

# Perinatal Network News

## Education

- The Loyola Perinatal Center continues to offer **free** CEs through our e-Journal club. Please refer to our [website](#).

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- [Neonatal Cardiac Anomalies & Arrhythmias](#) Virtual | April 26
- [Advanced Electronic Fetal Monitoring & Certification Review Course](#) Loyola | May 22
- [Intermediate Electronic Fetal Monitoring](#) St. Alexius | May 18
- [Fundamentals of Fetal Monitoring Course](#) Virtual | June 30

## Are you Aware of New AAP Hyperbilirubinemia Guidelines?



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

## VBAC Information:

- [Rise of the Unnecessary C- Section](#)



- [VBAC Lecture Series](#)



- [VBAC Facts](#)



## Upcoming Re-designations!

Loyola July 19, 2023

## Regional Quality Council:

June 7, 8am - 9am

## Nurse Council:

June 7, 9:30am - 2pm

## Let your voice be heard by March 31!

Currently, Birth Centers in Illinois have no regulation through IDPH. The state has been working on a Birth center code and it is now open for public comment.

⇒ Link to Birth Center Rules in Register [here](#) (page 1,846):

To submit a comment: Attn Tracey Trigillo, IDPH Rules Coordinator via email ([dph.rules@illinois.gov](mailto:dph.rules@illinois.gov))

## What is the Birth Certificate used for?

The CDC monitors the percentage of unknown information entered into every birth record, with those areas that tend to have more unknowns across the board monitored more closely. It is tremendously important that hospitals enter all accurate available information because Birth records are one of the most important sources of Health information on moms and babies, and this is vital information for purposes such as:

- Understand factors related to healthy outcomes to develop recommendations.
- Evaluate the success of maternal and infant health programs and identify funding priorities.
- Research to design programs and policies that improve maternal and newborn health.
- Understand patient population strategize to improve maternal and infant health.

Areas of high importance to determine Social Determinants of Health which are often missed are: Mother's Education, Mother of Hispanic Origin, and Mother's Race.

## BIRTH EQUITY (BE)

- ⇒ Access to Opioids accounted for 52.2% of poisoning deaths of children ages 5 and younger, over-the-counter pain, cold and allergy medications contributed to almost 15% of the deaths, These drugs still contribute to fatal poisonings despite increased regulation.
- ⇒ Between April 2019 and April 2020, a study found significant differences in accessing pediatric health care for well visits and chronic condition follow-ups during the pandemic. Among Black and multiracial families, there was a disruption in preventive checkups, including vaccinations, and childcare arrangements. There was a significant association between lower socioeconomic status and disrupted childcare arrangements, telehealth visits & telehealth visits for COVID-19.

## Red Flag Law

Domestic violence by firearms is a prominent cause of death amongst pregnant women in Illinois. Often the woman has experienced ongoing threats prior to their homicide. The [RED FLAG Law](#) allows individuals being threatened within a relationship to file a firearm restraint order. This law is different because a criminal act does not have to occur in order to remove the individual's firearms and FOID card.



## PRINCIPLES TO HELP NURSES SAFEGUARD THEMSELVES, THE PROFESSION, AND THEIR PATIENTS: THE AMERICAN NURSES ASSOCIATION (ANA)

- Be aware of your audience:** Post appropriate content! People may see/share it with others.
- Maintain your professionalism:** Don't post anything that could be considered unprofessional or inappropriate, e.g. photos, videos of patients
- Know your social media policy:** Adhere to it across all social media platforms you use.
- Secure your social media profiles:** Review & set-up privacy settings for your social media platforms.
- Share credible & reliable information only:** Protect the health and well-being of the public.
- Engage with respectful content:** Don't share harmful, disparaging, racist, homophobic, or derogatory content.

## Fun Trivia for Staff Nurses

Submit correct trivia answers for a chance to win up to \$50 towards ONE Loyola Perinatal Center program of your choice OR a \$10 Starbucks Gift Card.



*Congratulations to our winners from Nov's FUN Trivia:*

Elizabeth Krol (Alexian Brothers)  
Cristina Jakubec (MacNeal)

**Check your email for your prize!**