

## Summary of NPIC/QAS OB Unit Survey

NPIC/QAS surveyed member hospitals in April 2008 regarding quality improvement and patient safety initiatives in their facilities during calendar year 2007. Information was also gathered concerning staff training and staff turnover. Eighty percent (43/54) of hospitals responded to the survey. Ninety-three percent indicated that they had a clinical interdisciplinary committee, with accountability for best practice decisions, which met at least quarterly. Additional data are summarized below.

Hospital has written standard policies based on ACOG/AWHONN guidelines for:	% reporting “yes”	If “yes”, level of adherence to guidelines (percent reporting 100% level of adherence to guidelines)
administration of oxytocin	97%	67%
administration of misoprostol	92%	74%
elective and medical induction of labor	85%	44%
recognition and intervention for hyperstimulation	97%	47%

RN staffing was a challenge at many hospitals: 35% reported a >10% vacancy for >3 consecutive months. Twenty-six percent indicated there was a change in leadership at their facility in the Nurse Manager position; 27% experienced a change in leadership in the Clinical Nurse Specialist position; 29% in the Nurse Educator position.

Hospital has a formal required training program for:	% reporting “yes” for RN	% reporting “yes” for MD
fetal monitoring	97%	44%
NICHD FHR common language	97%	50%
neonatal resuscitation	100%	51%
new L&D staff orientation	100%	58%
Team STEPPS or crew resource management training program	50%	47%
simulation drills	56%	36%

We want to thank all member hospitals that returned the survey. If you have questions regarding this survey please direct them to Donna Caldwell, Ph.D., Vice President at [dcaldwell@npic.org](mailto:dcaldwell@npic.org) or 401-274-0650 ext. 102.