

Team STEPPS Kickoff October 3rd

The Paul L. Foster School of Medicine Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology is moving to enhance patient safety at its partner hospital University Medical Center. Team STEPPS is an initiative that was developed by the Department of Defense Patient Safety Program in collaboration with the Agency for Health Care Research and Quality (AHRQ).

Team STEPPS is an evidence based comprehensive team work training system designed to improve quality and safety in health care rooted in over three decades of research in high stress, high-risk industries like military aviation and now health care. A multicenter trial examining the effectiveness of team communication in labor and delivery has shown superior outcomes and greater communication leading to greater patient safety in labor and delivery.

On October 3, 2011, the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology will initiate the Team STEPPS Kickoff. Our goals are to improve safety, communication, enhance pre-operative planning, and conduct routine drills on low occurrence high risk scenarios such as maternal hemorrhage and shoulder dystocia right in labor and delivery during lulls in patient census. Please follow the website as we will be posting our successes.