Use of Simulation as a Quality/Safety Tool in Obstetrics

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WHAT is Simulation in Obstetrics?



Basic OB
Skills

Initial Training

Foundational

Interval Training

Refresher / Sustainment

In-Situ training

Unit -Based



WHY?



National Obstetric Simulation Requirements / Recommendations





















Most Common Causes of Diagnostic Error in Obstetrics

Top 3

• Inadequate Diagnosis

• Inappropriate Treatment

• Inadequate Documentation

HOW is Simulation in Obstetrics Helpful?

Identify Issues that lead to Diagnostic Errors

- Knowledge deficits
- Facility issues
- Communication / Teamwork issues
- Inherent biases

Improved Outcomes*

- 20%reduction in Severe Maternal Morbidity from Hemorrhage
- Significant decrease in neonatal injury with shoulder dystocia
- Improved time to delivery with umbilical cord prolapse

Ability to practice OB Emergencies / Learn skills

- Able to run drills as a team on actual units
- Can try out solutions to make sure they work

Practice Solutions

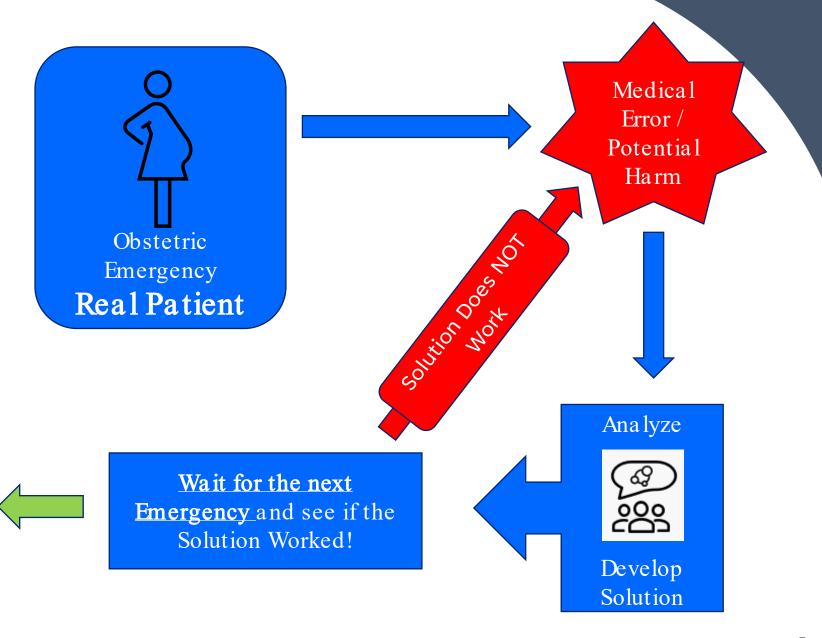
- Hands-on skills
- Run through OB emergencies as a team
- Keep teams ready for serious emergencies that don't happen as often



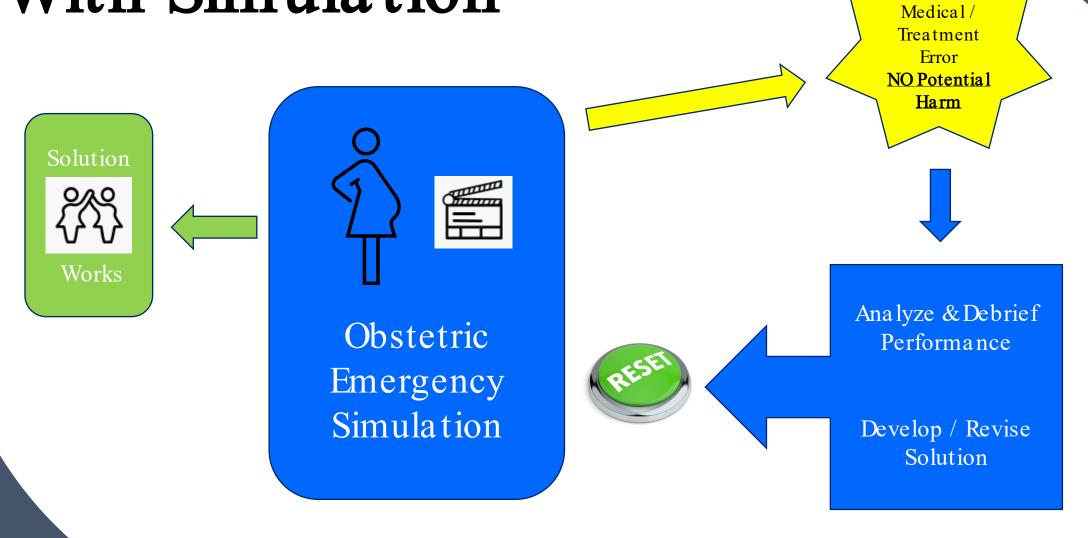
Without Simulation

Solution

Works



With Simulation



- NO Risk to Patients
- Practice, Practice, Practice

HOW do we get there?

Create and distribute programs to train providers how to use simulation in OB

Integrate Simulation into OB Patient Safety Programs

Study what type of simulation works best - Outcomes





ALLIANCE FOR INNOVATION ON MATERNAL HEALTH

A quality improvement initiative to support best practices that make birth safer, improve maternal health outcomes and save lives.

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AIM develops multidisciplinary, clinical condition specific patient safety bundles to support best practices that make birth safer. LEARN MORE

SIMULATION AND DRILLS FOR PATIENT SAFETY

Imagine your favorite sports team. Now imagine them making a mistake on a critical play because they have not had enough time to practice together. Lack of structured team practice can lead to minimal connection and chemistry between team members – call this culture.

It is critically important that members of the health care team are educated and are readily able to recognize, diagnose, treat, and manage medical emergencies in pregnancy and the postpartum period.



How Important is Simulation for Decreasing Diagnostic Errors in Obstetrics?

Key Part of solving the Puzzle!



If we do not deploy simulation as an integrated part of our programs, we will be putting more patients at risk of serious harm

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Thank you

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