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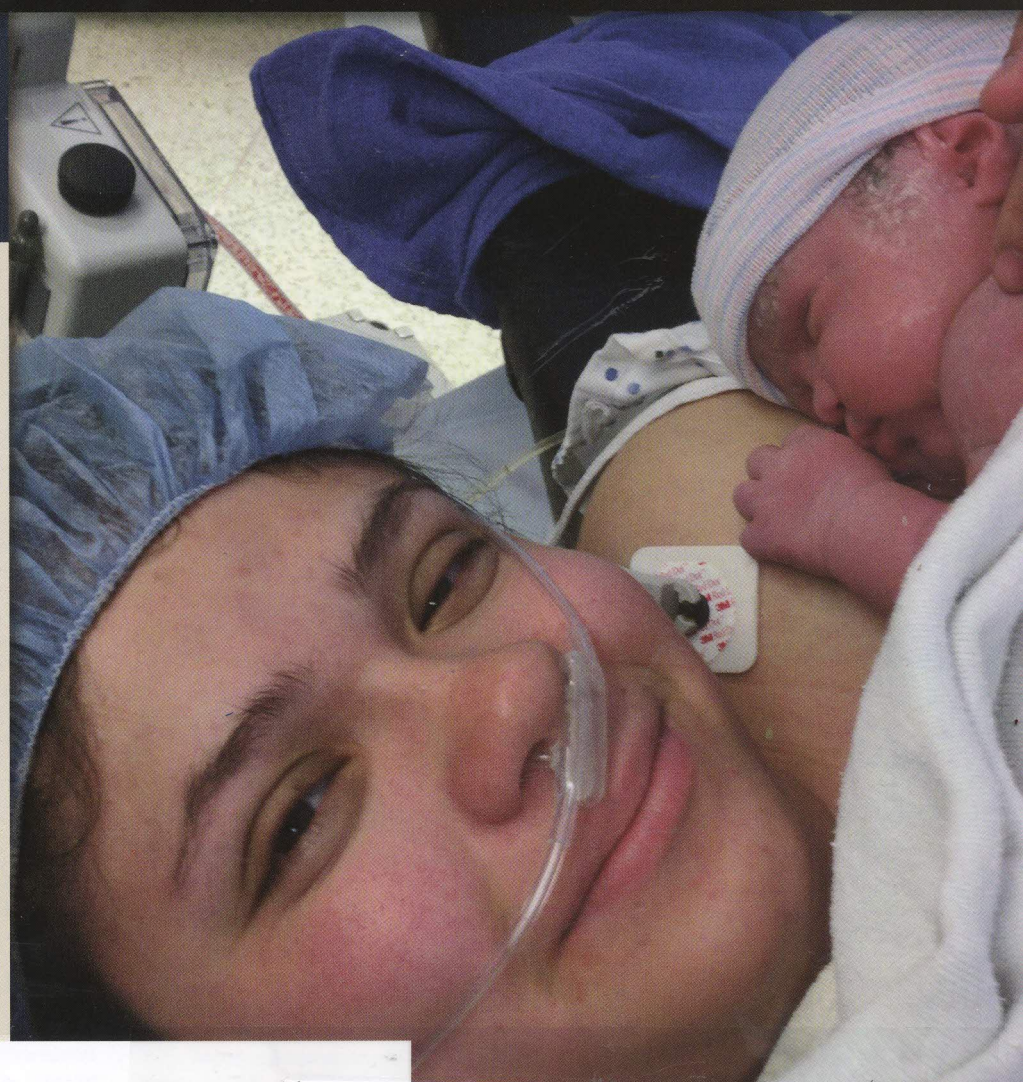
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Safety Science has come to our specialties in nursing, and along with it the need for nurses who understand the intricacies of safety in the perinatal setting. The Perinatal Safety Nurse performs specific duties to increase the level of safety for our patients. Learn all about it here.

Cheryl Raab, BSN, RNC and
Renée Palmer-Byfield, MS, FNP, RNC

290 The Development of an Obstetric Triage Acuity Tool

How well does triage work in your perinatal setting? Have the principles of safety science been integrated into your triage guidelines? These nurses have developed a tool specifically for obstetric triage acuity, and share the work here with you.

Kathleen S. Paisley, BSN, RNC, Ruth Wallace, MSN, RNC, and Patricia G. DuRant, MSN, RN

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Debra Bingham, DrPH, RN, Audrey Lyndon, PhD, RN, CNS-BC, David Lagrew, MD, and Elliott K. Main, MD



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Brenda A. Chagolla MSN, RN, CNS,
Verna C. Gibbs MD, John P. Keats MD, and
Barbara Pelletreau, MPH, RN

318 **CE** Early Skin-to-Skin Care After Cesarean to Improve Breastfeeding

Nurses have been in the forefront of studying family-centered methods of newborn care which not only promote attachment, but also improve health markers. In this QI project, nurses show how skin-to-skin care improves rates of one more important marker: breastfeeding after cesarean birth.

Kristina J. Hung, MS, RN and
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Kathleen Rice Simpson PhD, RN, FAAN

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Does Pay for Performance Improve Patient Care?

"Evidence based care" "Pay for Performance" We must hear these terms many times a day now. What do they mean? Are they the methods of the future for improving care for our patients?

Coordinated by Kathleen Leask Capitolo, DNSc, FAAN
FACCE Debaters: Kathryn MacDavitt DNSc, RN, BCNE, and Mary Anne Gallagher MA, RN, BC

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Karen Morin, DSN, RN, ANEF

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Patricia McCartney, PhD, RN, FAAN



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Lynn Clark Callister, PhD, RN, FAAN

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Roberta Woodgate, PhD, RN, and,
Heidi V. Krowchuk, PhD, RN, FAAN

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Improving Pregnancy Outcomes

A new resource on perinatal patient safety from the March of Dimes is now available. Dr. Simpson endorses it as a way to increase your expertise in quality improvement.

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