ACHIEVING MEASURABLE BENEFIT FOR infants & families

Newborn Improvement Collaborative for Quality
A collaborative environment accelerates evidence-based improvements in newborn care.

NICQ uses expert faculty and small group collaboration among teams to advance individual teams’ ability to achieve positive change that is sustainable and transferrable to other improvement challenges.

Engage deeply in a subject-specific homeroom with expert faculty and 8–10 other teams
- Identify areas for improvement and examine evidence-based practices
- Establish a measurement plan and implement change ideas
- Measure small tests of change for improvement
- Maintain the infant and family at the center of your work
- Share information and resources among NICQ teams to rapidly address questions and challenges

VON Resources and Support
- In-person collaboration
  - Onsite immersion to witness practices in diverse NICU settings and share in peer-to-peer exchange
  - Benchmark using VON data, review evidence-based practices and collaborate with all participating teams during kickoff meeting and VON’s Annual Quality Congress
- Webinars demonstrating theoretical and applied improvement science
- Monthly online interactive sessions and ongoing discussions
- Audits completed on rounds
- VON data reported monthly in run chart style to inform improvement
- Online tools and resources provided to every member of NICU team to build quality improvement capacity

Improve Care and Outcomes
- Acquired skills apply to improving other local clinical challenges
- Teamwork and family-centered care affect patient safety, family satisfaction, and the efficiency and value of care
- Aligning improvements with institutional goals and senior leader strategic vision optimizes impact
- Present and publish improved outcomes
- Earn continuing education credits/hours (CME/CNE/CPE) and earn Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Part 4 credit

100% of NICQ teams submitting abstracts to the 2017 Annual Quality Congress partnered with a family advisor.
Membership in VON and its Collaboratives demonstrated and ingrained in me that real improvement happens by using data, converting it into information, to be followed by evidence-based incremental actions to achieve change.

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$25,000/year

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