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INTRODUCTION

- **Problem Statement**: Post-partum depression (PPD) is common among patients who receive care at Jefferson¹. Social determinants and health inequities create a wide disparity in access to mental health services in the post-partum period. These barriers need to be addressed to improve post-partum mental health.
- **Aim**: Develop a culturally sensitive list of mental health services and resources easily accessible to women in the Jefferson community who are at risk of or have PPD.
- Interdisciplinary Team: Attending physicians, fellows, residents, and students from Departments of Obstetrics & Gynecology, Psychiatry, and Population Health.

QI PROCESS & METHODS

•	Various departments
STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEWS	Community organizations
	Structural & systemic challenges to providing post- partum mental healthcare
•]	How is postpartum mental healthcare delivered?
PROCESS MAP	When can our intervention happen?
•]	Epic SmartPhrase for providers
RESOURCE LIST	QR code posters for patients

BASELINE METRICS

- Patient QR code usage
- Clinician Epic SmartPhrase usage

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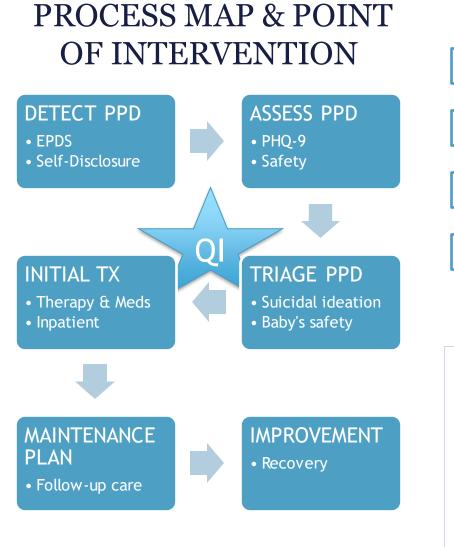
INTERVENTION PLANNING & RESULTS

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

- Maternity Care Coalition
- Community Behavioral Health
- Oshun Family Center
- Casa del Carmen

neffective Provider Collaboration

- Working in siloes Communication
- is disjointed



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Accessible and culturally sensitive services to reduce mental health disparities in postpartum women: a QI project

STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEWS

- Family Medicine • OB/GYN
- Pediatrics
- Psychiatry

AFFINITY MAP



RESOURCE LIST 9 CLINICS 6 SUPPORT GROUPS 3 ONLINE GROUPS 9 ONLINE DIRECTORIES EPIC SMARTPHRASE USAGE USES

CHALLENGES & LESSONS LEARNED

- Interdisciplinary perspectives enriched the QI development experience
- Epic SmartPhrase has not been widely used
- QR code development and launch are still in progress
- Sustainability: who will keep resource list up-to-date?
- Engagement with mental health services cannot be discerned from QR analytics

FUTURE STEPS

- Obtain permission to hang patient-facing posters in the Jefferson ED, hospital and outpatient clinics
- Track frequency of QR click-throughs to resource list
- Increase accessibility of SmartPhrase to all Epic users
- Increase awareness of SmartPhrase
- Maintain resource list on FindHelp and in Epic



CONCLUSION

This QI project is actively working to address current health disparities and improve mental health outcomes amongst postpartum patients through increased collaboration between Jefferson Departments of Obstetrics & Gynecology, Psychiatry, and community organizations.



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