

# POSTPARTUM HEMORRHAGE

## Implementing Your Bundle

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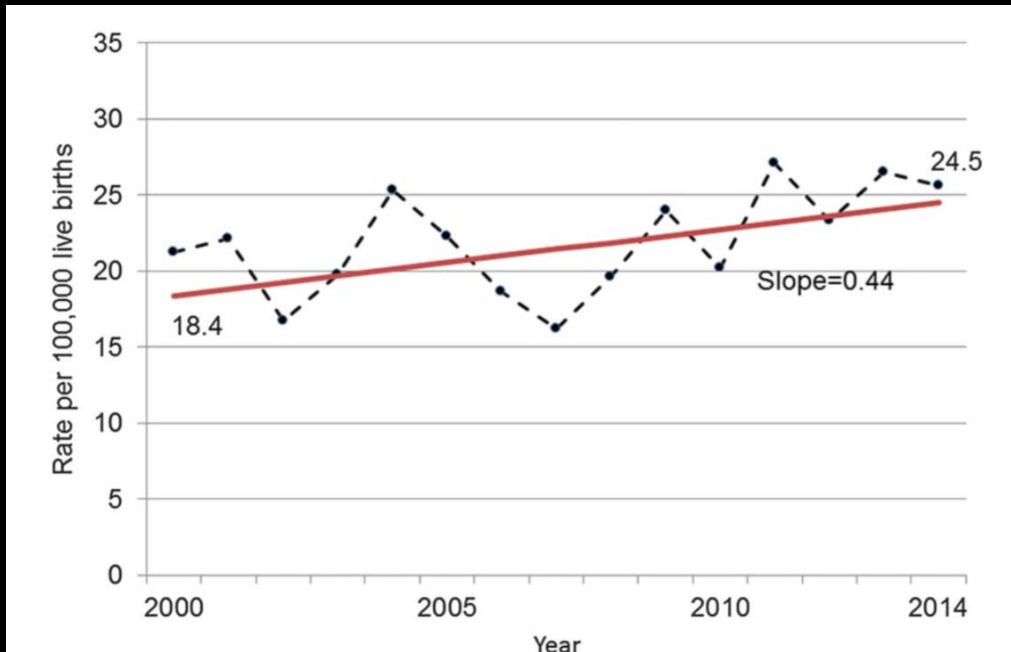
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# U.S. Maternal Mortality

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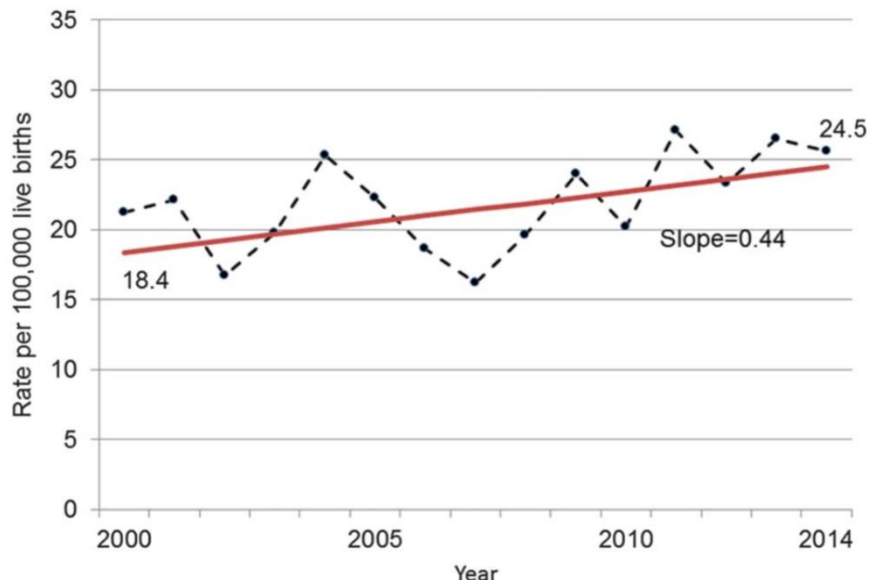
MacDorman. U.S. Maternal Mortality Trends. Obstet Gynecol 2016.

## OB Hemorrhage is:

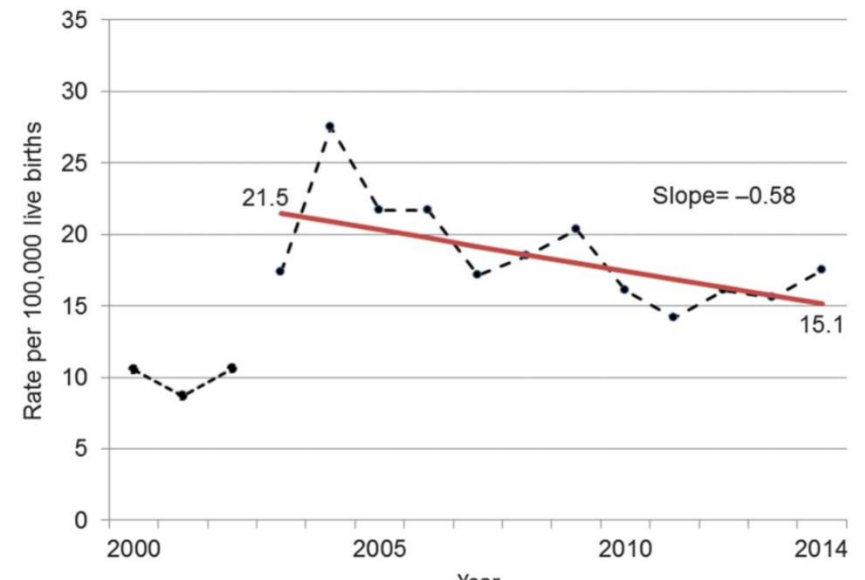
- Increasingly Common
- A leading killer of moms

*OB hemorrhage deaths are largely preventable.*

# One state bucked the trend



United States



California

1. Statewide mortality review
2. Maternal Quality Care Collaborative (CMQCC)
3. Hemorrhage and Preeclampsia **Bundles**



54-93%

*Percentage of maternal hemorrhage-related deaths that could have been prevented with improved clinical response*



The AWHONN Postpartum Hemorrhage Project

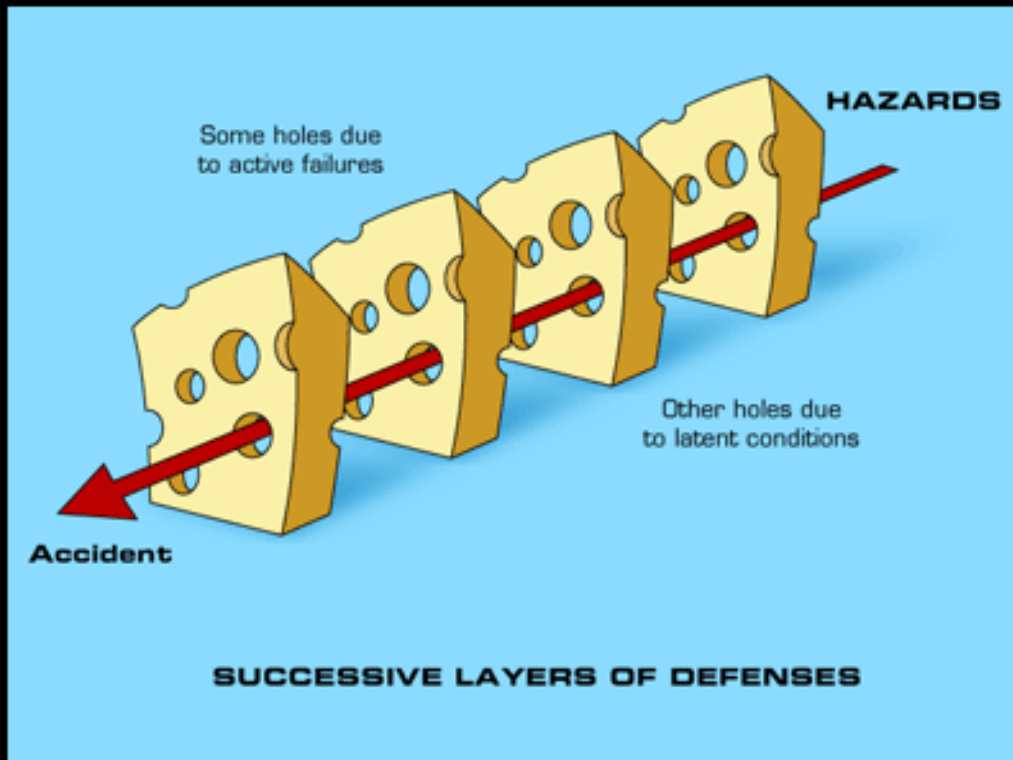
# Why adopt OB “bundles”?

- Peer pressure.
- Performance measures matter.
- Patient care.
  - Enhanced response.
  - Improved outcomes.

Main. Consensus Bundle on Obstetric Hemorrhage. Obstet Gynecol 2015.

# Pathway to poor outcomes

A.k.a “Anatomy of **failed** systems”



**OB Hemorrhage**

**Symptoms/signs unrecognized**

**Assumptions of safety**

**Delayed Diagnosis**

**Delayed Treatment**

**Keep trying failed treatment**

**SERIOUS MORBIDITY**

**NEAR MISS (ICU ADMIT)**

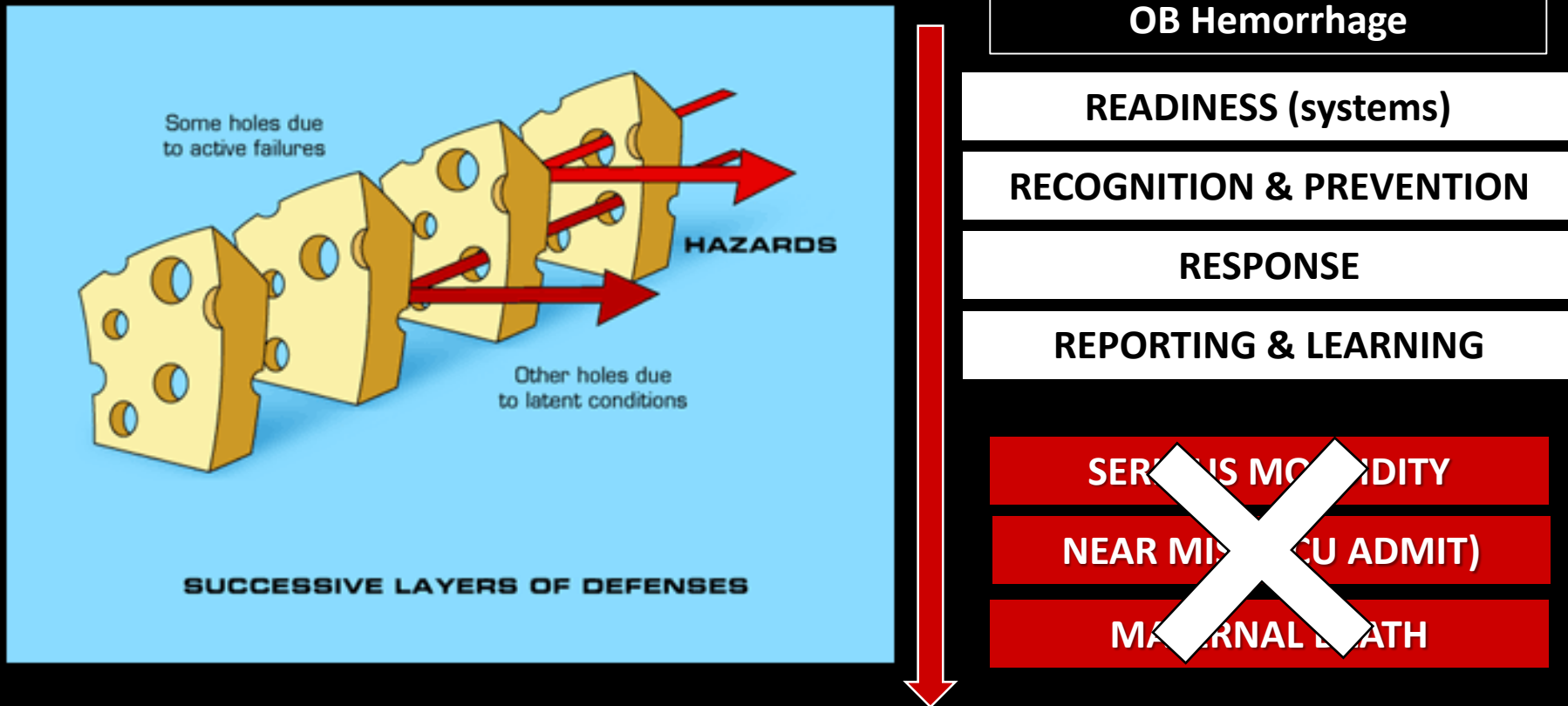
**MATERNAL DEATH**

Adapted from talk by Laurence Shields, MD (SMFM Quality Safety Chairman, Feb 2016)

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# Stronger Swiss with Bundles

A.k.a “Anatomy of a **successful** system”



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# **POSTPARTUM HEMORRHAGE**

KEY ELEMENTS  
OF A BUNDLE

# Four "R"s

## RECOGNITION & PREVENTION

- Risk Assessment
- AMTSL

## RESPONSE

- Checklist
- Rapid response team

## READINESS

- Blood bank
- Hemorrhage cart
- Simulation / Team Drills

## REPORTING & LEARNING

- Culture of debriefing
- Multidisciplinary review
- Measure outcomes/process

## **RECOGNITION & PREVENTION**

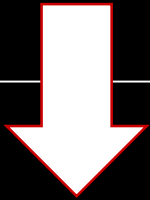
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- AMTSL

Every Patient

# Risk Assessment

## Prenatal

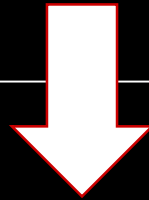
Identify  
extraordinary risk



Transfer  
to higher level  
of care

## L&D Admission

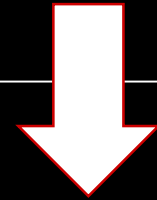
Identify  
risk factors



Transfusion  
preparedness  
(e.g. T&S)

## Intrapartum (& Postpartum)

Identify  
risk “on the fly”



Transfusion  
preparedness,  
mobilize resources

# Risk Assessment: Admission

## Moderate Risk

- ☐ Prior uterine surgery or CS
- ☐ Multiple gestation
- ☐ >4 prior births
- ☐ Prior OB hemorrhage
- ☐ Large myomas
- ☐ EFW >4000 g
- ☐ Obesity (BMI >40)
- ☐ Hematocrit <30%

## High Risk

- ☐ Placenta previa
- ☐ Accreta / percreta
- ☐ Platelet count <70K
- ☐ Active bleeding
- ☐ Known coagulopathy
- ☐ >2 medium risk factors

**Transfusion preparedness**  
1. Alert / huddle / SBAR  
2. T&S?, crossmatch? Hold clot?

# Risk Assessment: Intrapartum

\*\*\*Key: Make reassessment systematic\*\*\*

Every shift change?

## Moderate Risk

- ☐ Chorio
- ☐ Prolonged oxytocin >24hr
- ☐ Prolonged 2<sup>nd</sup> stage
- ☐ Magnesium sulfate

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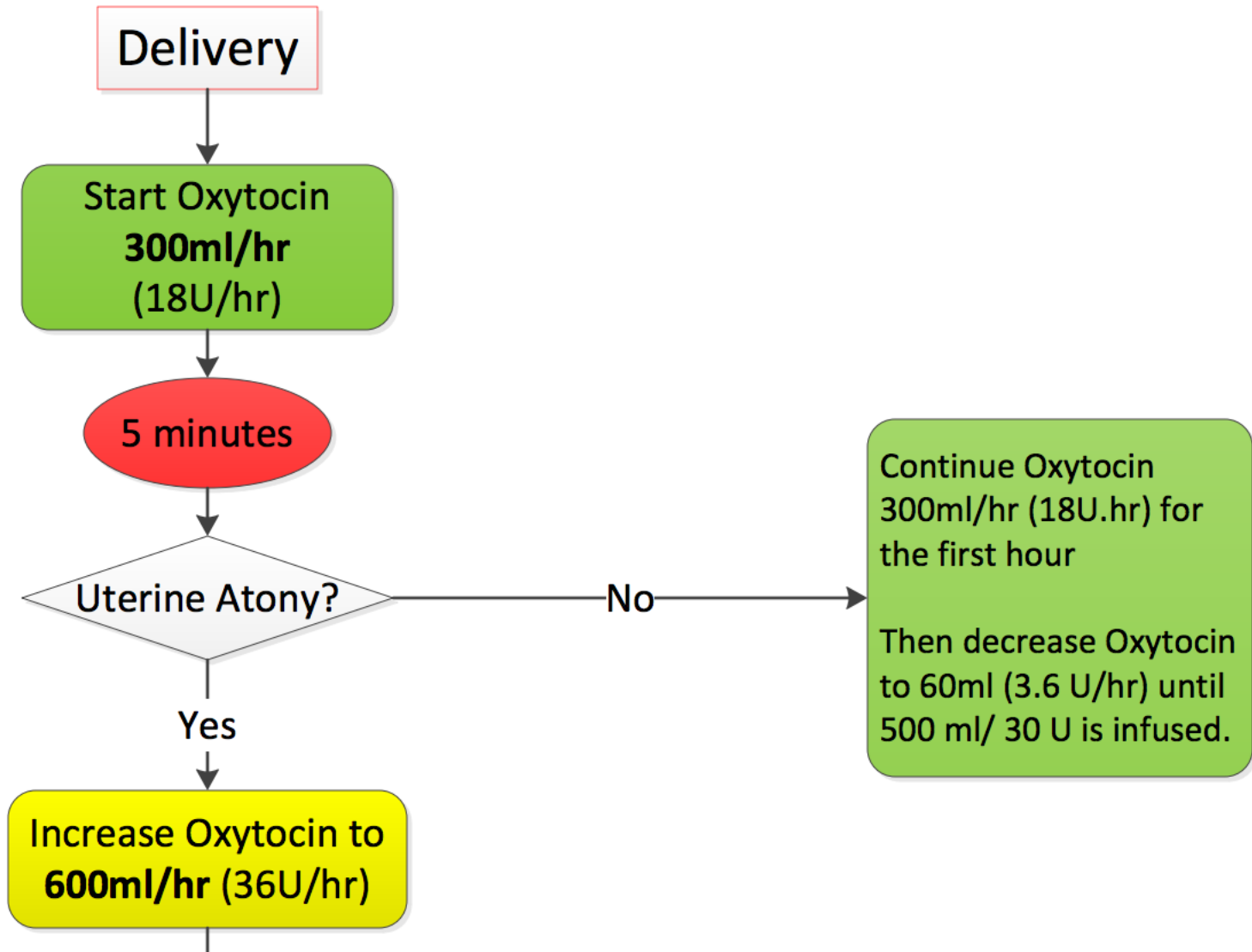
# Universal AMTSL

Active management of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Stage of Labor (AMTSL)

\*\*\*Key: Every patient, every delivery\*\*\*

1. Uterotonic within 1 min.
2. Controlled cord traction
3. Fundal massage after delivery of placenta

# Oxytocin for the Third Stage of Labor





↑  
Increase Oxytocin to  
**600ml/hr (36U/hr)**

↓  
**5 minutes**

↓  
Uterine Atony?

→ No →

Run @ **600ml/hr** for a  
total of 30 minutes

When atony has  
resolved gradually step  
down the infusion

**300 ml/hr (3.6 U/hr)**  
for **30 minutes**.

Clinical Decision: If  
Oxytocin was increased  
to **600ml/hr** Nurse/  
practitioner to decide if  
a 2<sup>nd</sup> bag of Oxytocin is  
indicated

↓ Yes ↓

Increase Oxytocin to **900ml/hr**  
(54U/hr) for up to 30 minutes

Consider other uterotonics or treatments for  
uterine atony as indicated by the patient's  
clinical condition

When atony resolves gradually step down the infusion:

**600 ml/hr (36 U/hr) for 30 minutes → 300 ml/hr (3.6 U/hr) for 30 minutes**

Clinical Indication: All patients who have required the Pitocin rate to be  
increase to 900 must have a 2<sup>nd</sup> bag of Pitocin/follow algorithm

# READINESS

- Blood bank
- Hemorrhage cart
- Simulation / Team Drills

Every Unit

(yes, that means postpartum too)

# Blood Bank

**\*\*\*Key: Access to transfusion in a hurry\*\*\***  
(even without a crossmatch)

1. Massive Transfusion Protocol (MTP)  
(should be written & multidisciplinary)  
(should include RBC, coagulation factors, platelets)
2. Emergency Release Transfusion Protocol (ERT)  
(minimum 4 units O-neg / uncrossed RBCs)

Details available from resources at the end of this presentation

# [Surprising] Barriers to Transfusion

- How do I activate the MTP?
- What phone number do I call?
- Who is delivering the blood? When?
- Where is blood bank? Where do I send the RN/MD?
- How do I effectively communicate urgency of need?

# Hemorrhage Cart / OR Kits

**\*\*\*Key: Easy access, universal awareness\*\*\***

**\*\*\*Key: Know when to go to the operating room\*\*\***

## Hemorrhage Cart Components

1. Hemorrhage checklist!
2. Uterotonics
3. Intrauterine balloon
4. Supplies for phlebotomy, fluids, transfusion
5. Fridge?
6. Instructions, doses, contraindications, contact #s

Don't forget to design a "OR PPH Action Kit"

# RESPONSE

- Checklist
- Rapid response team

Every hemorrhage

(yes, that means every hemorrhage)  
(and yes, that means postpartum too)

# Rapid Response Team

**\*\*\*Key: You need an extra hand\*\*\***

The first step is always... mobilize additional help.

Know who is doing what.

Pre-define RN and MD roles.

Use the checklist!

Frequent Timeouts (make up acronym... ELBOW?)

Etiology, Labs, Blood bank, Other help, What's Next

Practice (simulation, team training)

# Checklist

**\*\*\*Key: update, define roles, mobilize, act, think\*\*\***

Stage 2: OB Hemorrhage			
Meet Stage 1 criteria with continued sustained active bleeding not responding to interventions within 10 minutes with < 1500 mL cumulative blood loss			
MOBILIZE	ACT	THINK (differential diagnosis)	
<p>L &amp; D</p> <p>Send out the OB Rapid Response Stage 2 PPH (come now) page</p> <p>This alerts the whole team to respond</p> <p><b>Recommend that the patient is moved to the OR at this time.</b></p> <p>If the patient is on a postpartum unit and has progressed to a Stage 2 PPH she is transferred immediately to L&amp;D</p> <p>➤ Notify L&amp;D of transfer</p> <p>If this is a CHC, UUHN, UFP, BCHC or private provider patient please notify</p>	<p>Primary nurse/L&amp;D Rapid Response Team</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Call the Blood Bank and notify them of the need for emergency blood products as directed</li><li>• Tasks/responsibilities as designated on the OB Rapid Response grid</li></ul>	Sequentially advance through procedures and other interventions based on etiology	
		<p>Vaginal Birth:</p> <p>Evaluate for uterine atony:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Continue with uterotonics</li><li>• Uterine tamponade balloon</li><li>• Consider surgical interventions</li></ul> <p>Evaluate for lacerations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Visualize and repair</li></ul> <p>Evaluate for retained products of conception:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Manual removal</li><li>• D&amp;C</li></ul> <p>Evaluate for uterine inversion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• General anesthesia or Nitroglycerine for uterine relaxation for manual reduction</li></ul>	<p>Cesarean Section:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Continue with uterotonics</li><li>• B-Lynch</li><li>• O'Leary</li><li>• Uterine tamponade balloon</li></ul>
		<p>If Amniotic Fluid Embolism (AFE):</p> <p>Maximally aggressive respiratory, vasopressor and blood product support</p>	
Once Stabilized: modified postpartum management with increased surveillance			
If cumulative blood loss > 1500 mL, >2 units of PRBC's given, hemodynamically unstable or suspicion for DIC: Proceed to Stage 3			



# Checklist

**Don't forget...**

...to debrief (with staff, with patient/family)

...and to document

## **REPORTING & LEARNING**

- Culture of debriefing
- Multidisciplinary review
- Measure outcomes/process

Every unit / hospital

# Reporting & Systems Learning

- Establish a culture of huddles for high risk patients
- Establish post-event debriefs
- Conduct multidisciplinary review of serious hemorrhages with an intent to learn, not blame
- Track outcomes & process metrics

# Resources for your bundle

Safe Motherhood Initiative



<http://www.acog.org/About-ACOG/ACOG-Districts/District-II/SMI-OB-Hemorrhage>

AWHONN



<http://pphproject.org/index.asp>

Safe Health Care



<http://www.safehealthcareforeverywoman.org/>

CMQCC



<https://www.cmqcc.org/resources-tool-kits/toolkits/ob-hemorrhage-toolkit>

# Resources for your bundle



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