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Subject: WHA QUALITY ALERT: Upcoming WHA Advocacy Day and Quality Poster Showcase & Q4 2025 NBS report

Happy Friday afternoon Hospital Leaders!

I have 2 items to pass along to you today for your reference regarding our upcoming WHA Advocacy Day & Poster Showcase as well as forwarding the Q4 2025 Newborn Screening report applicable to birthing hospitals.

1. From our recent Quality Advisor newsletters, you can now register for Advocacy Day and/or the Poster Showcase:

Registration Now Open for WHA's 2026 Advocacy Day - February 25!

Join us for [WHA's annual Advocacy Day](#) on Wednesday, Feb. 25—a powerful opportunity for hospital employees, trustees and volunteers to make a visible impression in the state capitol. This event offers a chance to connect, learn and influence critical health care issues.

Fourth Annual Health Care Quality Showcase in Conjunction with WHA's Advocacy Day



The Health Care Quality Showcase is a wonderful opportunity to see firsthand the innovative efforts Wisconsin hospitals are making to enhance patient safety and improve care.

We invite you to attend the Health Care Quality Showcase the afternoon of Advocacy Day, from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. in the Capitol Rotunda to share your projects and learn about the quality improvement

initiatives at other WHA member hospitals. This event highlights the dedicated work of hospital staff to improve patient safety and the quality of care across the state. It's a great chance to engage with elected officials, Advocacy Day attendees, and the public to raise awareness of the important strides Wisconsin hospitals are making in ensuring safer, higher-quality care for all patients.

If you are interested and would like to participate at the WHA Health Care Quality Showcase, please complete and submit this [form](#) by February 9th.

If you have questions, please contact [Nadine Allen](#) or [Marcia Egle](#).

For anyone planning to bring a poster, here are the guidelines:

- Poster size: 24 in x 36 in (foam core works best)
- Orientation: Landscape
- Content Checklist
 - Title of project/initiative
 - Description of project (100-250 words)
 - 1-2 Key statistics or metrics
 - 2-3 images (photos, charts, graphs)
 - Caption for each image (25 words or less each).
 - Hospital logo
 - Easels for poster provided

2. Attached is the NBS Summary that was recently sent to birthing units and NICUs, please reach out to Leah Ricci for any questions about the data or distributing the information.

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Critical Congenital Heart Disease (CCHD) & Hearing Newborn Screening Summary Report

This report includes a summary of all CCHD & hearing screenings done across Wisconsin in the last year. This report is broken down by birthing unit.

Critical Congenital Heart Disease (CCHD) (January-December 2025)

Screening Report	Statewide in Hospital	In Hospital-Regional					Statewide out of Hospital
		Northern	Northeastern	Southern	Southeastern	Western	
Total newborn screening cases	56,608	4,537	11,777	11,278	22,194	6,822	2,545
CCHD							
Babies who passed screening	54,971 (97.1%)	4,318 (95.2%)	11,455 (97.3%)	10,992 (97.5%)	21,527 (97.0%)	6,679 (97.9%)	2,296 (90.2%)
Babies who did not pass screening	136 (0.2%)	10 (0.2%)	27 (0.2%)	50 (0.4%)	33 (0.1%)	16 (0.2%)	7 (0.3%)
Babies who were screened but results are unknown	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)	0 (0.0%)
Babies not screened—reason reported	779 (1.4%)	91 (2.0%)	114 (1.0%)	144 (1.3%)	364 (1.6%)	66 (1.0%)	154 (6.1%)
▪ Confirmed heart disease	176	5	16	37	106	12	7
▪ Deceased/Hospice	135	19	17	23	67	9	4
▪ Echo normal	387	47	68	70	173	29	4
▪ Moved out of state	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
▪ Refused screen	64	15	11	9	13	16	138
▪ Reviewed and closed by NBS staff	17	5	2	5	5	0	1
Babies transferred—Waiting on hospital who received transfer to enter results	498 (0.9%)	85 (1.9%)	100 (0.8%)	55 (0.5%)	218 (1.0%)	40 (0.6%)	13 (0.5%)
Babies who need follow up by birthing unit	224 (0.4%)	33 (0.7%)	81 (0.7%)	37 (0.3%)	52 (0.2%)	21 (0.3%)	75 (2.9%)
▪ Missing—no results reported	94	25	9	12	34	14	73
▪ Missing—partial results reported	11	2	2	0	1	6	2
▪ Missing—other/deferred	119	6	70	25	17	1	0

CCHD Benchmark Indicators (Last 12 months)						
	Northern	Northeastern	Southern	Southeastern	Western	Statewide
Average time between CCHD screening and time data was received by WE-TRAC	5.3 days	4.5 days	6.6 days	4.6 days	4.9 days	5.3 days

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Hearing

	Statewide in Hospital	In Hospital-Regional					Statewide out of Hospital
		Northern	Northeastern	Southern	Southeastern	Western	
Total newborn screening cases	56,608	4,537	11,777	11,278	22,194	6,822	2,545
Hearing							
Babies who passed screening	55,021 (97.2%)	4,361 (96.1%)	11,498 (97.6%)	10,958 (97.2%)	21,681 (97.7%)	6,523 (95.6%)	1,491 (58.6%)
Babies who did not pass screening	827 (1.5%)	83 (1.8%)	131 (1.1%)	130 (1.2%)	306 (1.4%)	177 (2.6%)	31 (1.2%)
▪ Hearing within normal limits	224	41	15	15	48	105	3
▪ Permanent hearing loss	84	8	11	9	46	10	0
▪ Transient conductive hearing loss	19	4	6	0	7	2	0
▪ No diagnostic evaluation	500	30	99	106	205	60	28
○ Deceased	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
○ Lost to follow up/ Lost to documentation	26	0	4	10	6	6	1
○ Refused	13	0	2	3	4	4	6
○ Transferred	206	14	20	37	109	26	8
○ Unresponsive family	58	2	16	9	22	9	0
○ Other	10	1	6	1	2	0	2
○ Open on birthing unit queue	187	13	51	46	62	15	11
Babies not screened—reason reported	312 (0.6%)	44 (1.0%)	46 (0.4%)	69 (0.6%)	96 (0.4%)	57 (0.8%)	678 (26.6%)
▪ Deceased/Hospice	133	18	17	23	66	9	4
▪ Lost follow up/Lost to documentation	2	0	1	0	1	0	2
▪ Moved/non-resident	1	0	0	0	1	0	2
▪ Refused	146	24	24	35	20	43	598
▪ Reviewed and closed by WSB staff	9	1	1	2	2	3	1
▪ Unresponsive family	15	0	2	7	5	1	5
▪ Other	6	1	1	2	1	1	66
Babies transferred—Waiting on hospital who received transfer to enter data	323 (0.6%)	22 (0.5%)	74 (0.6%)	75 (0.7%)	99 (0.4%)	53 (0.8%)	65 (2.6%)

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Babies who need follow up by birthing unit	125 (0.2%)	27 (0.6%)	28 (0.2%)	46 (0.4%)	12 (0.1%)	12 (0.2%)	280 (11.0%)
▪ Missing—no results reported	89	23	13	39	8	6	275
▪ Missing—partial results reported	3	0	2	1	0	0	4
▪ Missing—equipment failure	11	0	1	3	1	6	0
▪ Missing—NICU	22	4	12	3	3	0	1

Hearing Benchmark Indicators						
	Northern	Northeastern	Southern	Southeastern	Western	Statewide
1 MET (Babies screened by 1 month of age)	96.3%	96.8%	95.6%	96.7%	96.3%	96.4%
3 MET (Babies with a diagnosis by 3 months of age)	59.0%	22.1%	10.0%	25.5%	63.3%	34.0%
6 MET (Babies referred to early intervention by 6 months of age)	75.0%	64.7%	77.8%	79.2%	50.0%	72.8%
6 MET (Babies enrolled in early intervention by 6 months of age)	16.7%	17.6%	0.0%	37.7%	25.0%	27.2%