



TexasAIM To Reduce Maternal Mortality & Morbidity



Frequently Asked Questions

Is TexasAIM a voluntary program for hospitals?

Yes, participation in TexasAIM Basic or TexasAIM Plus is completely voluntary.

Is there a cost to the TexasAIM Program?

There are no participation costs for enrolling in TexasAIM Basic or TexasAIM Plus.

What are the differences between TexasAIM Basic and Texas AIM Plus?

Interested hospitals have two options for participation in the TexasAIM initiative: TexasAIM Basic and TexasAIM Plus.

Basic participation in the TexasAIM initiative grants the hospital access to: educational events; tools; communications; networking opportunities; basic technical assistance and support; and the AIM Data Portal to track progress in implementing the AIM Maternal Safety Bundles.

TexasAIM Plus participation provides hospitals with all the benefits of Basic participation plus: facilitated learning; sharing and collaboration; individualized technical assistance; rapid access to resources; information and innovations; peer-to-peer mentoring; and guided support from experts in maternal health and safety and in quality improvement.

What is a learning session and when will they take place?

Learning sessions are in-person meetings that bring together the multi-disciplinary improvement teams from each participating hospital and expert faculty to exchange ideas about the topic and specific changes outlined in the bundle as well as the Model for Improvement. The learning sessions will include team time for each hospital's team to work together to integrate learning and plan for how to immediately incorporate learning into their improvement processes.

Are individual facilities responsible for the costs associated with travel to/from learning collaborative sessions?

At this time, individual facilities are responsible for the cost of improvement teams' travel to in-person learning sessions. We will organize learning sessions by region, which may help to reduce the cost and time associated with travel.

What is an Action Period Call and when will they take place?

Action Period Calls include content-driven topics and tailored discussions to coach teams in overcoming obstacles and accelerating improvement efforts. These calls are held monthly between Learning Sessions and are open to TexasAIM Plus Teams.

How can my hospital promote our participation in the TexasAIM Program?

TexasAIM has created a Media Kit to share your hospital's involvement in TexasAIM. This kit includes a press release as well as social media graphics and talking points. For Plus teams, this kit can be found on Basecamp. For Basic Teams, please email TexasAIM@dshs.texas.gov with the subject line "Media Kit" to receive a copy.

Why have I not received TexasAIM email correspondence?

If you are listed as a team member and have not been receiving TexasAIM email correspondence, please email us at TexasAIM@dshs.texas.gov to ensure we have the correct contact information. It is important that all teams keep their communication roster up to date for all email correspondence.

If you are not a designated team member but would like to receive email updates on TexasAIM, please email us at TexasAIM@dshs.texas.gov.

How to I update my team roster?

If there is a change in your team or team member contact information, please email TexasAIM@dshs.texas.gov to ensure this information is updated. This helps the TexasAIM Team keep your team members informed.

What is Basecamp and how do I access it?

Basecamp is a resource sharing platform. Here you can communicate with your team, access various AIM resources, view upcoming dates, and interact with other TexasAIM teams. If you do not have access to Basecamp, please email us at TexasAIM@dshs.texas.gov.

Why have I not received an invite to the AIM Data Portal?

All Technical Leaders should have received an invite to the AIM Data Portal. If you are a Technical Leader and have not received an invite, please email us at TexasAIM@dshs.texas.gov. If you are not a listed Technical Leader and would like access to the AIM Data Portal, please ask your Technical Leader to invite you to the portal. The Technical Leader can refer to page 11 on the AIM Data User Guide [here](#) for more information on how to add additional team members.

When are the various measures due on the AIM Data Portal?

Structure Measures can be updated at any time as they are implemented within your hospital system. Has your hospital already implemented one or more Obstetric Hemorrhage Structure Measures? If so, click "Complete" and enter the date of implementation/completion. Enter an estimated date if the exact

date is unknown. For Structure Measures that have not yet been completed, click “Not in Place”. Once the measure has been implemented the status can be updated at any time.

Process measures are implemented using the following schedule:

AIM National Quarter	Data Portal Open
Quarter Three (July, Aug, Sept)	October 1-October 20
Quarter Four (Oct, Nov, Dec)	January 1-January 20
Quarter One (Jan, Feb, Mar)	April 1-April 20
Quarter Two (Apr, May, June)	July 1-July 20

Who is responsible for submitting Outcome Measures to the AIM Data Portal?

The Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS) obtains the required information for the outcome measures through the Texas Hospital Inpatient Discharge Data File. DSHS will submit the most currently available measures to the AIM Data Center on a quarterly basis. Data from the Hospital Inpatient Discharge Public Use Data File are typically available approximately nine months after the end of each quarter, so there will be a three- to four-quarter lag in availability of data. DSHS will also submit annual outcome measures stratified by race/ethnicity. Hospitals participating in Texas AIM will be able to see their own hospital-identified data and will be access information to help them evaluate their performance compared to other TexasAIM participants, but they will be unable to identify data for other hospitals.

What are Maternal Early Warning System (MEWS) Tools and who is responsible for additional information and expertise in MEWS?

Use of maternal early warning systems (MEWS) have been proposed to support timely recognition, diagnosis and treatment of critical illness in pregnant and postpartum women. MEWS is an integral part of the recognition and response components of the Obstetric Hemorrhage +AIM and other +AIM bundles. Information about MEWS will be shared throughout the TexasAIM OBH+ Learning Collaborative. In addition, TexasAIM is partnering with the Texas Collaborative for Healthy Mothers and Babies (TCHMB) to provide TexasAIM participants with additional information and expertise in MEWS.

Please let us know if you have any questions, by emailing us at TexasAIM@dshs.texas.gov.