant reductions in C-sections, early elective deliveries and episiotomies.
- Inspire transparency both internally and externally, using it to truly galvanize change within their hospital.
- Expand access to patient-requested maternity care services like certified midwives, doulas, lactation consultants, VBAC opportunities and postpartum tubal ligation.
- Track and report data by race and ethnicity to hold your team accountable and ensure equitable care for all.
- Connect with peer hospitals to share best practices and success stories, inspiring positive change within the industry.

RESOURCES

[*Better Maternal Health Outcomes Workbook*](#),
Institute for Healthcare Improvement (IHI)

[*Clinical and Practical Resources*](#),
AWHONN (Association of Women's Health,
Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses)

[*Resources for Health Professionals*](#),
March of Dimes

[*Safe Reduction of C-section Births*](#),
Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health

[*Black Maternal Health*](#), IHI

[*Reducing NTSV C-section Birth*](#),
Institute for Perinatal Quality Improvement

[*Expanding Equitable Doula Access*](#),
March of Dimes

LEAPFROG CASE STUDIES

[*Using Transparency to Spark Improvements in C-Section and Episiotomy Rates*](#),
An interview with Holy Name Medical Center

[*Implementing the Leapfrog Episiotomy Standard to Promote Improved Maternal Health*](#),
An interview with Texas Children's Hospital

[*How the Leapfrog Hospital Survey Helped Virginia Hospital Center Lower Its NTSV C-Section Rate*](#),
An interview with Virginia Hospital Center

See leapfroggroup.org for more resources and allied organizations making a difference in maternity care.