



Severe Hypertension in Pregnancy Safety Bundle

Our Call to Action

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) and the Kansas Perinatal Quality Collaborative (KPQC) are committed to improving maternal and infant outcomes in our state. Together, we are launching quality initiatives to reduce maternal and infant morbidity and mortality.

Addressing Maternal Hypertension Outcomes in Kansas

Data from the Kansas Maternal Mortality Review Committee (2016-2022*) reveals that cardiovascular conditions, including hypertensive disorders, is the leading cause of pregnancy-related deaths in Kansas. According to the 2022 Natality Report, preeclampsia ranks as the second-leading reported medical risk factor for Severe Maternal Morbidity (SMM) in Kansas.

An intentional intervention to address severe hypertension in pregnancy and the postpartum period is needed. In Jan. 2025, Kansas began to enroll hospitals in the Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health (AIM) Safety Bundle, **"Severe Hypertension in Pregnancy,"** as a statewide initiative to address this and other maternal adverse outcomes.

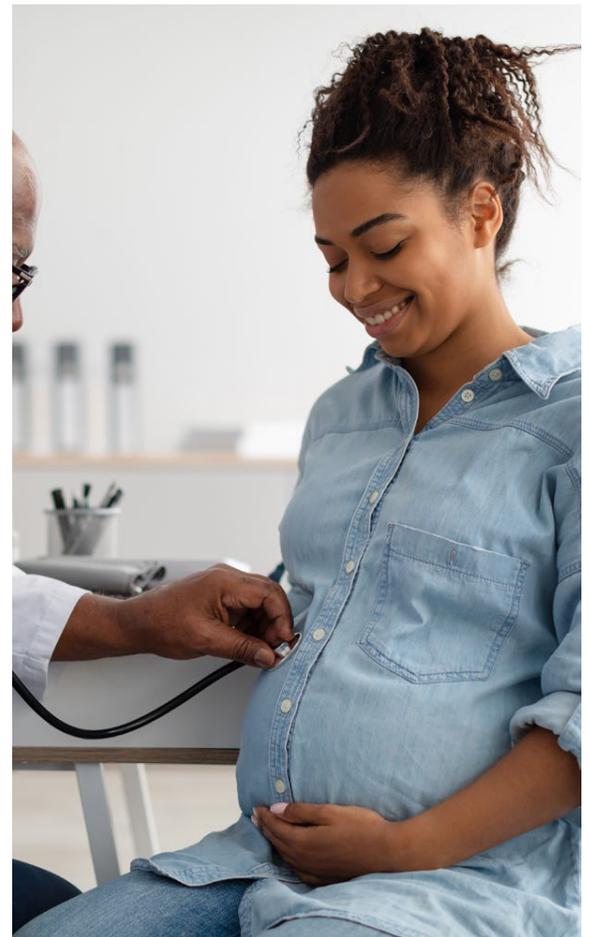
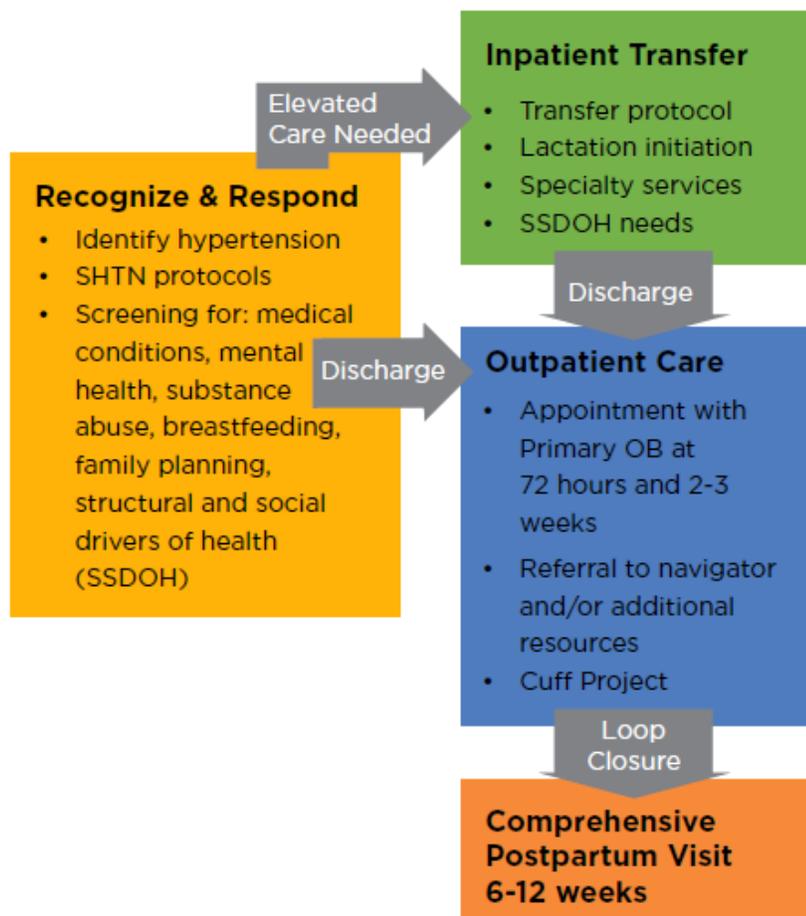
The Impact on the Newborn

Maternal hypertensive disorders significantly increase the risk of preterm delivery. In 2022, 10.5% of infants were delivered preterm (<37 weeks) in Kansas. Breastmilk provides optimal nutrition and is an immune-boosting substance for preterm newborns. Premature newborns face higher health risks, making early maternal lactation a critical, evidence-based intervention to support neonatal well-being.

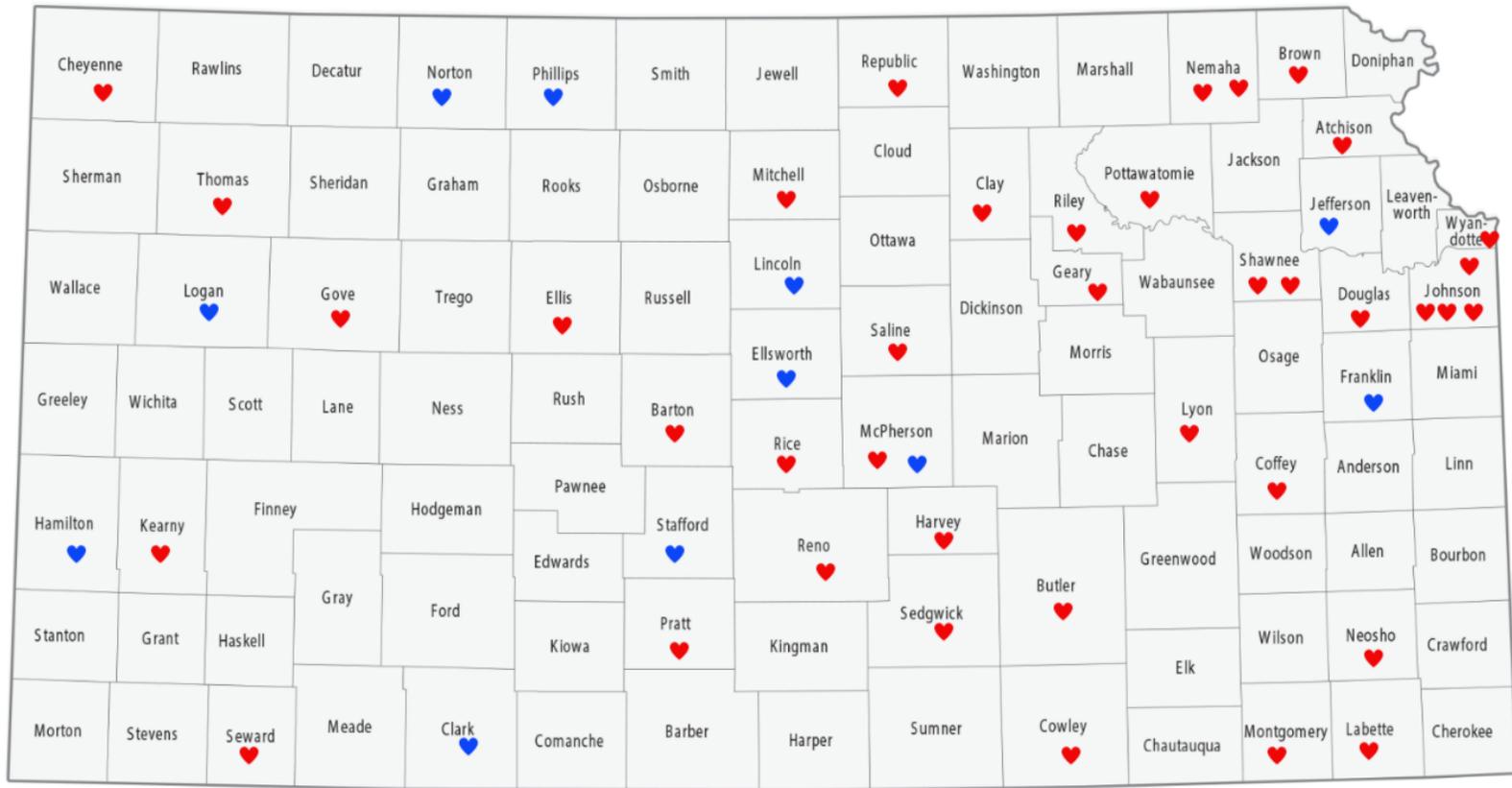
**preliminary data, subject to change*

What's Next?

Addressing maternal hypertension is a crucial part of improving health outcomes for both mothers and infants in Kansas. Through collaboration, education, and evidence-based strategies, KDHE and the KPQC are working to create safer pregnancies and healthier futures for families in our state.



Severe Hypertension in Pregnancy enrolled facilities



Red ❤️ Birthing Facilities

Blue ❤️ Non-Birthing Facilities

Advent Health Shawnee Mission, Johnson Co
AdventHealth South Overland Park, Johnson Co
Amberwell Hiawatha, Brown Co
Ascension Via Christi Manhattan, Riley Co
Amberwell Atchison, Atchison Co
Cheyenne County Hospital, Cheyenne Co
Citizens Medical Center, Thomas Co
Clay County Medical Center, Clay Co
Coffey County Hospital, Coffey Co
Coffeyville Regional Medical Center, Montgomery Co
Community Healthcare System, Pottawatomie Co
Gove Regional Medical Center, Gove Co
Hays Medical Center, Ellis Co
Hospital District #1 of Rice County, Rice Co
Hutchinson Regional Medical Center, Reno Co
Kearny County Hospital, Kearny Co
Labeite Health, Labeite Co
Lawrence Memorial Hospital, Douglas Co
McPherson County, McPherson Co
Mitchell County Hospital Health System, Mitchell Co

Nemaha Valley Community Hospital, Nemaha Co
Neosho Memorial Regional Medical Center, Neosho Co
Newman Regional Health, Lyon Co
Newton Medical Center, Harvey Co
Overland Park Regional, Johnson Co
Pratt Regional Medical Center, Pratt Co
Republic County Hospital, Republic Co
Sabetha Community Hospital, Nemaha Co
Salina Regional Health Center, Saline Co
Southwest Medical Center, Seward Co
Stormont Vail Health, Shawnee Co
Stormont Vail Health Flinthills, Geary Co
Susan B Allen Memorial Hospital, Butler Co
University of Kansas Health System- Great Bend, Barton Co
University of Kansas Health System- Olathe, Johnson Co
University of Kansas Health System- St. Francis, Shawnee Co
University of Kansas Health System-KC, Wyandotte Co
Wesley Medical Center, Sedgwick, Co
William Newton Hospital, Cowley Co

AdventHealth Ottawa, Franklin Co
Ellsworth County Medical Center, Ellsworth Co
FW Huston Medical Center, Jefferson Co
Hamilton County Hospital, Hamilton Co
Lincoln County Hospital, Lincoln Co
Logan County Health Services, Logan Co
Mercy Hospital, Inc., McPherson Co
Minneola Healthcare, Clark Co
Norton County Hospital, Norton Co
Phillips County Health Systems, Phillips Co
Stafford County Hospital, Stafford Co

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