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TEAMBIRTH

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TeamBirth: Process Innovation for Clinical Safety, Effective Communication, and Dignity in Childbirth

New Jersey Post-launch Collaborative Learning Session

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Learning Session Agenda

Welcome

- NJHCQI & Ariadne Labs
- NJ Team Birth Cohorts

TeamBirth Spotlights

- Overlook Medical Center
- Englewood Hospital and Medical Center

Practicing Core Knowledge & Skills

TeamBirth Sustainability

- Evaluate Impact and Continuously Improve

Scenario Practice: Postpartum Newborn Huddle

Next Steps

- Looking ahead

Welcome

NJHCQI TeamBirth Websites

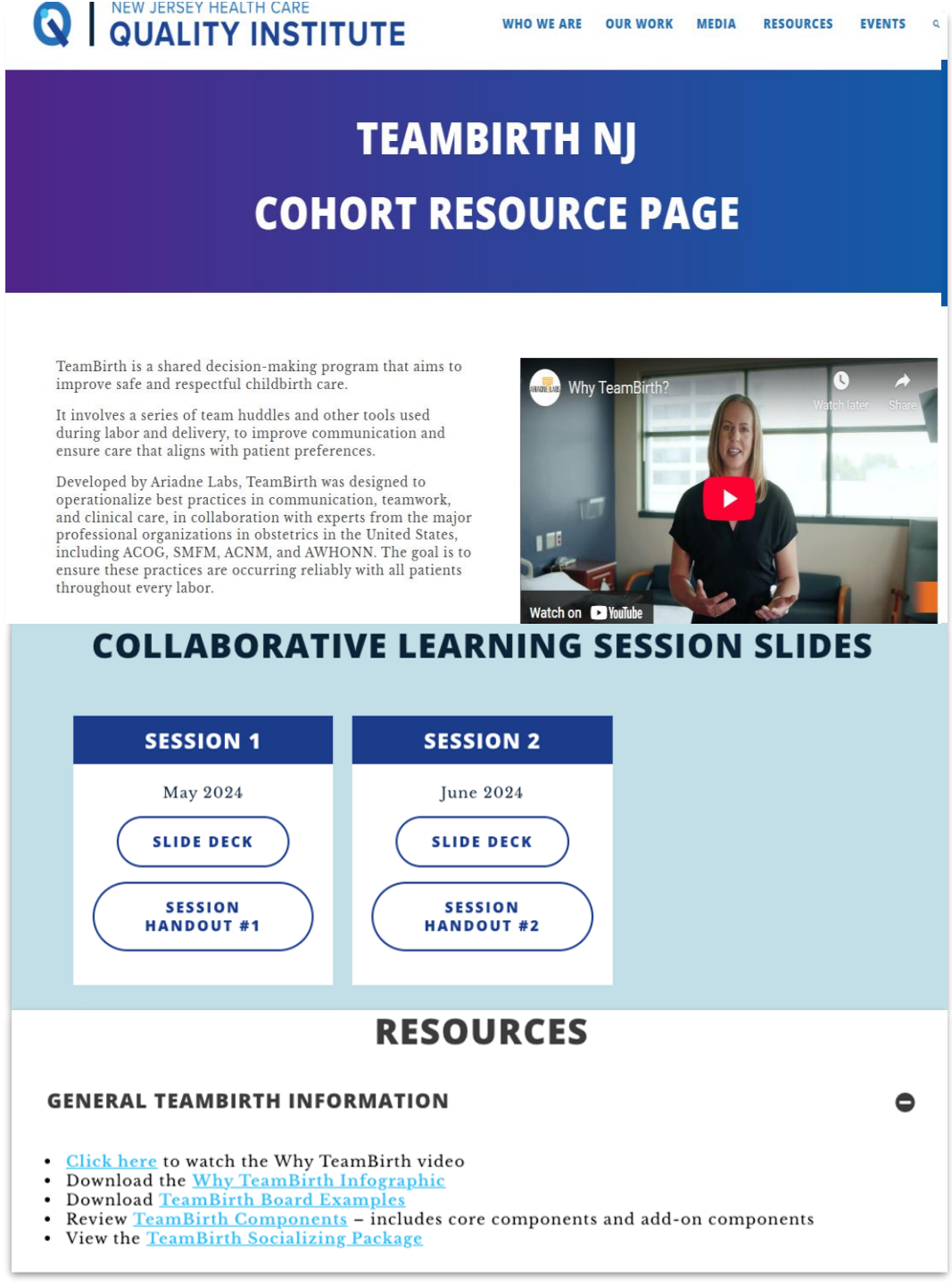
Access all cohort resources at this **private website**

www.njhcqi.org/teambirthnjcohorts

Password: NJcohorts2022!

Public TeamBirth NJ website

www.njhcqi.org/shared-decision-making



Englewood Medical Center

Welcome!!

ENGLEWOOD
HOSPITAL AND MEDICAL CENTER

TeamBirth NJ Spotlights

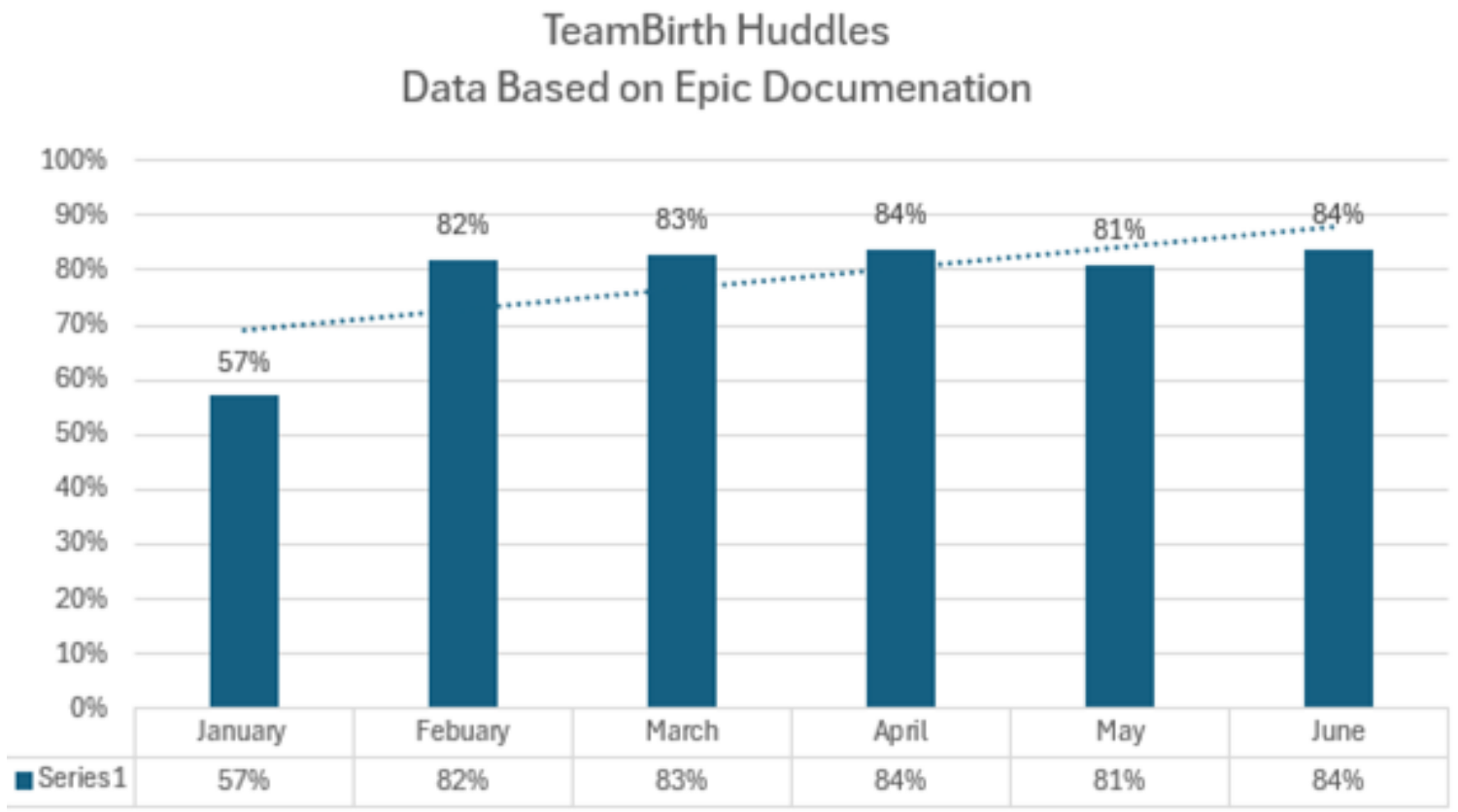
Overlook Medical Center- TeamBirth NJ Spotlight

1. EMR documentation with TeamBirth during launch
    - Criteria see one huddle

1. Breastfeeding rates
    - Lactation TeamBirth huddles

TeamBirth Strategies

- Addition of TeamBirth to EMR flowsheet documentation
  - Goal: Run statistics on percentage of TB documented on births for month
  - Documentation
    - TeamBirth: Yes or declined
    - Reason for communication
    - Status change: fetal, maternal or other
    - Team members present



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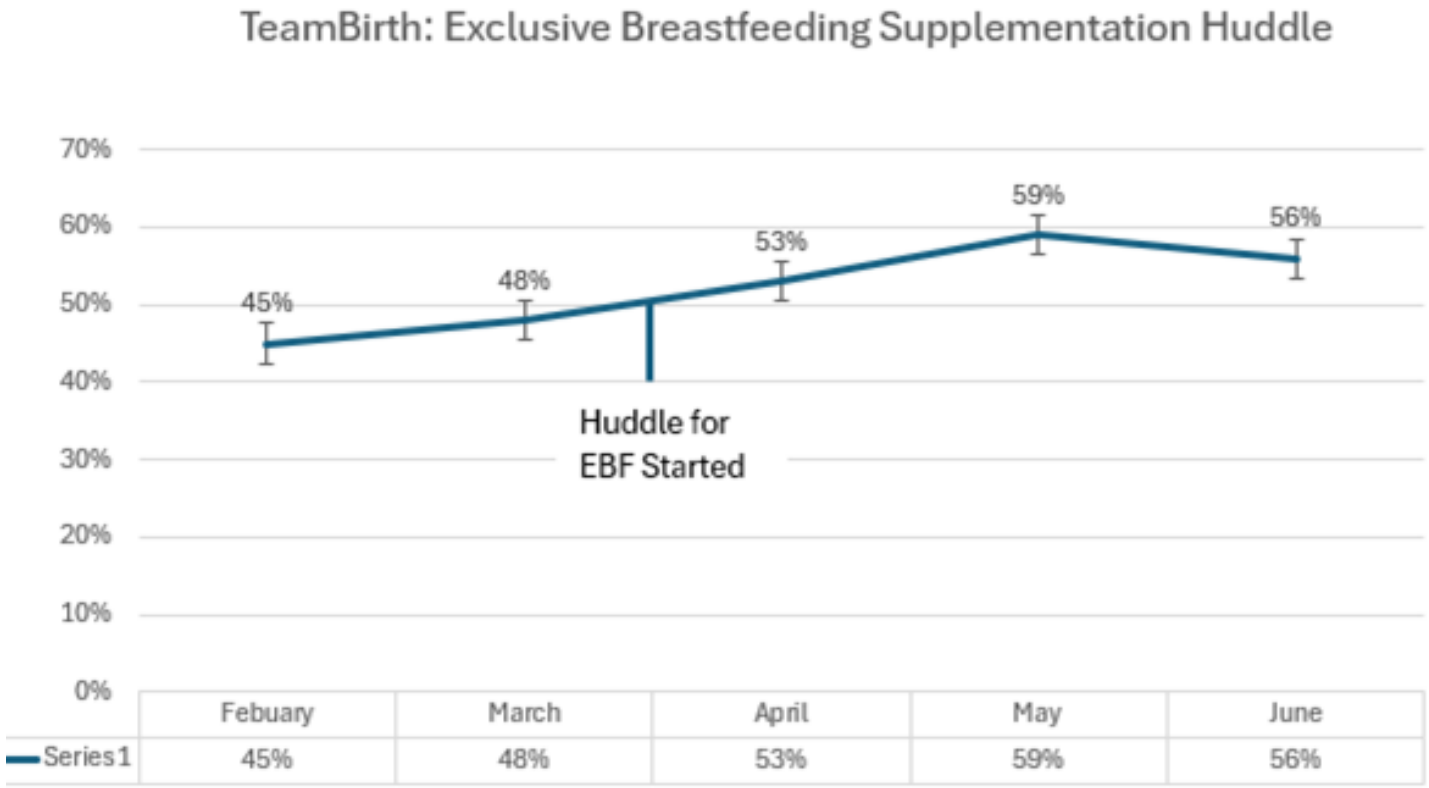
TeamBirth: Exclusive Breastfeeding Supplementation Huddle

- Team education on TB exclusive breastfeeding non-medical supplementation of formula huddle
  - Discuss preferences
  - Supplementing with EBM
  - Educate on alternatives (if applicable)
    - Hand expression
    - Cup, spoon, and syringe feeding
    - Paced bottle feeding
    - Infant stomach size



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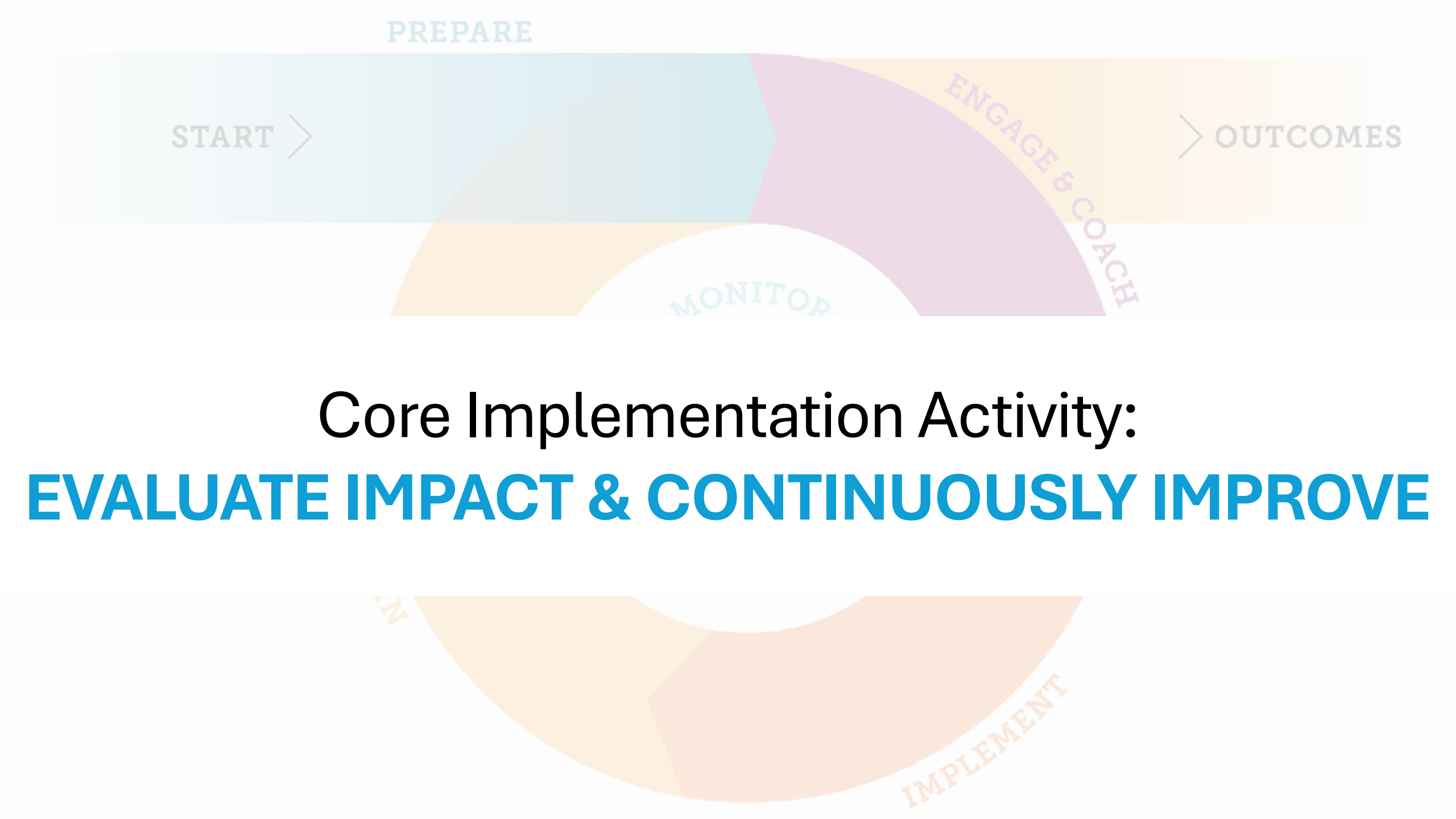


Core Implementation Activity:

EVALUATE IMPACT & CONTINUOUSLY IMPROVE

SUSTAIN PHASE

EVALUATE IMPACT & CONTINUOUSLY IMPROVE

CORE: Measure and evaluate TeamBirth's impact on key indicators, disaggregated by demographics, to celebrate success and identify needs for improvement

OBJECTIVES

Ensure necessary data is collected and analyzed to measure impact

Conduct ongoing QI activities to ensure TeamBirth quality, fidelity, and sustainability

Milestones:

- ❑ Ongoing improvement goals identified
- ❑ Impact measured annually post launch

ADAPT

Who you involve and your methods and timeline for analysis, prioritization, planning, and improving

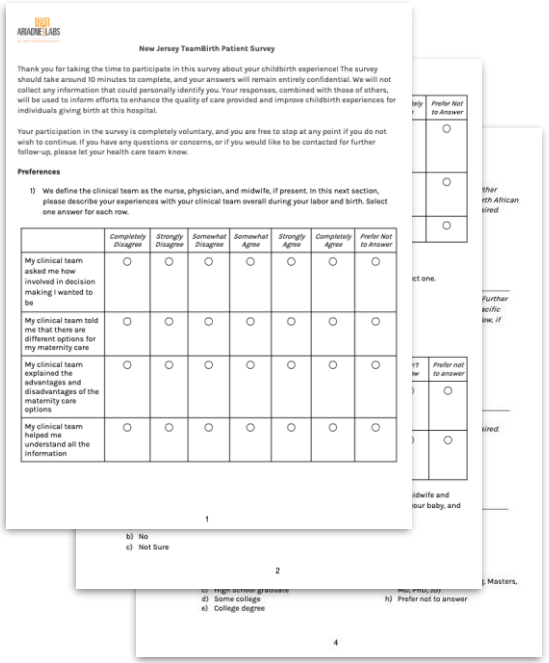
Ongoing Measurement

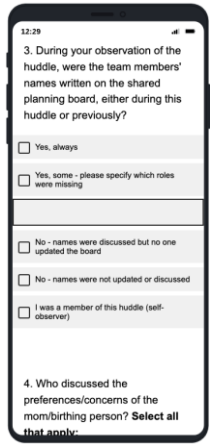
Establish key performance indicators that monitor TeamBirth, show impact, and inform opportunities for ongoing quality improvement

- **Identify and plan** for how you will measure TeamBirth success in the long-term
    - What process metrics &/or indicators of success will you track and monitor?
- Integrate **patient surveying** into existing patient feedback mechanisms
- Develop **EHR fields** to document and track TeamBirth activities

Patient Surveying

Integrate patient surveying into existing patient feedback mechanisms





How can you continue to ensure patient experiences are guiding TeamBirth improvement?

- Use our template to develop your own REDCap or Qualtrics survey
    - Add several priority questions to existing patient surveying mechanisms
- Develop a plan to survey a certain % of patients routinely (e.g. quarterly) and report on learnings from that data to leadership and staff

TeamBirth Sustainability Survey

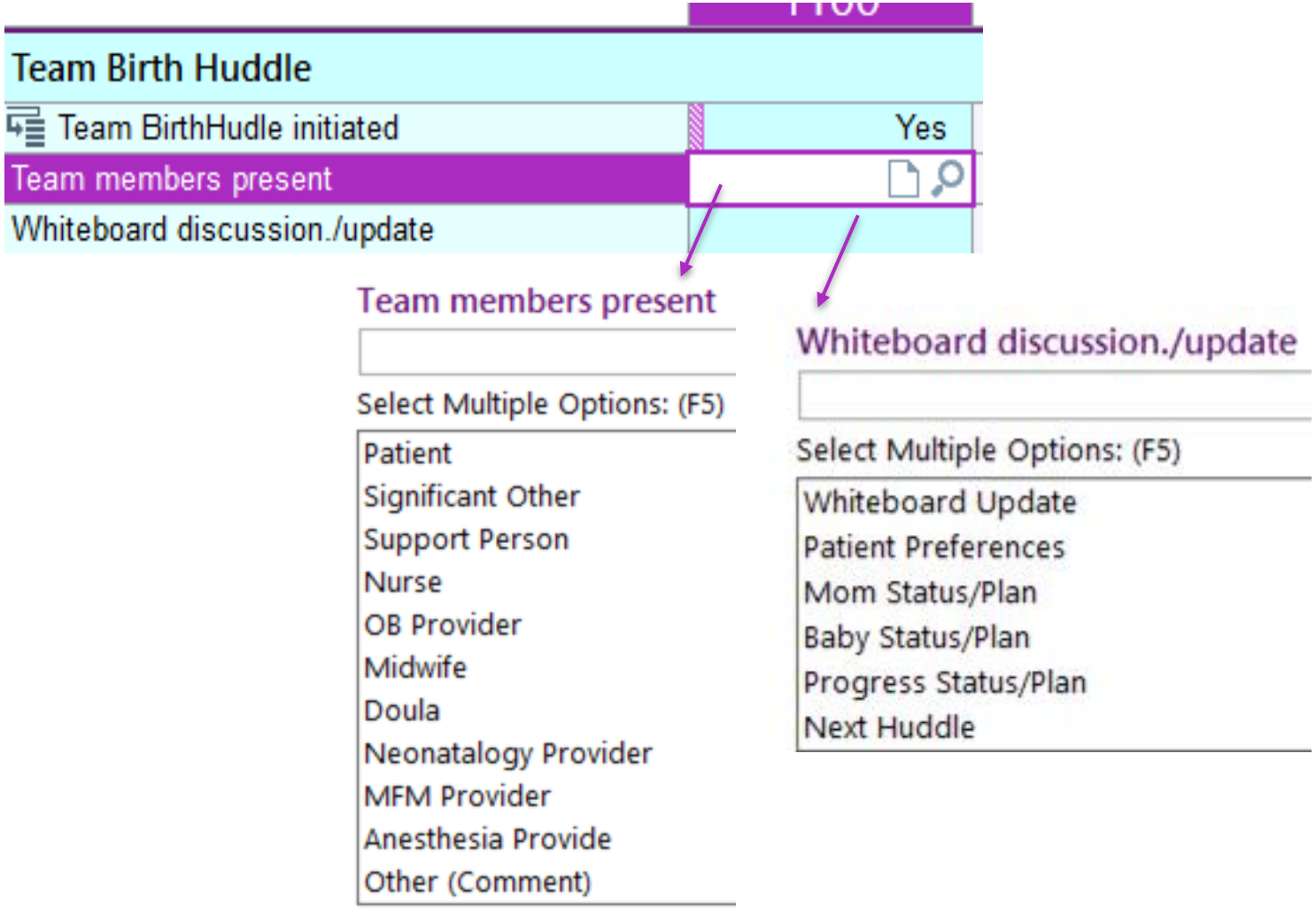
INSERT HOSPITAL NAME would like to know about your experience with TeamBirth huddles and shared-decision making with your clinical team during this hospital stay. We invite you to take part in this survey to share your feedback. The survey will take about 3 minutes to complete. You can stop at any time, and you can skip questions that you prefer not to answer. If you do not take this survey, the health care you receive will not be affected in any way. Your responses will be anonymous with no ability to identify you. Once you are home, you may also receive a separate, hospital-wide survey via phone call. Please consider participating in that survey as well. Your participation in this survey is optional. There is no direct benefit to you for participating in this survey, and you will not be paid for participating.

Please describe your experiences with decision making during your hospital stay. (select one option for each statement)	**Completely Disagree**	**Strongly Disagree**	**Somewhat Disagree**	**Somewhat Agree**	**Strongly Agree**	**Completely Agree**
1. My clinical team asked me how involved in decision making I wanted to be.	○ 1	○ 2	○ 3	○ 4	○ 5	○ 6
2. My clinical team told me that there are different options for my maternity care.	○ 1	○ 2	○ 3	○ 4	○ 5	○ 6
3. My clinical team explained the advantages and disadvantages of the maternal care options.	○ 1	○ 2	○ 3	○ 4	○ 5	○ 6
4. My clinical team helped me understand all the information.	○ 1	○ 2	○ 3	○ 4	○ 5	○ 6
5. I was given enough time to thoroughly consider the different maternity care options.	○ 1	○ 2	○ 3	○ 4	○ 5	○ 6
6. I was able to choose what I considered to be the best care options.	○ 1	○ 2	○ 3	○ 4	○ 5	○ 6
7. My clinical team respected that choice.	○ 1	○ 2	○ 3	○ 4	○ 5	○ 6

Tool Citation: Vedam, S., Stoll, K., Martin, K., Rubashkin, N., Partridge, S., Thordarson, D., & Jolicoeur, G. (2017). The Mother's Autonomy in Decision Making (MADM) scale: Patient-led development and psychometric testing of a new instrument to evaluate experience of maternity care. PLoS one, 12(2), e0171804. https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0171804

Please review the questions and/or statements in each row. (select one option for each statement)	**None of the time**	**A little of the time**	**A moderate amount of time**	**Most of the time**	**All of the time**
8. How often did a member of your team update the names of care team members on the board?	○ 1	○ 2	○ 3	○ 4	○ 5
9. How often did your doctor/midwife and nurse discuss your preferences/ concerns and update the board?	○ 1	○ 2	○ 3	○ 4	○ 5
10. How often did your doctor/midwife and nurse discuss care plans and update the board?	○ 1	○ 2	○ 3	○ 4	○ 5
11. How often did your doctor/midwife and nurse set a plan for the next huddle and update the board?	○ 1	○ 2	○ 3	○ 4	○ 5

Example TeamBirth EHR Fields - Epic



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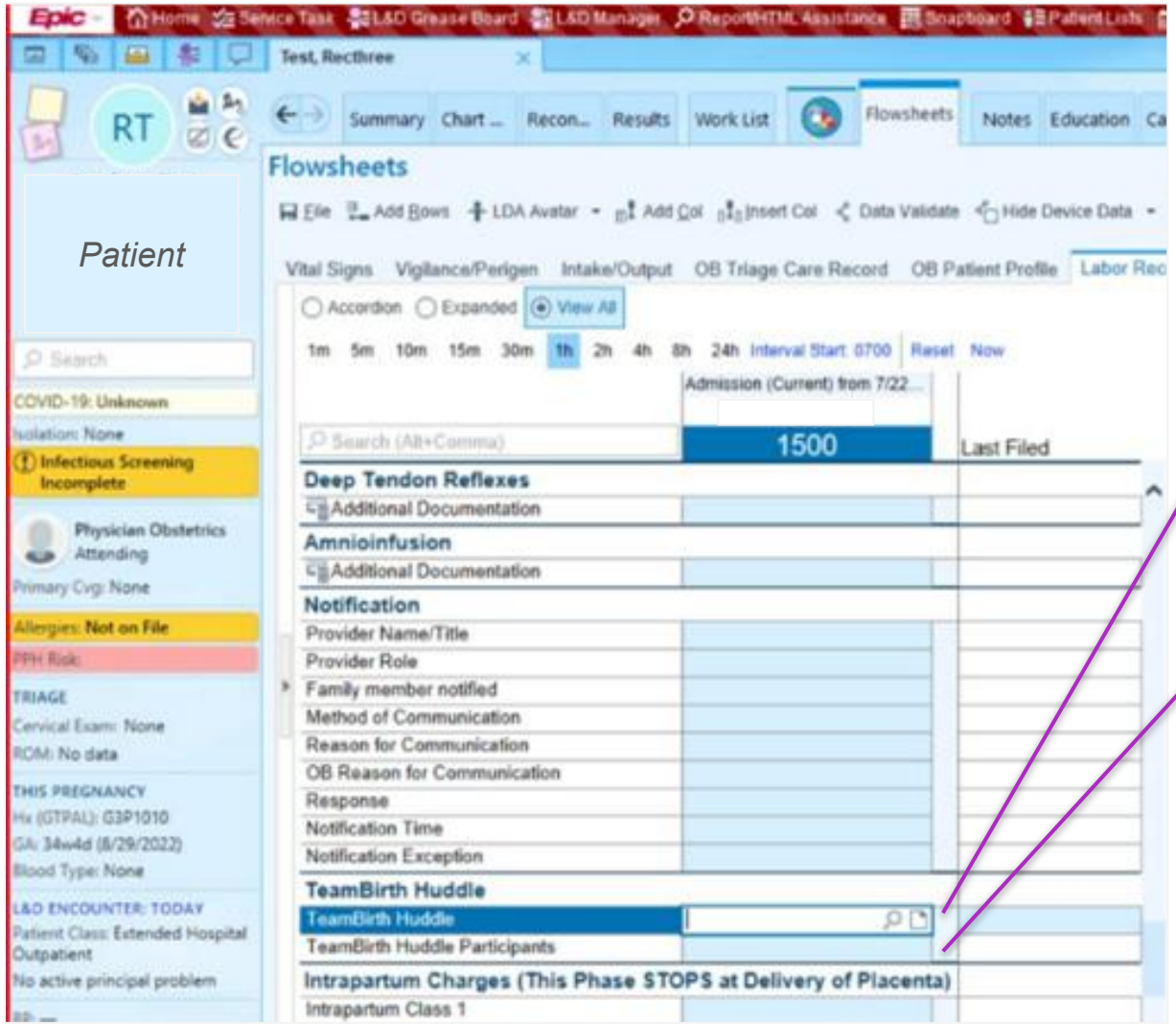

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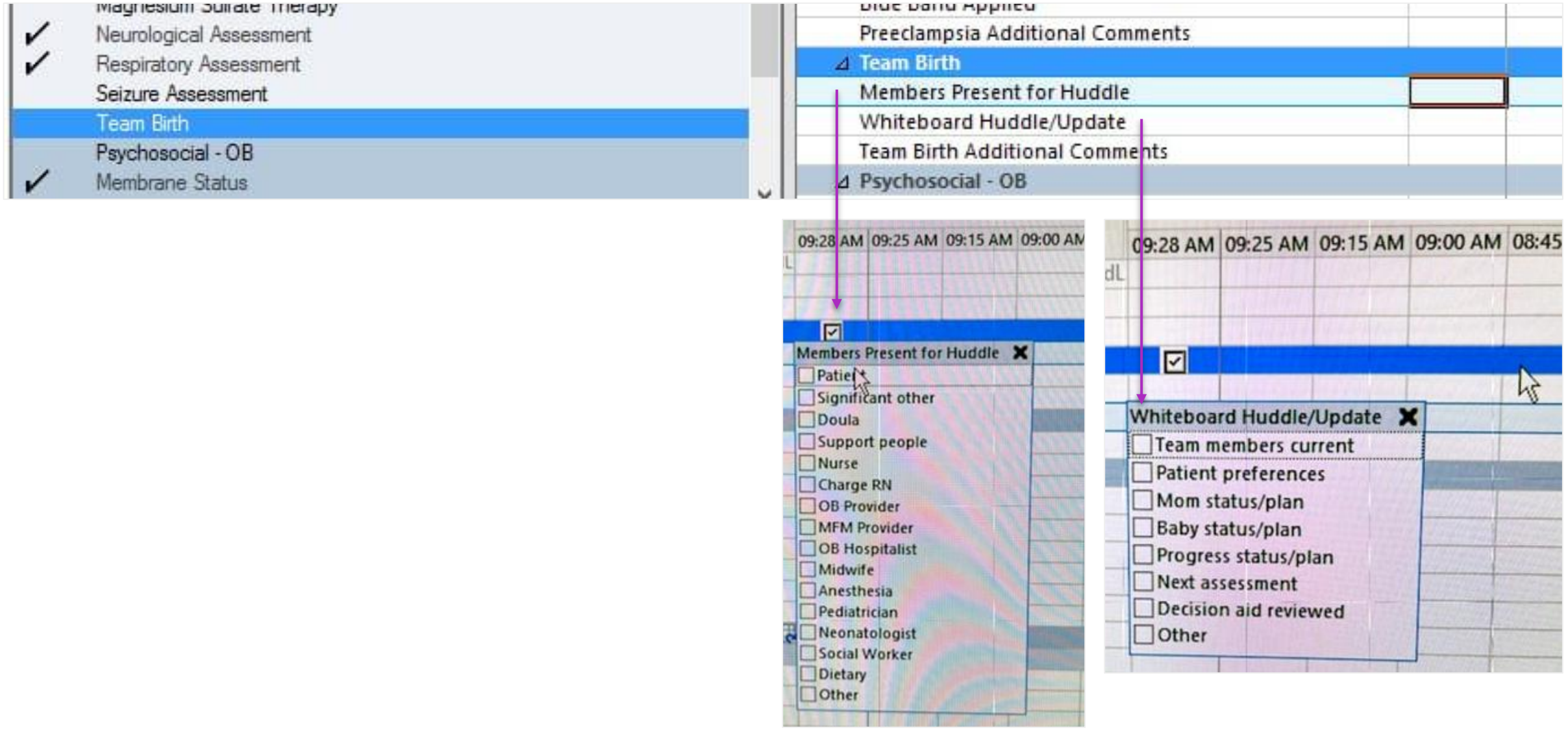
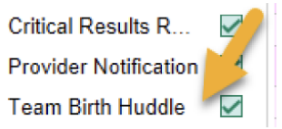


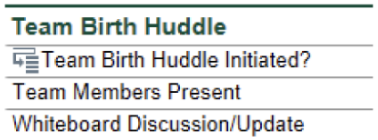
Example EHR Fields Onboarding

Team Birth Huddle – Nurse Documentation

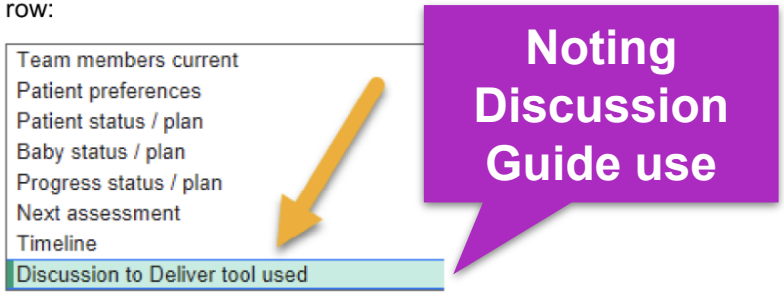
Team Birth Huddle documentation is available in the following Flowsheets: **Labor, Postpartum,** and **Newborn Nursery Assess**. It is located just under Provider Notification in all three templates.



When you document that a Team Birth Huddle was initiated, the following rows will display: "Team Members Present" and "Whiteboard Discussion/Update."



If the "Discussion to Deliver" tool was used during the huddle, make sure to document that in the Whiteboard Discussion/Update row:

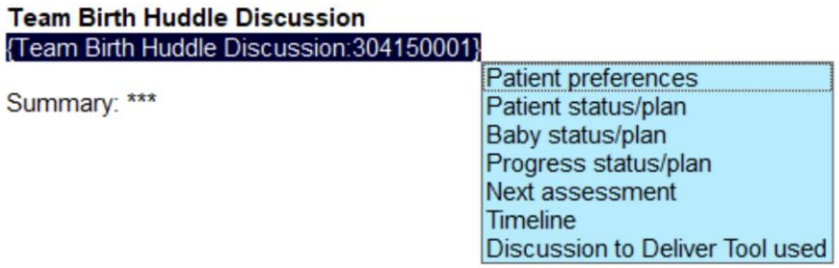


When you write your Plan of Care note, all Team Birth Huddle documentation from the past 12 hours will automatically display for review:

Team Birth Huddle – OB Documentation

To allow Team Birth Huddles to be documented in Epic, a new SmartPhrase is available for use in your Progress Notes: **.BIRTHHUDDLE**

When you use .BIRTHHUDDLE the following template displays in your note:



Select the topics discussed during the huddle from the list, and add any additional information needed in the "Summary" section.

Selections from the topic list are filed discretely to the chart as SmartData Elements. This allows reporting on what types of huddles have occurred as well as if the Discussion to Deliver Tool was utilized during care.

Custom TeamBirth Smartphrases

The .BIRTHHUDDLE SmartPhrase can be placed into any personalized note templates you use if you would like it to show automatically, such as an antepartum progress note template.

If you would prefer to create your own format for displaying this information (such as removing the Summary section), you will still need to include the topic list selection as it contains data elements used for reporting.

SmartList ID: 304150001 – OHA IP CBC TEAM BIRTH HUDDLE DISCUSSION

Example TeamBirth Dashboard

Team Birth Huddle Info

excludes planned cesareans

Delivery Provider: (All)

Admission Date: Last 13 months

Data Updated 2/1/2024

Total # Huddles	Avg # of huddles per patient	Avg # of huddles for vag births	Avg # of huddles for cesareans
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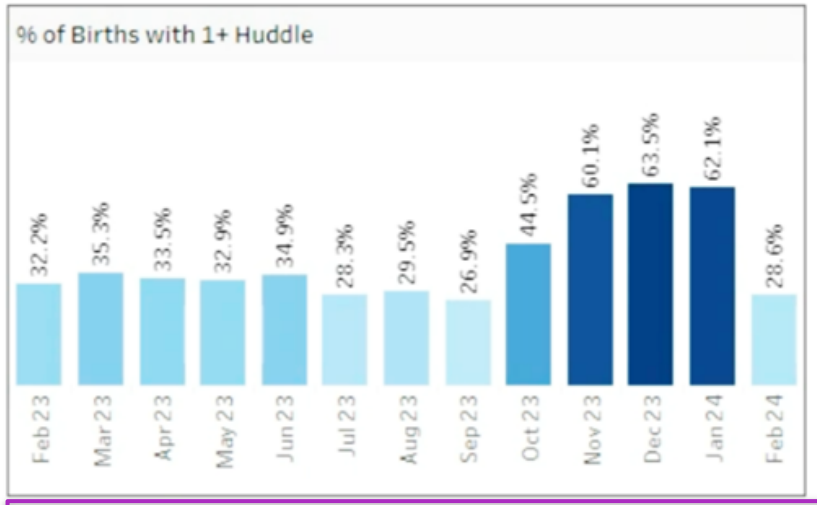
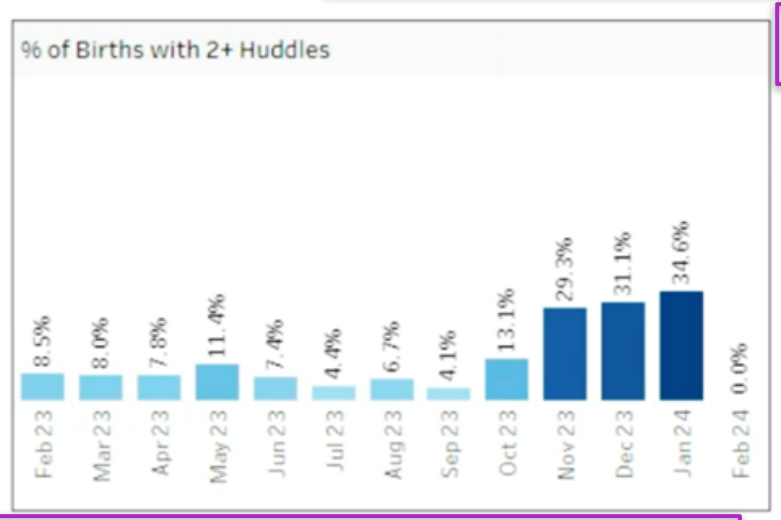
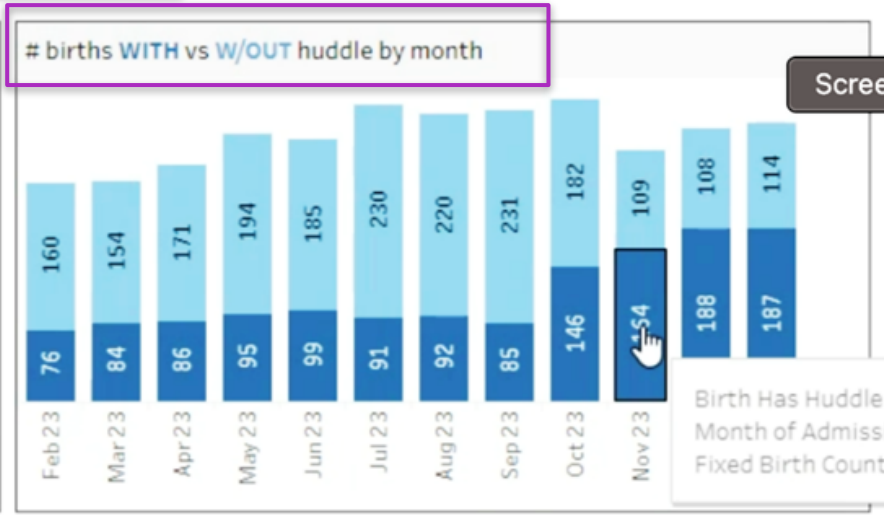
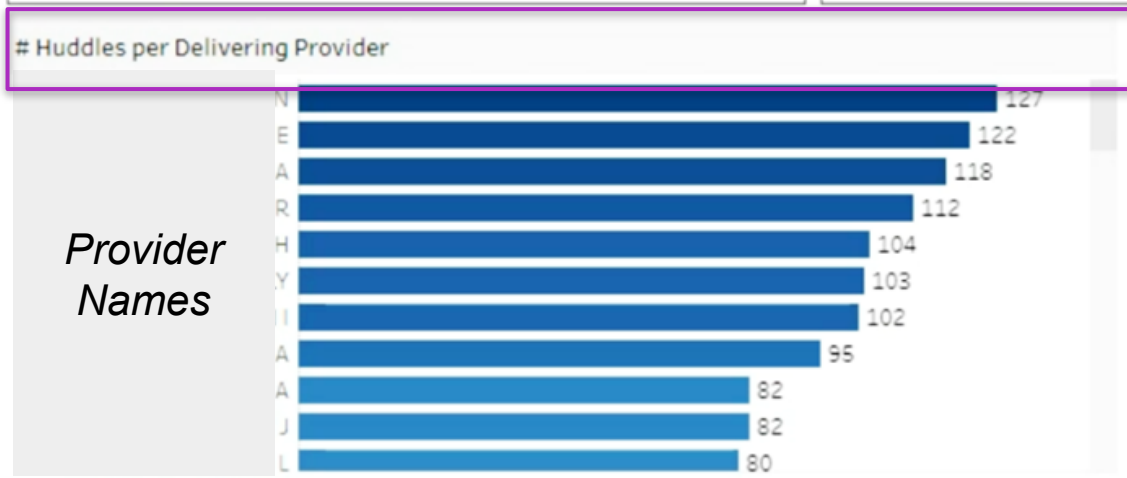
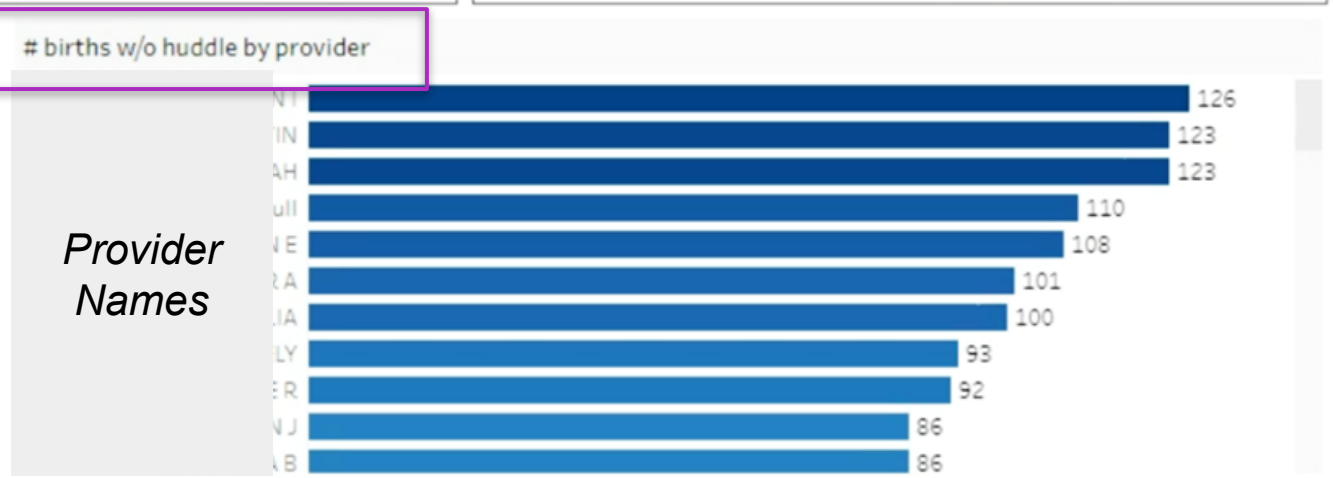


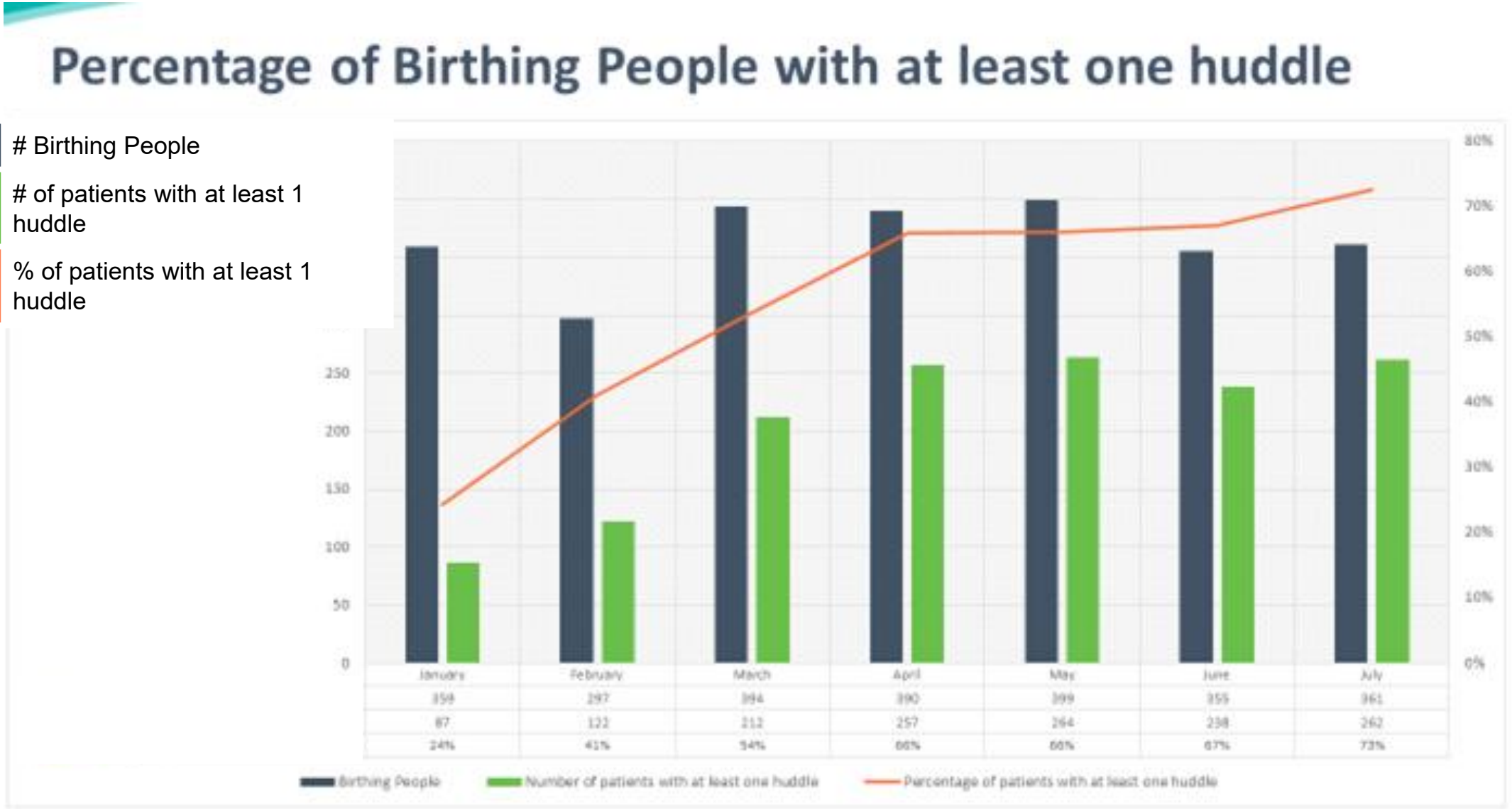








Example TeamBirth Reporting



Continuous improvement

Data informs opportunities for ongoing quality improvement

Iterating and expanding

- A role (see Leadership Accountability) should be responsible for **tracking/analyzing data and reporting progress** to leaders and staff
- Data should be used to **inform decisions** about where to focus improvement efforts
- Identify **opportunities to expand TeamBirth** into other units, prenatal care, or community programs
- Leverage successes in TeamBirth's culture change and teamwork to **support future quality improvement initiatives**

Practicing Core Knowledge & Skills

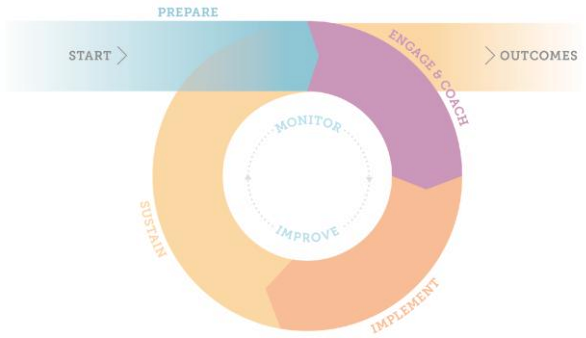
Checking In
Initiating TeamBirth Huddles

Current Use and Implementation

❑ What has made it easier for staff to call and introduce a TeamBirth huddle?

❑ What challenges or barriers have you experienced introducing TeamBirth huddles?

Looking Ahead



What's Next?

- Reflect on TeamBirth Sustainability
  - Huddle Practice and Initiation of TeamBirth
  - Evaluate Impact and Continuous Improvement

- TeamBirth Sustainability Tools Check-in
  - Sustainability Survey
  - Training Scenario Prompts
  - TeamBirth Resources and Materials

Next Steps

Next Learning Session

TeamBirth Post Launch Support Session

October 26th, 2026

12:00 - 1:00pm EST

We Want to Hear From You!

- Anonymous
- Short survey
- What has been challenging or successful?
- Which topic would be helpful for the next meeting?

Follow Up

A follow up email with key Post Launch Session points will be sent

Email Christine for

- Support and Updates
- Resources
- Implementation Questions & Needs

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