



Upcoming Classes

- **Fundamentals of Fetal Monitoring -- February 5th**
- **Outpatient Fetal Monitoring -- February 12th**
- **Fundamentals of Newborn Assessment and Care -- March 6th**
- **Advanced Fetal Monitoring -- March 11th**
- **Intermediate Fetal Monitoring -- April 8th**

If you would like to sign up for one of these courses, please visit the NCIPN website. If you are interested additional class offerings, please reach out to Emalee or Jen for more information.

What's Happening Around the Region?

Welcome! We will use this space to update everyone on the North Central IL Perinatal Network (NCIPN) changes. The most significant change in NCIPN is the closing of obstetric units. Since 2019, we have had 7 close. Cottage Hospital in Galesburg, Pekin Hospital in Pekin, St. Margaret's in Spring Valley, St. Margaret's in Peru (formerly Illinois Valley Community Hospital), Memorial Hospital in Carthage, OSF St. James in Pontiac, OSF Heart of Mary in Urbana. Cottage and both St. Margaret's ceased operations as hospitals. OSF Sacred Heart Medical Center in Danville was without obstetric coverage from November 2022 to September 2023 and joined NCIPN in January 2024. Brittany Jones is their nursing care manager. We welcome them!

We have also seen some changes in nursing care managers. Nicole Kutzner is now the manager at OSF St. Joseph in Bloomington. Robyn Lindenmeyer and Cristy Shafer from Heart of Mary in Urbana have assumed other leadership roles at Heart of Mary. Susan Senatra is the new manager of the Genesis Silvis Birthcenter. Amber Bonds is the new manager of Labor and Delivery at Carle Health Methodist in Peoria. Desi Walker joined us as the supervisor at OSF Saint Francis OB Acute. We welcome everyone!

We also welcomed Emalee Brink as our Neonatal Outreach Educator. Emalee joins us from Genesis Silvis with strong Level II experience and is a great technology resource for us. She replaced Janessa Jenkins, now an APN at Carle BroMenn, and PRN in other special care nurseries. Janessa enjoys more consistent time with her family and is always available for my crazy questions! -- Susie

NCIPN Spotlight

Melissa Onion BSN, RN, CLC

Director of Obstetrics at McDonough District Hospital

Her nursing staff has dedicated groups for each ILPQC initiative, with each group taking ownership of their initiative. This empowerment of every staff member to become involved is wonderful to see, and you can tell how much pride staff have in their unit as well as their commitment to quality improvement.

Congratulations Melissa!



Please send submissions for future spotlight recipients to Emalee.P.Brink@osfhealthcare.com

ILPQC Corner

Have you started screening your patients for Social Determinates of Health?



The ESSI initiative is now underway. There is still time to sign your team up!

Journals



What More Can We Do to Prevent Infants From Dying in Their Sleep?

Exposing the Role of Labor and Delivery Nurses as Active Bystanders in Preventing or Perpetuating Obstetric Violence



Congratulations to Joey Evans MSN, RNC-OB, CLC Clinical Educator at St. Joseph's in Bloomington for having the winning suggestion for naming our newsletter! She won a gift card to Essential Coffee for her submission!



Site Visit Tips

- Remember to keep your references updated on all policies and protocols. Should be within the last 5 years
- Don't forget when preparing your site visit materials to check out previous redesignation letter

Link to Administrative Code 640



Upcoming Travels

St. Joseph's - Bloomington

February 8th & 9th -- Basics of Newborn Assessment and Care

St. Mary's - Galesburg

February 26th -- Preparing for the Expected

If you are interested in scheduling education, please reach out to Jen or Emalee

Please help us by filling out the survey regarding NICU transport information for families

