

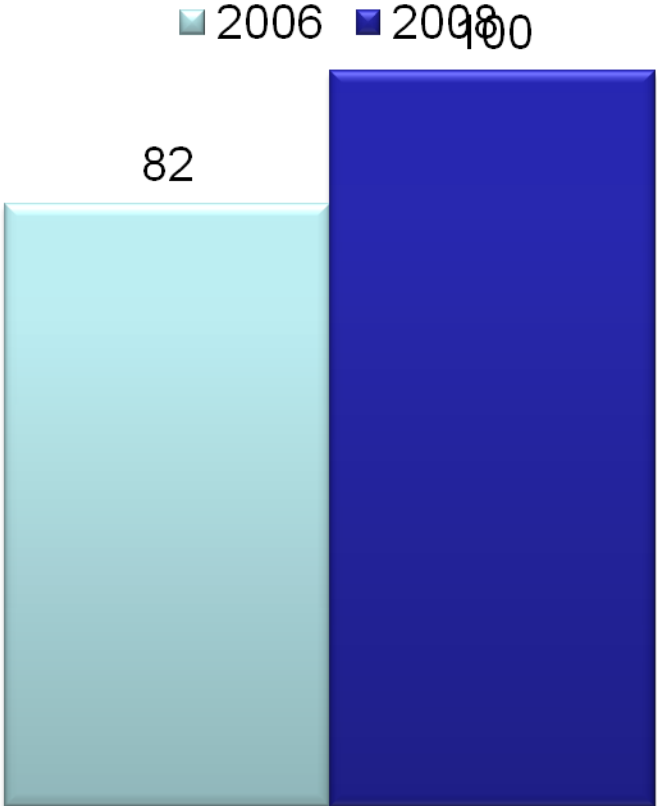
39 Week Success Story

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History

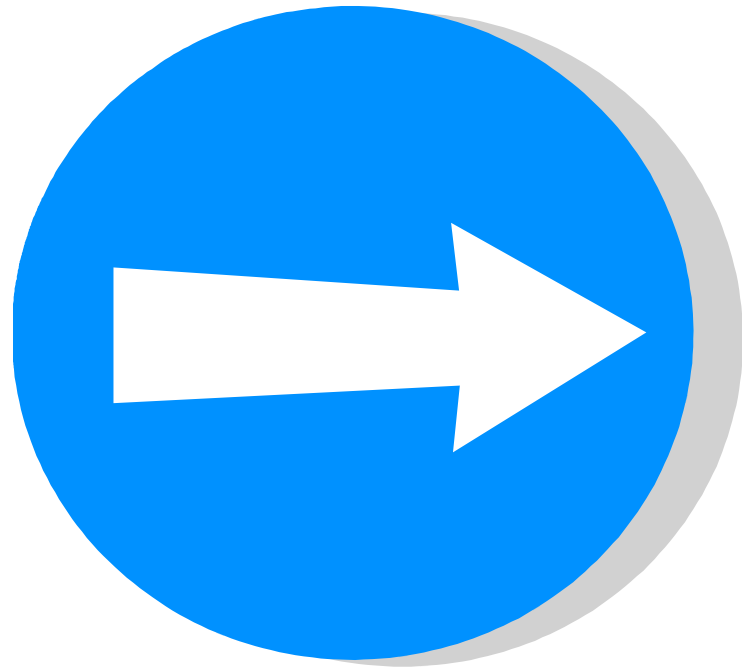
- Kaiser Hayward Medical Center is a 224 bed hospital.
- Average of 210 deliveries a month
- 32 OB/Gyn Physicians, 2 Perinatologists, and 8 Midwives on staff

Percentage of Deliveries at Greater Than 39 Weeks Gestation or Medically Necessary



How Did We Get From

82



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Utilize the Available Resources

- Search the literature available through the Institute for Healthcare Improvement (www.IHI.org)
- Active involvement in collaborative groups to facilitate shared knowledge
- Involve the medical staff in decision-making

Steps to Implementation

- Education
- Data collection to establish a baseline
- Medical record documentation changes
- Share findings with all staff

Initial Challenges

- Documentation of pelvic assessment
- Documentation of medical necessity

Current Challenges

- Remain up to date with current literature and recommendations
- Multiple competing priorities in improving patient safety
- Prevent drift from 100% compliance

Success!

- Once the goal is achieved, continue occasional monitoring to ensure compliance remains, and make findings available to all staff.
- Encourage staff to share our success by participating in collaborative groups in order to assist other hospitals achieve improved patient safety.

Key to Success

- Staff members who remain highly educated and aware of their role in improving outcomes for babies



