

Maternity Practices in Infant Nutrition and Care In Kentucky —2009 mPINC Survey

This report provides data from the 2009 mPINC survey for Kentucky. It describes specific opportunities to improve mother-baby care at hospitals and birth centers in Kentucky in order to more successfully meet national quality of care standards for perinatal care.



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Breastfeeding is a National Priority

Breastfeeding is associated with decreased risk for infant morbidity and mortality as well as maternal morbidity,¹ and provides optimal infant nutrition. *Healthy People 2020*² establishes breastfeeding initiation, continuation, and exclusivity as national priorities.

Changes in Maternity Care Practices Improve Breastfeeding Rates

Maternity practices in hospitals and birth centers can influence breastfeeding behaviors during a period critical to successful establishment of lactation.³ Abundant literature, including a Cochrane review, document that institutional changes in maternity care practices to make them more supportive of breastfeeding increase initiation and continuation of breastfeeding.⁴

Breastfeeding Support in Kentucky Facilities

Strengths



Documentation of Mothers' Feeding Decisions

Staff at all (100%) facilities in Kentucky consistently ask about and record mothers' infant feeding decisions.

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



Provision of Breastfeeding Advice and Counseling

Staff at 91% of facilities in Kentucky provide breastfeeding advice and instructions to patients who are breastfeeding, or intend to breastfeed.

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends pediatricians provide patients with complete, current information on the benefits and methods of breastfeeding to ensure that the feeding decision is a fully informed one. Patient education is important in order to establish breastfeeding.

Needed Improvements



Appropriate Use of Breastfeeding Supplements

Only 7% of facilities in Kentucky 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 8% of facilities in Kentucky 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.



Use of Combined Mother/Baby Postpartum Care

Only 12% of facilities in Kentucky report that most healthy full-term infants remain with their mothers for at least 23 hours per day throughout the hospital stay.

Mother-infant contact during the hospital stay helps establish breastfeeding and maintain infant weight, temperature, and health. Rooming-in increases breastfeeding learning opportunities and duration and quality of maternal sleep, and reduces supplemental feeds.



Initiation of Mother and Infant Skin-to-Skin Care

Only 32% of facilities in Kentucky initiate skin-to-skin care for at least 30 minutes upon delivery of the newborn.

Upon delivery, the newborn should be placed skin-to-skin with the mother and allowed uninterrupted time to initiate and establish breastfeeding in order to improve infant health outcomes and reduce the risk of impairment of the neonatal immune system from unnecessary non-breast milk feeds.

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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Kentucky Summary —2009 mPINC Survey

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

Response Rate 75% of the 56 eligible facilities in Kentucky responded to the 2009 mPINC Survey. Each participating facility received its facility-specific mPINC benchmarking report in March 2011.

Kentucky's Composite Quality Practice Score* **57**
(out of 100)

Kentucky's Composite Rank† **47**
(out of 52)

mPINC Dimension of Care	KY Quality Practice Subscore*	Ideal Response to mPINC Survey Question	Percent of KY Facilities with Ideal Response	KY Item Rank†
Labor and Delivery Care	55	Initial skin-to-skin contact is ≥30 min w/in 1 hour (vaginal births)	32	40
		Initial skin-to-skin contact is ≥30 min w/in 2 hours (cesarean births)	14	50
		Initial breastfeeding opportunity is w/in 1 hour (vaginal births)	41	43
		Initial breastfeeding opportunity is w/in 2 hours (cesarean births)	38	30
		Routine procedures are performed skin-to-skin	5	49
Feeding of Breastfed Infants	70	Initial feeding is breast milk (vaginal births)	74	31
		Initial feeding is breast milk (cesarean births)	71	14
		Supplemental feedings to breastfeeding infants are rare	7	47
		Water and glucose water are not used	53	49
Breastfeeding Assistance	73	Infant feeding decision is documented in the patient chart	100	-
		Staff provide breastfeeding advice & instructions to patients	91	-
		Staff teach breastfeeding cues to patients	78	40
		Staff teach patients not to limit suckling time	29	45
		Staff directly observe & assess breastfeeding	79	33
		Staff use a standard feeding assessment tool	34	48
Contact Between Mother and Infant	56	Staff rarely provide pacifiers to breastfeeding infants	17	41
		Mother-infant pairs are not separated for postpartum transition	29	48
		Mother-infant pairs room-in at night	38	51
		Mother-infant pairs are not separated during the hospital stay	12	47
		Infant procedures, assessment, and care are in the patient room	0	33
Facility Discharge Care	37	Non-rooming-in infants are brought to mothers at night for feeding	86	17
		Staff provide appropriate discharge planning (referrals & other multi-modal support)	15	39
		Discharge packs containing infant formula samples and marketing products are not given to breastfeeding patients	33	20
Staff Training	43	New staff receive appropriate breastfeeding education	2	44
		Current staff receive appropriate breastfeeding education	5	46
		Staff received breastfeeding education in the past year	35	33
		Assessment of staff competency in breastfeeding management & support is at least annual	48	26
Structural & Organizational Aspects of Care Delivery	65	Breastfeeding policy includes all 10 model policy elements	8	37
		Breastfeeding policy is effectively communicated	79	18
		Facility documents infant feeding rates in patient population	60	36
		Facility provides breastfeeding support to employees	50	39
		Facility does not receive infant formula free of charge	7	25
		Breastfeeding is included in prenatal patient education	88	40
		Facility has a designated staff member responsible for coordination of lactation care	62	37

* Quality Practice scores range from 0 to 100 for each question, dimension 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.

† 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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Improvement is Needed in Maternity Care Practices and Policies in Kentucky.

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

Take action on this critical need—consider the following:

- Examine Kentucky regulations for maternity facilities and evaluate their evidence base; revise if necessary.
- Sponsor a Kentucky-wide summit of key decision-making staff at maternity facilities to highlight the importance of evidence-based practices for breastfeeding.
- Pay for hospital staff across Kentucky to participate in 18-hour training courses in breastfeeding.
- Establish links among maternity facilities and community breastfeeding support networks in Kentucky.
- Identify and implement programs within hospital settings—choose one widespread practice and adjust it to be evidence-based and supportive of breastfeeding.
- Integrate maternity care into related hospital-wide Quality Improvement efforts across Kentucky.
- Promote Kentucky-wide utilization of the Joint Commission's Perinatal Care Core Measure Set including exclusive breastfeeding at discharge in hospital data collection.

Questions about the mPINC survey?

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

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