Regional Perinatal Documentation Project
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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND CLINICAL PRACTICE

SUCCESSES
• Standardization
• Collegiality
• Steering Committee for decision-making
• Improved communication for problem-solving
• Stream-lined documentation for staff
• Education program for new hires and new grads

OBJECTIVES
• Bridging the gap between specialty computer documentation and IT services
• Regionalization of perinatal computer documentation for best practice
• Site tailor able clinical documentation system for rapid regulatory compliance

PROCESS
• Administrative approval and funding
• Development of project management team
• Steering committee formation
• Regional configuration team
• Training and implementation

BARRIERS IDENTIFIED
• Sustainability
• Differentiating regional versus site analysts
• Financial
• Need for nursing to learn IT language
• Need for IT to learn perinatal nursing language