

Home-To-Hospital Transport: Northern New England

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About NNEPQIN



- Formed in 2004
- Voluntary consortium of hospitals, homebirth provider associations, health departments, and March of Dimes Chapters
- Now includes almost every obstetrical service in NH and VT

NNEPQIN: Mission

To improve perinatal health throughout Northern New England

- analysis of local and regional data
- guideline development
- continuing education

Provides independent and confidential case review of unanticipated perinatal outcomes with structured feedback to the participating organizations

Ensures that consistent quality improvement parameters are available throughout the region

Facilitates benchmarking for excellence in care

Provides a forum for interaction and collaboration among organizations in Northern New England

NNEPQIN: Homebirth Taskforce



**VERMONT
MIDWIVES
ASSOCIATION**

It's not just the making of babies,
but the making of mothers
that midwives see as
the miracle of birth
-Barbara Katz Rothman

New Hampshire Midwives Association

Safe, responsible, family-centered birth care for New Hampshire and beyond



Maine Association of
Certified Professional
Midwives



MACPM

CPMs support women
CPMs advocate for safe birth
CPMs respect birth choices


Transport Tool

- www.nnepqin.org/guidelines under “Home Birth”
- 2 page SBAR report
- Can be used by midwife calling in & receiving provider
- Becomes part of the patient’s medical record



Local Projects: Transport Conference



 Cheshire Medical Center
Dartmouth-Hitchcock Keene

- 2 “potluck” conferences
- Annual review of all home-to-hospital transports
- Attended by MDs, nurses, hospital-based and community midwives
- Time for discussion

Local Projects: Post Transport Review

- Concord Birth Center and Concord Hospital
- Meetings between providers
- Post-transport survey completed by all providers
- Collaborative review of surveys



NNEPQIN: Confidential Review & Improvement Board

- Established in 2010
- Provides multi-institutional case review of unanticipated outcomes
- 14 cases from 10 institutions reviewed (includes state midwifery organizations)
- Total of 12 institutions participating in review
- Reviews have led to new education initiatives

NNEPQIN: Keys to Success

Consensus and Equality

Maternal Fetal Medicine Leadership

Nursing Leadership

Low Cost

Volunteerism

Potluck

Broad-Based Development

Next Steps: Homebirth Taskforce Meeting (April)

- Creation of a template for institutions implementing regular “transport conferences” for homebirth transfers (already happening at Cheshire Medical Center and Concord Hospital)
- Creation a template written protocol for inpatient maternity departments: What to do when a midwife calls with a transport

Questions?

