

# Perinatal Network News

## Education

- The Loyola Perinatal Center continues to offer **free** CEs through our e-Journal club. Please refer to our [website](#).
- [Hypertension and Cardiovascular Disease Screening in Pregnancy](#)  
FREE Virtual Program  
May 4, 2022
- [The STABLE Program](#)  
LUMC: May 19, 2022
- [AWHONN: NEW, Revised Intermediate Fetal Monitoring Course](#)  
Morris: May 26, 2022
- [OB Anesthesia; The Good, the Bad, the Ugly](#)  
Dr. Hunter (Virtual):  
June 8, 2022

**WELCOME TO ABMC'S L&D EDUCATOR: SAMILA VILIC, MSN, RN!!**  
**Alexian Brothers, Resurrection & St. Alexius are now a part of Ascension!**  
**MAY 6: HAPPY NURSES DAY!**

## Statewide Unintentional Drug Overdose Reporting System (SUDORS)

**What is Xylazine?** Xylazine is a drug used in veterinary medicine. It is an animal sedative used for muscle relaxant and analgesic properties. It is not approved for use in humans by the Food and Drug Administration.

**Illicit use of Xylazine.** Xylazine is frequently used as an adulterant in mixtures of heroin, fentanyl and cocaine. It is often used to "bulk" up quantities of these drugs. It can also be used independently and ingested by smoking, snorting, injecting or swallowing.

**Xylazine and overdose reversal.** Unfortunately, because Xylazine is not an opioid, it does not respond to naloxone, an opioid reversal agent. That means administration of naloxone to reverse opioid drug involved drug overdoses may be less effective.

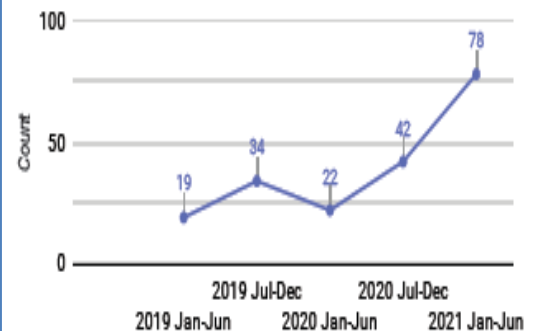
## HIV and Pregnancy

The 24/7 Illinois Perinatal HIV Hotline (1.800.439.4079) is the lynchpin of the perinatal HIV safety net in Illinois. The Hotline is a 24-hour resource for clinicians and social service providers offering expert medical consultation, access to social services and care coordination for vulnerable people with HIV and their infants.

Any provider can contact the Hotline and receive the information and recommendations needed to respond to the needs of a patient in the moment they present.

There were 208 calls this year, an increase from 188 calls last year. Among the 38 pregnant people living with HIV who were identified to the Hotline in 2021, there were 20 live births. There were no identified cases of perinatal transmission among these births.

The number of Xylazine involved deaths in Illinois has increased steadily since 2019.



## NETWORK STATISTICS: 2021

Total Deliveries: 9988  
(▼232 from 2020)

Vaginal: 6744  
C-Section: 3244  
C/S rate: 32.4%  
P C/S rate: 26%  
R C/S rate: 23%  
Neo Mortality Rate: 3.50  
Fetal Mortality Rate: 6.01  
LBW 7.41%  
VLBW 1.32%

As of 2022, an additional hospital was included into our network (MacNeal).

### Upcoming Re-designations!

Morris June 1, 2022  
SAMC August 17, 2022  
Resurrection October 19, 2022

Please visit our [website](#) for any upcoming programs & further information about our perinatal network!

Check out this great [podcast](#) on birthing positions and perineal lacerations!

A new [Lancet Hematology report](#) suggests bloodstream infection, maternal diabetes, and abdominal or GI surgery may be specific risk factors for neonatal venous thrombosis, while maternal hypertension and small size for gestational age appear to be specific risk factors for arterial thrombosis. In addition, venous and arterial thrombosis were associated with factors such as central lines in both the upper and lower body, and a line duration of  $\geq 21$  days.

## Fun Trivia for Staff Nurses: See our AWHONN Poster Submissions!

Submit correct trivia answers for a chance to win up to \$50 towards ONE Loyola Perinatal Nurse program of your choice **OR** \$10 Starbucks Gift Card.  
Submit your answers by May 31, 2022

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CONGRATULATIONS TO FEBRUARY'S WINNER: Abigayle Helle from St. Alexius!

## Regional Quality Council:

June 8, 8am-9am

## Nurse Council:

June 8, 9:30am – 2pm

Quality Presentation: Resurrection