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Subject: Practice Gap Worksheet - Obstetrics Emergencies in the Emergency Department
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Program Title *	Obstetrics Emergencies in the Emergency Department
Program Date/Range: *	June 19, 2019
Type of Program *	conference
Knowledge needs improvement / change: (The participants don't know "what" to do...) *	Yes
This course will help participants improve or change knowledge related to:	Assessing, diagnosis and treatment of obstetric emergencies in the emergency department. Specifically the training is targeted for rural emergency departments located in facilities that do not have obstetrical services on site.
Competence needs improvement / change: (The participants don't know "how" to do it...) *	Yes
This course will help participants improve or change competencies in the following ways: *	Early recognition of the most common types of obstetric and postpartum emergencies, including: Obstetric hemorrhage, pre eclampsia, eclampsia, sepsis, cardiovascular issues and postpartum depression.
Performance needs improvement / change: (The participants "just don't" do it, for some reason...) *	Yes
This course will help participants improve or change performance in the following ways:	Improve awareness of obstetrical emergencies in women seeking emergency room evaluation, despite no obstetric services on site. Many maternal mortalities and morbidities occur after the patient is discharged from the hospital. With limited ob services across the state, many women seek care at local emergency rooms or urgent care offices for postpartum complications.
Will the educational objectives reflect these desired changes? *	Yes
Is this activity designed to improve patient outcomes? *	Yes
If so, how? *	Improvement in recognition and treatment of obstetrical complications can be seen in reduced maternal morbidity and mortality rates, as well as increases in consults and

referrals to tertiary care centers as needed.

Check the needs documentation that you used in selecting these topics. Attach documentation as described. *

- review of literature (attach reference list or article)

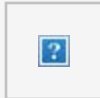
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Why does this Gap between current and desired practice exist?

In West Virginia the rural topography has contributed to the limited access and resources for obstetric care. This includes emergent care for women during pregnancy and postpartum. With only 24 delivering facilities in the state, the majority of counties in WV do not have a obstetric provider. Local emergency rooms are triaging and treating women who arrive at their doors with various obstetric and postpartum issues. Recognition of life-threatening conditions, such as pre eclampsia, is vital to reducing the state maternal mortality rate.

How will this activity help close the practice gap / fix the identified problem(s)?

Education to providers and teams in rural emergency departments, including providing resources for consultation with obstetric providers, can lead to early recognition and treatment. This can also lead to improved referrals and transport to higher levels of care with better communication and patient outcomes.

This activity should improve:

- Competence
- Performance
- Patient Outcomes