

The Foundation for Health Care Quality Awarded Grant from Ballmer Group to Improve Maternal Health

Obstetrical Care Outcomes Assessment Program to Link Clinical and Patient Experience Data



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SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, USA, April 1, 2024 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The Foundation for Health Care Quality's

[Obstetrical Care Outcomes Assessment Program \(OB COAP\)](#) has received a 1.3-million-dollar grant from Ballmer Group to create an unprecedented maternal data registry integrating clinical data from the electronic health record with patient survey information. A birthing person's experience, opinions and feelings of safety can be as important as clinical outcomes. This project



Maternal Care has failed to get better because we focus on data and metrics that are easy to get."

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provides a data-driven foundation which will shed new light on how to tackle our maternal health care crisis and improve person-centered, equitable, and respectful intrapartum and postpartum care.

This three-year project funded by Ballmer Group will involve hospitals in Washington State participating in OB COAP and [TeamBirth](#). OB COAP uses a proven framework of clinical data-driven, clinician-led collaboration to

improve the care given during labor, delivery, and the postpartum period. Provider-specific, real-time, chart-abstracted data are the basis for analysis and benchmarking. Site and region-level improvements stem from the ability to understand precise, targeted opportunities for actionable and sustainable changes and greater provider accountability.

TeamBirth, developed by Ariadne Labs, a joint center for health systems innovation at Brigham and Women's Hospital and the Harvard T. H. Chan School of Public Health, is an industry-standard process to improve communication, teamwork, and shared-decision making throughout the birthing process. Patient survey data is an integral part of TeamBirth. What has been missing is the ability to directly intertwine this information with clinical outcomes at the patient level. As Ariadne Labs and the Washington State Hospital Association roll out TeamBirth across the state, OB COAP will work alongside them to capture this survey data using technology

developed by [Twistle by Health Catalyst](#) and link it with OB COAP's clinical data.

Through this innovative project, the Foundation for Health Care Quality seeks to create a new model for measuring quality and the impact of changes and interventions that will transform childbirth across the country – allowing over-burdened and under-resourced healthcare providers and systems to focus efforts at making changes in a meaningful and measurable way.

About Foundation for Health Care Quality: The Foundation for Health Care Quality (FHCQ) is a nationally recognized Washington-based not-for-profit dedicated to improving clinical care safety, quality, and equity. FHCQ's Care Outcomes Assessment Programs (COAPs) are led by clinicians to drive clinical improvement through collaboration and have, for the last 35 years, effectively promoted changes resulting in improved patient care.

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