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
Transport Tool

- [www.nnepqin.org/guidelines](http://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

- 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?