




IMPLEMENTING INTERVENTIONS

Aimed at Reducing Rates



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High rates of cesarean birth in the United States have remained a topic of principal concern among health care professionals, institutions, and consumers. A variety of interventions have been proposed and implemented to address this troubling trend. In addition to the close scrutiny of overall rates of cesarean birth, the rate of nulliparous, term, singleton, vertex (NTSV) cesarean birth has been specifically adopted by a variety of nationally recognized entities as a significant obstetric quality indicator.

Abstract: Increased incidence of both nulliparous, term, singleton, vertex and overall cesarean birth rates has warranted close monitoring and scrutiny by various health care associations and by individual obstetric facilities and providers of obstetric care. Concerted efforts to reduce rates of nonmedically indicated cesarean birth have resulted in the development and implementation of comprehensive action plans aimed at effecting reductions and enhancing overall obstetric quality care. Here we describe how a multidisciplinary team at our hospital developed and implemented interventions aimed at reducing rates of cesarean birth. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.nwh.2017.06.006>

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