

Maternal Early Warning Systems: Providing equitable care at the bedside

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Comprehensive labor and delivery patient safety platform incorporating PeriGen's ***NICHD-validated Artificial Intelligence decision support tools.***

Leveraging evidence-based medicine with 50 peer-reviewed publications: *American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology*, *Becker's, Journal of Healthcare Information Management*.

PeriWatch Vigilance® is an early warning system that works with an existing EFM to ***quickly & consistently*** identify patients who may be developing a potentially worsening condition.

330 clients nationally





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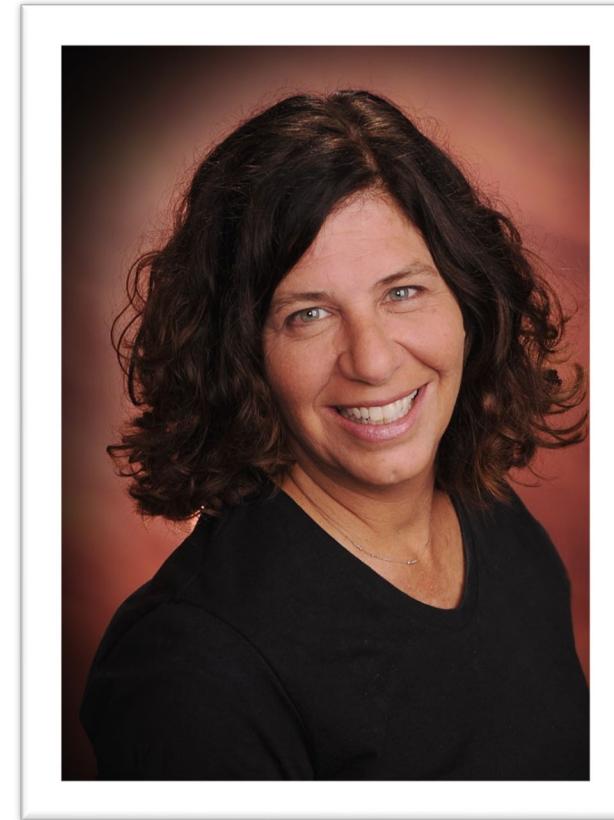
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Agenda

Maternal Morbidity and Mortality

Patient Safety

Objectivity

Early Warning Systems

PeriWatch Vigilance® Demonstration

Summary

At the conclusion of this program, the participant will be able to:

1. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the current maternal morbidity and mortality trends in the United States.
2. Verbalize the definition of normalizing deviance.
3. Describe the difference between subjectivity and objectivity during patient assessment.
4. Describe the benefits of an automated maternal-fetal early warning system in the obstetric setting.

Objectives

eq·ui·ta·ble

FAIR AND IMPARTIAL

(<https://languages.oup.com/google-dictionary-en/>)

Steps to Success

Step 1

Identify the problem:
Rising Maternal M&M
rates



Maternal Mortality Trends in the United States

Trends in pregnancy-related mortality in the United States: 1987-2016

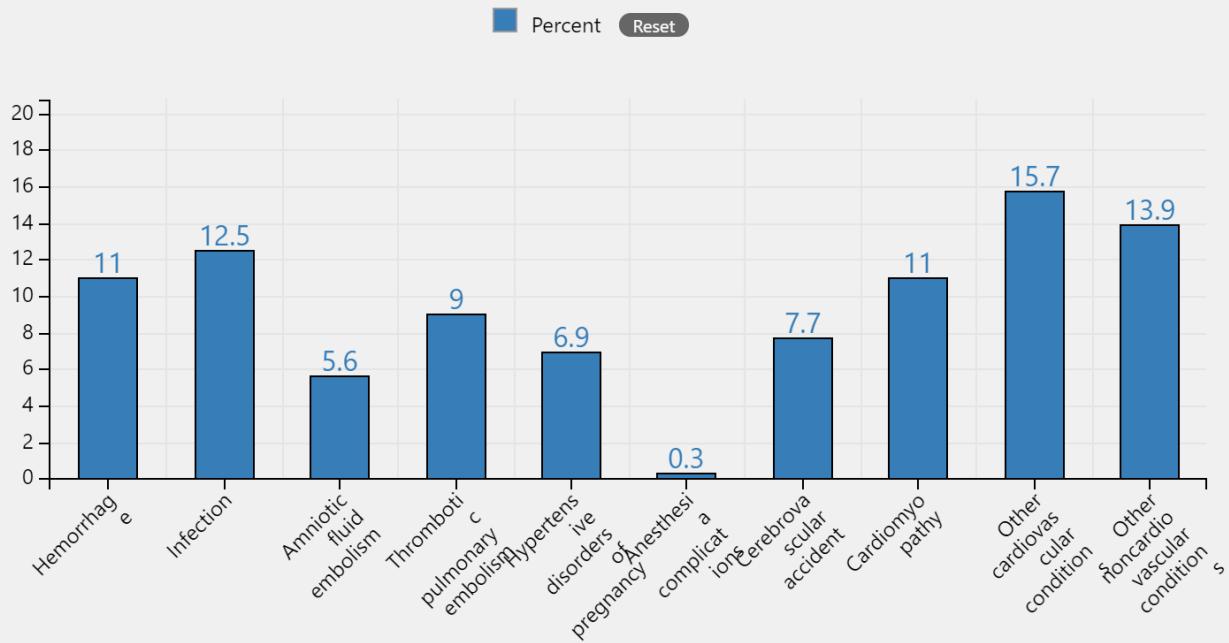


*Number of pregnancy-related deaths per 100,000 live births per year

(<https://www.cdc.gov/reproductivehealth/maternal-mortality/pregnancy-mortality-surveillance-system.htm>)

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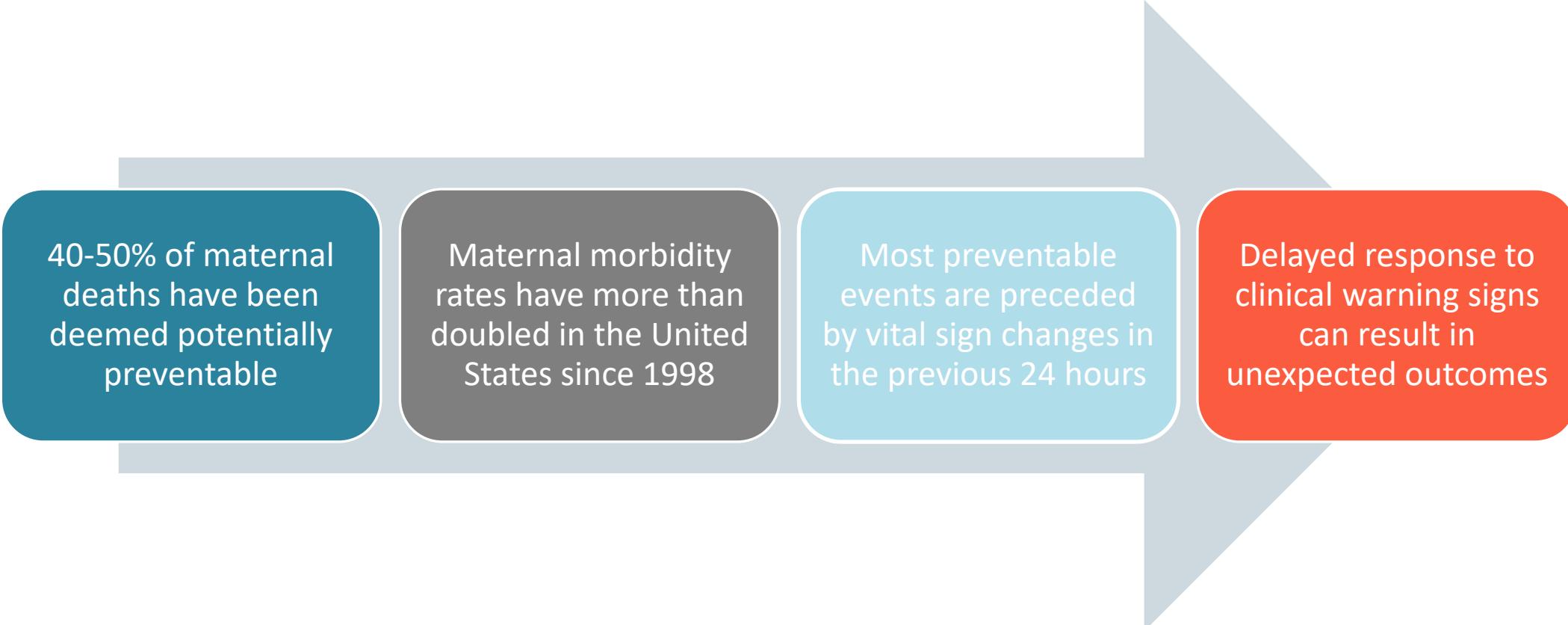
Causes of pregnancy-related death in the United States: 2011-2016



Note: The cause of death is unknown for 6.4% of all pregnancy-related deaths

(<https://www.cdc.gov/reproductivehealth/maternal-mortality/pregnancy-mortality-surveillance-system.htm>)

Background



40-50% of maternal deaths have been deemed potentially preventable

Maternal morbidity rates have more than doubled in the United States since 1998

Most preventable events are preceded by vital sign changes in the previous 24 hours

Delayed response to clinical warning signs can result in unexpected outcomes

(MacDorman et. al., 2016; Mhyre et al., 2014; Morton et al., 2019; Shields et al., 2016)

Medical complexity of the pregnant patient

Failure to appreciate the patient's worsening condition in a timely manner

Need for standardized national obstetric patient safety standards

Limited research exists on maternal early warning systems

Resource and guidance during implementation

(Arora et al., 2016; Carle et al., 2013; Cole, 2014; Mhyre et al., 2014; Shields et al., 2016)

Significance

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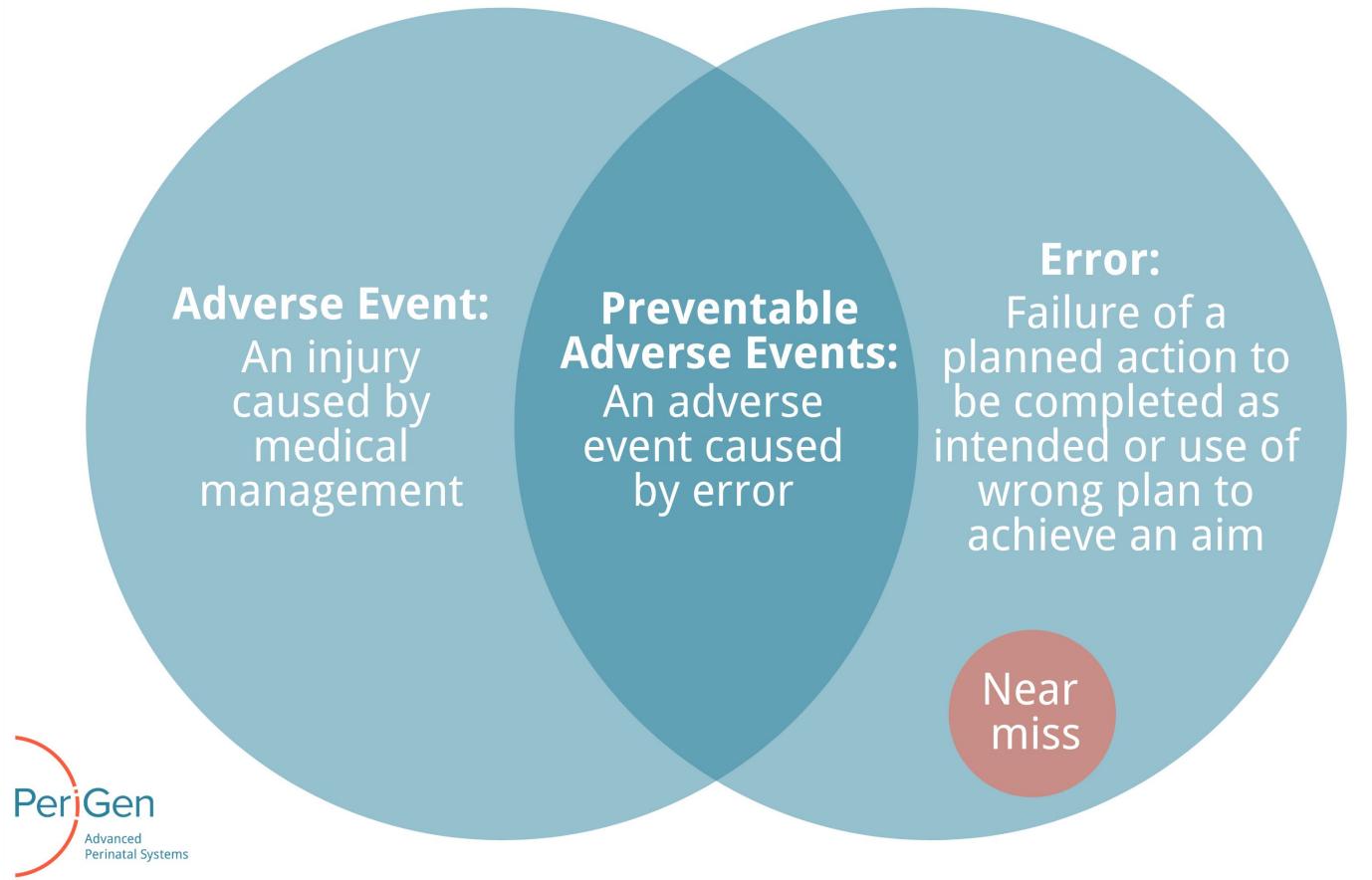
Identify the problem:
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Step 2

Identify the harm:
Normalizing Deviance

To Err is Human

PATIENT SAFETY CONCEPTS IN RELATION TO MEDICAL ERRORS



Normalization of Deviance

Diane Vaughn (1996) The Challenger Disaster

Variation in policies and procedures

Shortcuts are learned behaviors

Failure to appreciate skipping steps

Persistent cultural norm



UNSAFE
PRACTICE
COMES TO BE
CONSIDERED
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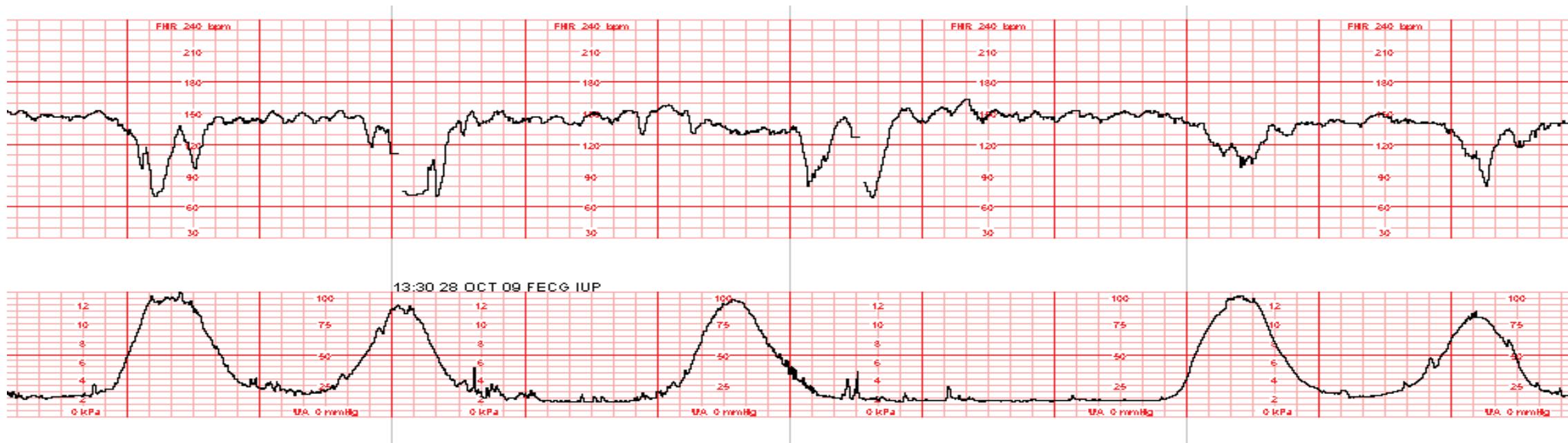
Poll Question

Let's talk about normalizing deviation around Oxytocin administration. In your practice, **have you been exposed to the concept of “Pit to distress”, or “Pit till you dip”, or “Make the baby prove themselves”:**

- a) Yes, in the past year
- b) Yes, in the past five years
- c) Yes, but it was a long time ago
- d) No, I have never heard that

Case Example

Category II



Maternal Patient Safety

Communication

Organization culture

Staff Competency

Environment

(Obstetrics & Gynecology120(5):1149-1159, November 2012.)

https://www.jointcommission.org/-/media/deprecated-unorganized/imported-assets/tjc/system-folders/joint-commission-online/quick_safety_issue_nine_jan_2015_finalpdf.pdf?db=web&hash=D5C49298D4FCB08F66F710FDFFD8CFC3

Subjectivity vs Objectivity

Subjectivity

- Based on or influenced by personal feelings, tastes, or opinions

Objectivity

- Lack of favoritism from one side or another, free from bias



[\(https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/objectivity\)](https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/objectivity) [\(https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/subjective#h1\)](https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/subjective#h1)

Poll Question

In your personal clinical experience, **do you feel that labor and delivery is effected by subjectivity bias through personal preconceptions or data discrepancy?**

- A. Yes
- B. No

Self-Reflection

How do we provide equitable care if we naturally have personal, feelings, tastes and opinions?

How can we address subjectivity bias at the bedside?

Can personal preconceptions about others effect our decision-making?

Supporting Personal Objectivity

Control assumptions

Reliance on clinical judgement of the entire picture

Avoid behavior that supports normalizing deviance

Manage personal cognitive dissonance

Boost empathy

Healthcare technology

“Objectivity is seeing all the issues and feelings and contributing without bias....Objectivity is the absence of bias not the absence of empathy.”

(<https://medium.com/datadriveninvestor/objectivity-and-empathy-forge-unlikely-partnership-4621a305e55a>)

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Step 3

Identify a solution:
Early Warning Systems

Early Warning Systems

Combination of objective patient data elements

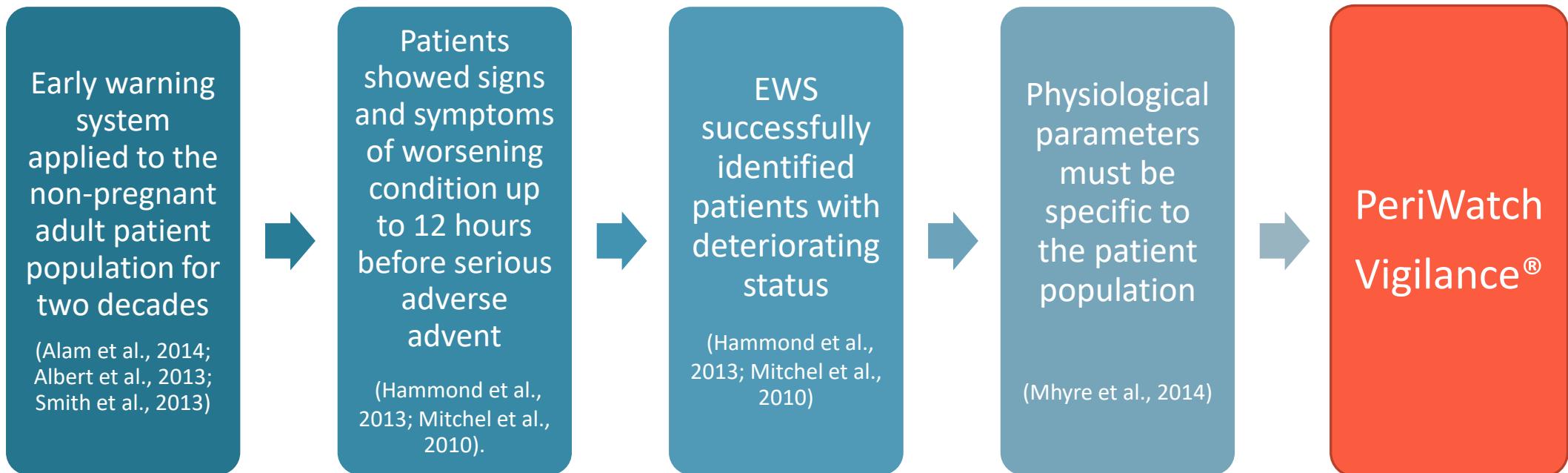
Aggregate scoring system

Parameters determine normal or abnormal trend

Promotes recognition and interventions be timely

Eliminates subjective assessment

Maternal Early Warning Systems



Early Warning System Examples



Poll Question

Do you currently utilize a maternal early warning system?

1. Yes, paper tool
2. Yes, electronic maternal only system
3. Yes, Vigilance (the only automated maternal-fetal EWS)
4. No

Benefits of EWS Automation

Made You
Look



Automated Early Warning Systems are calculators



Prioritizes clinically relevant patient information



Objective identification of at-risk patients



Addresses equitable delivery of care

(Paternina-Caicedo et. al, 2017)



PeriWatch Vigilance® Demonstration

PeriWatch Vigilance®

- PeriWatch Vigilance is an OB Early Warning System, not a documentation system
- Aggregates data from your fetal monitor and EMR, it analyzes that data and gives it back to you with actionable notifications and information
- Quality improvement tool; does not send information back to the permanent medical record.
- **Goal:** Provide the caregivers with timely notifications of potentially worsening conditions so you can assess the patient, intervene as appropriate *and potentially avoid a delay in care.*



Improve quality of care

Address maternal and fetal safety

Objectivity in nursing practice

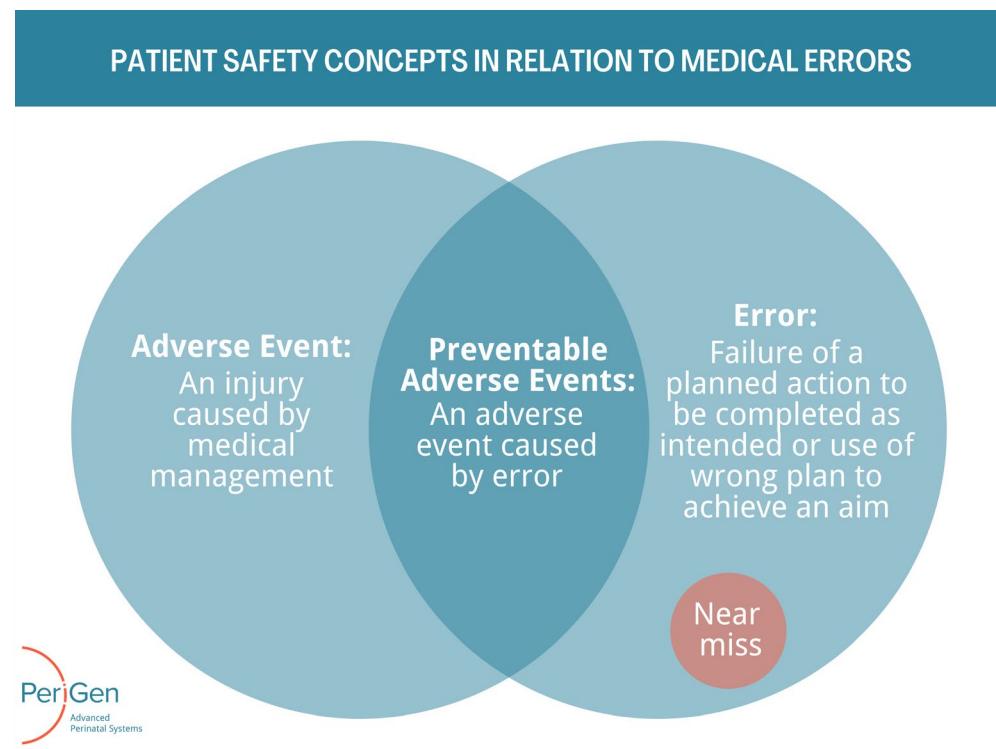
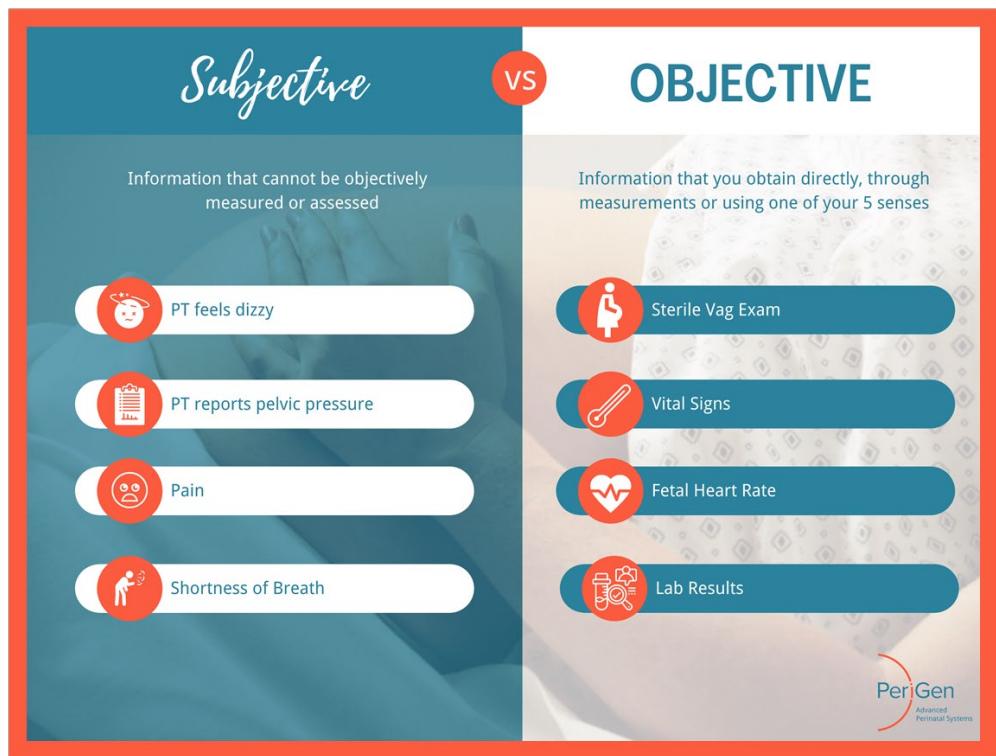
Automated early warning systems benefits

Equitable care tool

Summary

Resources

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References

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