

Idaho Perinatal Quality Collaborative News

June 2025

The Idaho Perinatal Quality Collaborative works to improve the quality of maternal health outcomes for all Idahoans. We promote evidence-based best practices in perinatal and neonatal care, work to increase access, and improve the overall health and well-being of families. Together, we can achieve our goal of providing respectful, compassionate, and effective care to all who need it.



June invites us to come together around a variety of meaningful causes! This month we celebrate Pride month and Juneteenth. We also recognize gun violence awareness and its effect on families across the state of Idaho.



IDPQC Annual Summit 2025: Report

On May 30, 2025, the IDPQC hosted their second annual statewide Summit, organized and promoted in conjunction with the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare's Maternal & Child Health department and Comagine Health. The Summit brought together 160 in-person and virtual attendees for presentations, breakout sessions, networking, and a hall focused on perinatal health quality improvement across the state. Participants earned CE credits for attending sessions, including a panel discussion with EMS professionals, a policy implementation workshop for managing hypertensive crises, and a powerful presentation highlighting the importance of quality improvement through the experiences of two Idaho women. A full recap of the Summit, including links to presentation materials and video information, can be found [here](#).

The IDPQC extends a heartfelt thank you to every attendee, volunteer, presenter, and sponsor who made this event possible. We look forward to seeing each of you at the 2026 Summit!

Perinatal Healthcare Professionals: 10 min survey → \$20 gift card

The Idaho Perinatal Quality Collaborative has partnered with the University of Idaho to study the context of providing maternity care across the state. The goal of the research is to identify factors that support and impede the provision of high-quality care and inform the development of policy and educational interventions.

We are recruiting healthcare professionals (e.g., MD/DO, CNM, CM, NP, PA) who see patients at multiple timepoints throughout pregnancy and/or postpartum to complete a 10-minute online survey. As a thank you for your time, you'll receive a **\$20 gift card**.



WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Idaho healthcare professionals who serve patients at multiple timepoints throughout pregnancy > postpartum (e.g., MD/DO, CNM, CM, NP, PA)

Note: this excludes healthcare professionals who work solely in L&D settings and/or see patients at one time point only. We will disseminate a separate survey to single-encounter providers soon!

SCAN TO PARTICIPATE



OR VISIT:

bit.ly/IDmaternalprovidersurvey

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Perinatal Health Care Professional Survey

IDPQC has partnered with the University of Idaho to collect data that will guide future PQC initiatives and act first such effort is a survey of perinatal health care professionals who provide ongoing care to patients through pregnancy and/or postpartum.

The survey explores the context of providing maternity care across the state in order to:

1. Identify factors that support and impede the provision of high-quality care
2. Inform the development of educational and policy interventions.

If you fit the criteria, we would be so grateful for you taking ~10 minutes to complete the survey. In appreciation of your time, we're offering a **\$20 gift card** incentive.

Complete the survey [here](#).

For those who work solely in an inpatient (i.e., L&D) or single encounter setting: we will be surveying you soon. In the meantime, we would welcome your help reaching out to colleagues who provide ongoing maternity care from pregnancy > postpartum. IDPQC member Dr. Sarah Deming (sdeming@uidaho.edu) is leading the data collection and would happily email or snail mail fliers to hang in breakrooms or share via professional organizations (although please not on social media, to protect against bot responses). We thank you in advance for your support of this important research endeavor!

Spotlight on Maternal Care in Canyon County

Idaho has seen a 22% drop in practicing OB-GYNs since 2022, resulting in increased pressure on remaining maternal health care services statewide. In response, the president-elect of the Idaho Medical Association, Dr. Megan Kasper, is stepping up efforts to respond to this demand, including opening a new clinic in Nampa, to address the gap and improve access for expecting families. Her vision and actions signal a meaningful shift toward bolstering maternal care access in Canyon County and beyond. Read more [here](#).

June is National Gun Violence Awareness Month

The U.S. Senate has designated June 2025 as **National Gun Violence Awareness Month** and June 6 as **National Gun Violence Awareness Day**, encouraging people across the country to wear orange in tribute to victims of gun violence and their loved ones.

The resolution calls on individuals to promote greater awareness of gun



violence and gun safety, to focus attention during the summer months when gun violence typically increases, and to bring community members together to discuss ways to make communities safer, in Idaho and across the country.

New AIM Series to Help Emergency Departments, Emergency Medical Services, and Hospitals without Labor & Delivery Units to Prepare for OB Emergencies



The AIM National Team is excited to host an AIM Obstetric Readiness Summer Sprint Learning Series!

This five-part series will provide an overview of topics related to planning and assessment for OB readiness. Participants will gain insight on pre-hospital readiness planning, simulations for emergency staff, assessment practices, and rural or resource-limited settings in OB readiness.

The sessions will each be 75 minutes, from 1 - 2:15 p.m. MT, and run from June to August.

Session Topics:

- **Session 1 - June 25, 2025:** Obstetric Care in Rural Environments: A Review of the Landscape and Opportunities for Care
- **Session 2 - July 9, 2025:** Planning and Assessment of Obstetric Emergency Readiness: Moving Information to Action
- **Session 3 - July 23, 2025:** Pre-Hospital Care: Collaboration with Emergency Medical Services (EMS) in OB Readiness
- **Session 4 - August 6, 2025:** Sharing Best Practices in Obstetric Simulations for the Emergency Department
- **Session 5 - August 13, 2025:** Obstetric Care Assessment for Resource Limited Environments

Register for one or more sessions [here](#).

For more information on each session click [here](#).

If you have any questions, please reach out to aim@acog.org.

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Follow the IDPQC Activity Summary Basecamp Page to learn more about the development process of the PQC [here](#). For more information about the IDPQC, visit idahopqc.org.



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