

OBI Labor Support Committee

Applications Now Open!

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Purpose



The Obstetrics Initiative (OBI) Labor Support Committee will represent OBI RN Champions across participating Michigan birthing hospitals, focusing on the vital role of nursing in Quality Improvement. This includes providing input, feedback, and consultation to OBI's Quality and Outreach Team related to workflows, educational offerings, networking opportunities, and strategies while upholding the OBI Mission, Vision, and Values.

Bylaws

- **Terms:** OBI is developing a Labor Support Committee of 15-20 OBI nurse Champions to begin in 2026. After the Labor Support Committee is established, we will develop a 1-2 year staggered term, with the option to renew.
- **Time & Meeting Requirements:** Total annual commitment expected to be approximately 12-24 hours consisting of:
 - Participation in monthly virtual meeting for 1 hour (TBD by committee members).
 - Preparation for monthly meetings by reviewing agenda and action items from previous meeting.
 - Participation in e-mail discussions.
- **Application Process & Preferred Skill Set:** Members will be required to submit conflict-of-interest disclosure forms. Ideal candidates will:
 - Be familiar with the OBI Initiatives, OBI website, and current resources.
 - Have **at least 6 months of OBI Nurse champion experience.**
 - Be the Primary Nurse Champion for their hospital.
 - Have a spirit of collaboration and an interest in improvement beyond their own hospital.



Sub-Committees

Maternal Request

- Patient education materials on risk and benefits
- Strategies for prenatal education

Labor Dystocia

- Patient education materials on positioning, labor expectations, and prenatal preparation for labor
- Labor management support skills building

Induction of Labor

- Patient education materials on IOL expectations
- Nursing education materials and strategies for IOL algorithm

Activities

Semiannual Meetings

- Support OG session
- Lead breakout sessions

Nurse Education

Support skill-building through the development of nurse education

- Monitoring a Cat II strip
- Labor Management support
- Planning skills days

Patient Education

Improve patient experience through the development of educational materials

- Risks and benefits of primary c-section
- Prenatal education
- Labor expectations
- Induction expectations
- Planning skills days

Application Process

- **October 31:** Application Deadline
- **November:** Application Review
- **December:** Committee Members Notified & Meeting Polls Distributed
- **January 2026:** Committee Launch

Thank You!

Questions?

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