

# Quality Improvement Examples & References

## **Best Practice Ideas for Improving Antenatal Steroid Administration Rates**

1. OB Department education by Neonatology
2. OB Department leadership: “Do the Right Thing”
3. Standard Order Set
4. Protocol for who is a candidate
5. Post information on Unit: “Wanted” Posters
6. Betamethasone or Dexamethasone readily available on Unit (PYXIS)
7. Neonatal involvement (consultation) ASAP on preterm patients
8. Prospectively track: Yes – No – Why?
9. Monthly rates – Post on Unit
10. Yearly rates per physician
11. QAI Committee involvement

**Encino Tarzana Regional Medical Center  
Preterm Labor  
Corticosteroid Use  
Quality Improvement Data Collection Tool**

	Antenatal corticosteroid therapy for fetal maturation reduces mortality, respiratory distress syndrome and intraventricular hemorrhage in preterm infants. These benefits extend to a broad range of gestational ages (24-24 weeks) and are not limited to gender or race.
<p><u><b>NURSING</b></u></p> <p><u>Please:</u></p> <p>Complete the form in its entirety on <u>every case</u> that meets candidate criteria.</p> <p><u>Please:</u></p> <p>Addressograph and place in the designated box to ensure delivery to the Performance Improvement Department.</p> <p>Do not place in the medical record and do not copy.</p>	<p>Please check if any of the following applies:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Too immature (&lt;24 weeks)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Gestational age &gt;34 weeks</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Already received</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Physician did not order</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Maternal contraindications</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Suspected rapid delivery</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> No threatened labor</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Steroids given</p>
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