



NEW OBSTETRICS REPORT

DELIVERY IN FOCUS: Strengthening obstetrical care in Canada

PURPOSE



IMPROVE

Identifies **insights and strategies** providers and healthcare leaders can use now to help improve outcomes for patients and their families



EMPOWER

Presents **data** which providers and researchers can leverage as support for their own education and research



FOCUS

Addresses **system issues** leaders can target today to achieve a positive impact

KEY THEMES



Addressing system issues including workplace culture and team communication



Strengthening team communication during the intrapartum phase of care



Adopting human factor strategies as a way to identify and reduce errors in clinical decision making



Enhancing provider clinical decision making including situational awareness and communication

STRATEGIES



Strengthen clinical decision-making by providers

Facilitate and encourage simulation training and drills to acquire and maintain the following:

- Team-shared situational awareness
- Effective team communication
- Crisis response



Boost team communication

When a patient's clinical condition deteriorates, speak up!

- Enhances team situational awareness
- Confirms team recognizes urgency



Bring system issues to light

Foster a culture of safety that encourages:

- Team escalation strategies for clinical concerns
- Interprofessional education
- Quality improvement

MOTIVATION

In 2016 the CMPA, HIROC, and healthcare partners published *Obstetrics Services in Canada*.

In the 2016 report, CMPA and HIROC identified **5 high-risk areas in obstetrics:**



1

Fetal heart rate monitoring

2

Induction and augmentation of labour

3

Assisted vaginal delivery

4

Timing of the decision to perform a caesarean section (C-section)

5

Managing shoulder dystocia

Because **1** and **2** were the **TWO highest shared risk areas** for both groups, the CMPA and HIROC decided to explore these areas further to support learning from these cases.