Maternity Practices in Infant Nutrition and Care in Nevada —2011 mPINC Survey

This report provides data from the 2011 mPINC survey for Nevada. It describes specific opportunities to improve mother-baby care at hospitals and birth centers in Nevada in order to more successfully meet national quality of care standards for perinatal care.



Breastfeeding is a Breastfeeding is associated with decreased risk for infant morbidity and mortality as well as National Priority maternal morbidity, and provides optimal infant nutrition. Healthy People 2020 establishes breastfeeding initiation, continuation, and exclusivity as national priorities.

Breastfeeding Rates breastfeeding.4

Changes in Maternity practices in hospitals and birth centers can influence breastfeeding behaviors Maternity Care during a period critical to successful establishment of lactation.³ Abundant literature, including a Cochrane review, document that institutional changes in maternity care practices Practices Improve to make them more supportive of breastfeeding increase initiation and continuation of

Breastfeeding Support in Nevada Facilities

Strengths



Availability of Prenatal Breastfeeding Instruction

Most facilities (93%) in Nevada include breastfeeding education as a routine element of their prenatal classes. Prenatal education about breastfeeding is important because it provides mothers with a better understanding of the benefits and requirements of breastfeeding, resulting in improved breastfeeding rates.



Documentation of Mothers' Feeding Decisions

Staff at 93% of facilities in Nevada consistently ask about and record mothers' infant feeding decisions.

Standard documentation of infant feeding decisions is important to adequately support maternal choice.

Needed Improvements



Appropriate Use of Breastfeeding Supplements

Only 20% of facilities in Nevada adhere to standard clinical practice guidelines against routine supplementation with formula, glucose water, or water. The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) Guidelines for Perinatal Care recommend against routine supplementation because supplementation with formula and/or water makes infants more likely to receive formula at home and stop breastfeeding prematurely.



Inclusion of Model Breastfeeding Policy Elements

Only 7% of facilities in Nevada have comprehensive breastfeeding policies including all model breastfeeding policy components recommended by the Academy of Breastfeeding Medicine (ABM).

The ABM model breastfeeding policy elements are the result of extensive research on best practices to improve breastfeeding outcomes. Facility policies determine the nature of care that is available to patients. Facilities with comprehensive policies consistently have the highest rates of exclusive breastfeeding, regardless of patient population characteristics such as ethnicity, income, and payer status.



Provision of Hospital Discharge Planning Support

Only 13% of facilities in Nevada provide hospital discharge care including a phone call to the patient's home, opportunity for follow-up visit, and referral to community breastfeeding support.

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) clinical practice guidelines recommend examination of the newborn by a qualified health care professional within 48 hours of hospital discharge in order to assess breastfeeding. Ensuring post discharge ambulatory support improves breastfeeding outcomes.



Adequate Assessment of Staff Competency

Only 40% of facilities in Nevada annually assess staff competency for basic breastfeeding management and support.

Implementing comprehensive assessment of staff training and skills for basic breastfeeding management and support establishes the foundation for quality infant feeding care. Adequate training and skills assessment are critical to ensure that mothers and infants receive care that is consistent, evidence-based, and appropriate.

Every two years, CDC administers the national Maternity Practices in Infant Nutrition and Care (mPINC) survey to all hospitals and birth centers in the U.S. that provide maternity care.

Data from this survey can be used to establish evidence-based, breastfeeding-supportive maternity practices as standards of care in hospitals and birth centers across the US. Improved care will help meet Healthy People 2020 breastfeeding objectives and will help improve maternal and child health nationwide.

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Nevada Summary —2011 mPINC Survey

Survey At each facility, the person who is the most knowledgeable about the facility's **Method** maternity practices related to healthy newborn feeding and care completes the CDC mPINC survey.

Response 83% of the 18 eligible facilities in Nevada responded to the 2011 mPINC Survey. Rate Each participating facility received its facility-specific mPINC benchmarking report in October 2012.

Nevada's Composite Quality Practice Score

(out of 100)

Nevada's Composite Rank[†]

(out of 53)

mPINC Dimension of Care	NV Quality Practice Subscore*	Ideal Response to mPINC Survey Question	Percent of NV Facilities with Ideal Response	NV Item Rank [†]
Labor and Delivery Care	52	Initial skin-to-skin contact is ≥30 min w/in 1 hour (vaginal births)	53	26
		Initial skin-to-skin contact is ≥30 min w/in 2 hours (cesarean births)	13	52
		Initial breastfeeding opportunity is w/in 1 hour (vaginal births)	33	52
		Initial breastfeeding opportunity is w/in 2 hours (cesarean births)	20	52
		Routine procedures are performed skin-to-skin	7	53
Feeding of Breastfed Infants	79	Initial feeding is breast milk (vaginal births)	57	52
		Initial feeding is breast milk (cesarean births)	53	46
		Supplemental feedings to breastfeeding infants are rare	20	31
		Water and glucose water are not used	86	19
Breastfeeding Assistance	78	Infant feeding decision is documented in the patient chart	93	
		Staff provide breastfeeding advice & instructions to patients	67	53
		Staff teach breastfeeding cues to patients	67	49
		Staff teach patients not to limit suckling time	40	37
		Staff directly observe & assess breastfeeding	73	49
		Staff use a standard feeding assessment tool	71	23
		Staff rarely provide pacifiers to breastfeeding infants	13	51
Contact Between Mother and Infant	78	Mother-infant pairs are not separated for postpartum transition	43	43
		Mother-infant pairs room-in at night	87	13
		Mother-infant pairs are not separated during the hospital stay	60	12
		Infant procedures, assessment, and care are in the patient room	33	1
		Non-rooming-in infants are brought to mothers at night for feeding	82	32
Facility Discharge Care	28	Staff provide appropriate discharge planning (referrals & other multi-modal support)	13	49
		Discharge packs containing infant formula samples and marketing products are not given to breastfeeding patients	27	41
Staff Training	43	New staff receive appropriate breastfeeding education	7	36
		Current staff receive appropriate breastfeeding education	20	23
		Staff received breastfeeding education in the past year	47	31
		Assessment of staff competency in breastfeeding management & support is at least annual	40	42
Structural & Organizational Aspects of Care Delivery	65	Breastfeeding policy includes all 10 model policy elements	7	50
		Breastfeeding policy is effectively communicated	71	41
		Facility documents infant feeding rates in patient population	60	47
		Facility provides breastfeeding support to employees	53	45
		Facility does not receive infant formula free of charge	7	38
		Breastfeeding is included in prenatal patient education	93	
		Facility has a designated staff member responsible for coordination of lactation care	60	41

^{*} Quality Practice scores range from o to 100 for each question, dimenstion of care, facility, and state. The highest, best possible score for each is 100. Each facility and state's "Composite Quality Practice Score" is made up of subscores for practices in each of 7 dimensions of care.

Improvement is Needed in **Maternity Care Practices** and Policies in Nevada.

Many opportunities exist to protect, promote, and support breastfeeding mothers and infants in Nevada.

Potential opportunities:

- Examine Nevada regulations for maternity facilities and evaluate their evidence base.
- Sponsor a Nevada-wide summit of key decision-making staff at maternity facilities to highlight the importance of evidencebased practices for breastfeeding.
- Encourage and support hospital staff across Nevada to be trained in providing care that supports mothers to breastfeed.
- Establish links among maternity facilities and community breastfeeding support networks in Nevada.
- Implement evidence-based practices in medical care settings across Nevada that support mothers' efforts to breastfeed.
- Integrate maternity care into related hospital-wide Quality Improvement efforts across Nevada.
- Promote utilization of the Joint Commission's Perinatal Care Core Measure Set including exclusive breast milk feeding at hospital discharge in Nevada hospital data collection systems.

Questions about the mPINC survey?

Information about the mPINC survey, benchmark reports, scoring methods, and complete references are available at: www.cdc.gov/mpinc

For more information:

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[†] Ranks range from 1 to 52, with 1 being the highest rank. In case of a tie, both are given the same rank.

⁻ State ranks are not shown for survey questions with 90% or more facilities reporting ideal responses.

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