



# Texas Perinatal Services NEWSLETTER

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## A Special Thank You to Our Hospital Partners and Surveyors

Texas Perinatal Services would like to extend a special thank you to our hospital partners and to our surveyors. We appreciate their commitment to ensuring safety precautions and compliance as TETAF/Texas Perinatal Services developed a solid plan that allows on-site surveys to safely be conducted in hospitals.

Thank you for your dedication to quality healthcare at all times, especially during an unconventional year.

## Perinatal Advisory Council Update

The Perinatal Advisory Council (PAC) held its meeting virtually on November 17. Among the items discussed was the strategic review of the Practical Implementation of Maternal Designations Report, which is a project by the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS). Additionally, Dr. David Weisoly, a member of the TETAF Board of Directors, presented on perinatal data collection and how individual Perinatal Care Regions can improve perinatal care with the support of the Regional Advisory Councils (RACs).

232 neonatal facilities have been designated in the first cycle. Of these:

- 21 are Level IV,
- 60 are Level III,
- 68 are Level II, and
- 83 are Level I.

For maternal:

- 18 facilities have been awarded designation.
- 11 are Level IV,
- 3 are Level III,
- 4 are Level II, and
- none are designated as a Level I.

You can view the video of the [PAC meeting here](#).



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## Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Review Committee Seeks Applicants

The Texas Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Review Committee is currently seeking applications for the following committee member positions: Community Advocate, Certified Nurse-Midwife, Medical Examiner, Registered Nurse, and Physician specializing in Obstetrics (Maternal-Fetal Medicine Specialist).

The application period will close 11:59 p.m., January 15, 2021.

[Apply to the Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Review Committee](#)

## Trends and Racial Disparities in Maternal Mortality & Morbidity

SPEAK UP Champions©  
Implicit and Explicit Racial Bias Education

Register Now!  
February 16, 2021  
February 23, 2021

The two-part virtual conference series will be held 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. CST.

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## Register NOW for the SPEAK UP Champions Implicit and Explicit Bias Virtual Conference

"SPEAK UP Champions© Implicit and Explicit Bias LIVE Virtual Conference" is an incredible educational opportunity for any health care professionals, especially those who support and care for women before, during, and after pregnancy or care for newborns.

According to the Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Task Force in Texas, Black women are more likely to experience pregnancy-related death than any other race or ethnicity. This training is a day-long, interactive implicit bias workshop that outlines strategies to help individuals and groups dismantle racism, provide quality equitable care, and reduce perinatal health disparities.

Every maternal death is a tragedy that traumatizes many, including the health care workers involved in caring for the mother and baby. When mothers die, it has an enormous impact on partners, children, and communities, and the rate of maternal death is a marker of the overall health of a society.

As a TETAF/Texas Perinatal Services customer, you can receive **\$50 off** of the Early Bird registration price by using the code **UTMBTETAFSPEAKUPFEB2020**. Click on the button below to view details and to register. Space is limited and the **Early Bird price is only offered through December 15**.

[Register for SPEAK UP](#)



## Texas Collaborative of Healthy Mothers and Babies 2021 Summit

The 2021 Texas Collaborative of Healthy Mothers and Babies (TCHMB) Summit will hold its annual summit virtually this year on February 11-12, 2021. You can also register for three pre-sessions that will take place on February 10, 2021. To register, click on the image above.



## In the News

[North Texas Family Celebrates Another New Life From Uterus Transplant Clinical Trial](#) - CBS 11 (Dallas/Fort Worth)

[Maternity Deserts: Pregnant and Nowhere to Go](#) - Public News Service

## Texas Perinatal Services Monthly Forums



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TETAF's Texas Perinatal Services (TPS) hosts its next Perinatal Forum on December 11 at 11:00 a.m. CST. The topic will be "NICU Helping Hands: Family Support for Fragile Beginnings."

The first forum in 2021 will be on January 19, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. CST. The topic will be "Neonatal QAPI for Level II and IV."

Be sure to watch for our upcoming emails regarding the February 2021 forum. Jorie Klein, MSN, MPH, BSN, the director of the EMS/Trauma Systems section at the Texas Department of State Health Services and a former TETAF board member will be the presenter.

If you have not previously joined one of the educational online forums that are exclusive to TETAF/TPS hospitals, contact [Carla Rider](#) to register.

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