

Iowa HHS Flex Program



OB Simulations for CAHs

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- ▶ We are privileged to serve and support the important work of CAHs and their partners.

Housekeeping & Resources for Today's Presentation

- ▶ As a reminder, please mute your line while our speaker is presenting today so that all can hear well. You may come off mute to ask questions or, as usual, drop questions in the chat if you prefer.
- ▶ Today's presentations for both sessions are being recorded for you to refer back to and share with others. The recording and slides will be placed on the Iowa HHS Flex/SHIP webpage:
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Flex programs and hospitals are always welcome to work on additional quality improvement areas in addition to the core set. This includes, but is not limited to, those listed below.

Suggested Additional Quality Measures for Flex Improvement Activities

Global Measures	Patient Safety	Patient Experience	Care Coordination	Emergency Department
<p>Quality Improvement Basics</p> <p>Quality Related Certification</p>	<p>Antibiotic Use (AU)</p> <p>COVID Vaccination</p> <p>Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAI)</p> <p>Perinatal Care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Birthing-Friendly Hospital Designation • PC-01: Elective Delivery • PC-05: Exclusive Breast Milk Feeding (eCQM) <p>Falls</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Falls with Injury • Patient Fall Rate • Screening for Future Fall Risk <p>Adverse Drug Events (ADE)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opioids • Glycemic Control • Anticoagulant Therapy <p>Patient Safety Culture Survey</p> <p>Inpatient Influenza Immunization</p> <p>eQMs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VTE-1: Venous Thromboembolism Prophylaxis • ED-2: Median Admit Decision Time to ED Departure Time for Admitted Patients 	<p>Emergency Department Patient Experience</p> <p>Swing Bed Patient Experience</p> <p>Clinic Group CAHPS</p>	<p>Discharge Planning</p> <p>Medication Reconciliation</p> <p>Swing Bed Care</p> <p>Claims-Based Measures: The following Measures are automatically calculated for hospitals using Medicare Administrative Claims Data</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complications • Hospital Return Days <p>Global Malnutrition Composite Score (eCQM)</p>	<p>OP-40: ST-Segment Elevation Myocardial Infarction (eCQM)</p> <p>Chest Pain/Acute Myocardial Infarction</p> <p>ED Throughput</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Door to Diagnostic Evaluation by a Qualified Medical Professional <p>American Heart Association Get with the Guidelines (Stroke, Heart Failure, AMI)</p>

Today's Speakers

- ▶ Jacinda Bunch, PhD, RN, SANE-A, NREMT, Assistant Clinical Professor in the College of Nursing at the University of Iowa and Co-Senior Advisor with Dr. O'Sullivan in the SIM-IA Program.
- ▶ Brian Rechkemmer, B.S., NREMT-P, Program Director at the University of Iowa College of Nursing and Simulation in Motion Program.



Jacinda Bunch, PhD, RN, SANE-A, NREMT

Jacinda Bunch, PhD, RN, SANE-A, NREMT is an Assistant Clinical Professor in the College of Nursing at the University of Iowa and co-senior advisor with Dr. O'Sullivan in the SIM-IA program. Dr. Bunch has over 30 years of nursing experience. She received her EMT certification at the national and state level in 2022 to better appreciate the role of EMS providers and their educational needs. Dr. Bunch is an active Advisory Committee member and president of the International Society for Rapid Response Systems. She is a sexual assault nurse examiner with the Johnson County Sexual Assault Response Team (JCSART) as well as a first responder, training officer, and service director with the Oxford Fire Department. Dr. Bunch has a passion for rural healthcare and collaboration with emergency medical systems both pre-hospital and in-hospital

Dr. Bunch's area of research interest is health systems and patient safety, specifically how healthcare providers work in and out of the hospital to keep patients safe. Dr. Bunch has taught with simulation in the graduate and undergraduate nursing programs, as well as in SIM-IA. She currently teaches leadership and professional engagement in the University of Iowa's undergraduate nursing program and received the collegiate teaching award in 2021. In 2021, Dr. O'Sullivan and Dr. Bunch received the SIM-IA grant to develop a mobile simulation program for rural emergency medical services and other critical healthcare providers throughout Iowa.



Brian Rechkemmer, BS, NREMT-P

- ▶ Brian Rechkemmer is the Program Director of Simulation in Motion–Iowa (SIM-IA), a statewide mobile simulation program that brings high-fidelity, hands-on training directly to healthcare and emergency medical providers across Iowa. With over 30 years of experience in EMS and healthcare education, Brian leads the strategic and operational efforts behind SIM-IA’s mission to improve clinical readiness and patient outcomes, particularly in rural and underserved areas. He holds a Bachelor of Science from Columbia Southern University and is a Nationally Registered Paramedic.



Questions/Comments/Sharing

Thank You!

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