Resources Provided to Transforming Maternity Care Vision Team

Maternity Care System in the United States: Relevant Systematic Reviews and Selected Other Documents

To assist the Transforming Maternity Care Vision Team in developing its direction-setting “2020 Vision for a High-Quality, High-Value Maternity Care System,”* members received prior to their work a compendium of systematic reviews about the effectiveness of structural and organizational components of maternity care, complemented by other better quality evidence, identified as such, when systematic reviews were not available. The items, referenced below, were published through April 2008 and covered such topics as models for providing maternity care, cadres of professionals who care for childbearing families, and settings where maternity care is provided. The items were derived from Childbirth Connection’s decade-long work to compile and disseminate systematic reviews on the effectiveness of all aspects of maternity care, through its online evidence-based maternity care resource directory, quarterly evidence columns published simultaneously in two peer-reviewed clinical care journals, and other work.

As an update on evidence supporting specific forms of clinical care, members received a pre-publication copy of the Milbank Report, Evidence-Based Maternity Care: What It Is and What It Can Achieve. These background resources were intended to help ground the ensuing vision statement in a foundation of best available evidence. For the resulting 2020 Vision paper, the subsequent Blueprint for Action paper charting the path toward the vision, companion documents, and to learn more about the Transforming Maternity Care project, visit www.childbirthconnection.org/tmc/

Pre- and Interconceptional Care


Not systematic review: dilemma: we don't know what health system approaches work

Atrash HK, Johnson K, Adams M, Cordero JF, Howse J. Preconception care for improving perinatal outcomes: The time to act. Matern Child Health J 2006;10(suppl):S3-S11. [most relevant paper in special issue from CDC project: calls for action, cites guidelines, but only cites Korenbrot as evidence]

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Notable but not systematic review


Prenatal Care


Notable but not systematic review


Childbirth Education and Help with Making Informed Decisions


Neither systematic review nor specific to maternity care


Place of Birth


Narrative home birth reviews


**Narrative review about health care environment**


**Labor Support and Early Mother-Baby Skin-to-Skin Contact**


**Postpartum Care**


**Promoting Breastfeeding Initiation and Duration**


http://www.nice.org.uk/aboutnice/whoweare/aboutthehda/hdapublications/hda_publications.jsp?o=757 and
http://www.nice.org.uk/aboutnice/whoweare/aboutthehda/hdapublications/hda_publications.jsp?o=750


**Prenatal and Postpartum Home Visiting**


**Maternity Care Quality Improvement**


NOTE: There are dozens of systematic reviews on various quality improvement strategies without specific reference to maternity care. Many are listed on Childbirth Connection’s website at http://www.childbirthconnection.org/article.asp?ck=10322 Topics include: audit and feedback, continuing education, guidelines, computerized reminders, opinion leaders, and teaching critical appraisal.

**Health Professionalism in the Twenty-First Century** (not systematic reviews)


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