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The Implementation of Electronic Fetal Monitoring Huddles

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Disclosure

• This presenter reports no conflict of interest or relevant financial relationships.

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Objectives

• Describe the implementation of a fetal heartrate monitoring huddles.

• Review resources and resource development.

• Share impact of project and lessons learned.

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Introduction/Background

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This process was introduced to our unit following
adverse event that occurred and involved the
failure to escalate concerns of an EFM tracing.

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Objective of Project

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- Standardize a process for routine review of EFM
  tracings using situation monitoring (STEP)
  - Participants
  - Timing
  - Format
- Implement additional resources to support the process
  - EFM Huddle binder
  - Mousepads
- Improve situational awareness, teamwork and
  communication.
- Support team members in escalation of concerns.

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Data Collection

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- Data was collected via Daily EFM Huddle
  form to track completion & any actions or
  escalation taken.

- Staff feedback

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Results
- Results showed higher and more consistent participation on nightshift.
- There were several instances of escalation of concerns.
- A staff survey was initiated but there was not adequate participation to provide meaningful data.

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Implications for Practice

- Implications for this projects include patient safety, teamwork, communication and staff development.

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Conclusions

- While the consistency and participation needs improvement, the implementation of this process did provide more staff awareness of NICHD terminology, chain of command and escalation of concerns, recognition and interventions of EFM changes and the use of the Category II EFM Algorithm.

- It has also provided additional support for the newer staff nurses.

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