

Examining the effect of quality improvement initiatives on decreasing racial disparities in maternal morbidity.

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People of color experience [disproportionately](#) higher rates of maternal morbidity and mortality. As part of a larger quality improvement and patient safety initiative to reduce severe maternal morbidity from [hemorrhage](#) (SMM-H), this hospital analyzed [administrative](#) data stratified by race and ethnicity, and noted a disparity between White and Black patients. Review of this data was integrated with the overall improvement bundle. Post-implementation results show that SMM-H rates for Black patients decreased.