



Sepsis in Obstetric Care Patient Safety Bundle Overview

About the Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health

The Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health (AIM) is a national, cross-sector commitment designed to support best practices that make birth safer, improve maternal health outcomes, and save lives.

AIM focuses on the implementation of patient safety bundles, collections of evidence-informed best practices, developed by multidisciplinary experts, to address the leading clinical causes of maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity. Patient safety bundles include actionable quality improvement steps that can be adapted to a variety of facilities and resource levels. State teams, often Perinatal Quality Collaboratives, provide training, coordination, and support to hospitals and birthing facilities in their jurisdictions to implement bundles. As of April 2026, 74% of birthing hospitals and facilities across the United States are implementing at least one AIM bundle.

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Sepsis is a leading cause of maternal mortality and morbidity in the United States ([CDC, 2022](#)). While obstetric sepsis is a relatively rare event, the mortality rate is between 9% and 14%.

The Sepsis in Obstetric Care Patient Safety Bundle includes recommendations and supportive resources for implementation elements including:



Readiness: Establish inter- and intra-departmental protocols, policies, and multidisciplinary teams specifically for the care of patients with suspected or confirmed obstetric sepsis.



Recognition and Prevention: Consider sepsis in the differential diagnosis and use standardized obstetric screening tools for any patient with a deteriorating status, even in the absence of a fever.



Response: Initiate facility-wide standardized protocols for the assessment, treatment, and escalation of care. Clear pathways ensure patients are referred to the appropriate level of treatment immediately upon suspicion of sepsis.



Reporting and Systems Learning: Conduct multidisciplinary case reviews for every sepsis case to assess the effectiveness of screening programs, the quality of care provided, and ways to make system improvements.



Respectful, Supportive, and Patient-Centered Care: Maintain a high index of suspicion for sepsis across all patient groups and ensure all patient's care needs are addressed.

Visit saferbirth.org for more information, including the full list of element implementation details, data collection plans, change packages, and the AIM Data Center.

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