



Perinatal Nursing Leaders Community of Practice

Terms of Reference

Purpose

The goal of the Champlain Maternal Newborn Regional Program (CMNRP) is to improve the health of mothers and newborns through integration of patient-focused planning at a regional level.

The Perinatal Nursing Leaders Community of Practice (PNL-CoP) is a network of perinatal leaders in various roles in the Champlain and South East LHINs with the goal to provide a forum for nursing engagement and collective learning. The PNL-CoP focuses on clinical practice issues, implementation of best practices and nursing knowledge acquisition. It offers a venue for sharing initiatives and priorities within respective organizations and the region, while supporting CMNRP's goal and strategic priorities. Members have a common sense of purpose and desire to work together to share knowledge, solve problems, cultivate best practice and foster innovation.

Objectives

1. Provide a forum for perinatal nursing leaders to discuss and exchange information related to maternal-newborn nursing practice and education.
2. Work together to improve the quality of maternal-newborn care by supporting the implementation of best practices, as per organizational, regional and provincial priorities.
3. Play a consultative role with CMNRP's regional committees and workgroups to provide a nursing perspective on regional initiatives and projects.
4. Share successes and challenges with respect to innovation and change management.
5. Promote knowledge-sharing and knowledge-to-action initiatives through continuing education opportunities.
6. Support regional data monitoring, use and analysis to guide system- and quality-improvement priorities (e.g. BORN Dashboard Key Performance Indicators, Quality-Based Procedures).
7. Support initiatives to enhance maternal-newborn health care system capacity (e.g. joint nursing orientation) and to ensure efficient and effective utilization of resources within the region.
8. Contribute to identifying maternal-newborn care priorities to address and improve.

Membership

- Nurse educators, advanced practice nurses, nurse practitioners, clinical managers and supervisors working in perinatal settings (hospital, community and public health) in the Champlain and South East LHINs
- CMNRP Perinatal Consultants
- Additional individuals may join at the discretion of members and the chair (e.g. team leaders, clinical nurses, champions, academic leaders such as professors and/or clinical instructors in perinatal nursing programs).

Committee Chair(s)

The Chair/Co-Chairs will be nominated by members for a period of 2 years. The Chair/Co-Chairs will be responsible for facilitating the planning of any in-person meetings as needed (e.g. coordinating meeting logistics such as identifying the focus, the location, contacting guest speakers) with help from PNL-CoP members.

Communications

Communication will mainly occur by e-mail and the use of innovative technologies as determined by the group. This will be facilitated by sharing a contact list (phone number and email address), with members' permission. The CMNRP secretariat will maintain the contact list.

Meetings

The PNL-CoP will endeavor to meet in person once a year and on an ad-hoc basis if there are specific issues to address (as determined by the group).

Meetings can be made available by teleconference, online conferencing (e.g. Zoom, WebEx, High Five) or through the Ontario Telemedicine Network (OTN) to support participation of members from across the region. Members may be asked to obtain approval from their organization to provide in-kind conferencing resources to support the meetings.

Location of the meetings will be determined by the group (e.g. may alternate between organizations within the Champlain and South East LHINs).