

## Clinical Quality Metrics Focused on Obstetrics

### Objectives

- Summarize how quality measures are used in payment programs, accreditation, public reporting, and quality improvement projects
- Describe the potential for unintended adverse consequences in the use of quality metrics and identify ways to mitigate such consequences
- Recognize the impact of social determinants of health on the equity or disparity of health care and discuss approaches to address this aspect of quality metrics
- Outline the approaches being considered to potentially simplify or consolidate metrics and processes related to assessment of clinical quality in obstetrics

### Content Outline

1. SMFM Special Statement Regarding Clinical Quality Measures in Obstetrics
  - 1.1 Description of the quality movement
  - 1.2 Overview of clinical quality metrics (CQMs) including types
  - 1.3 Discussion of outcome versus process or structure measurements
  - 1.4 Clinical quality measure use in incentive payment programs
  - 1.5 Use of clinical quality measures in accreditation and public reporting
  - 1.6 Clinical quality measure use in quality improvement projects
  - 1.7 Health equity and disparities in quality metrics
  - 1.8 Clinical quality measure tracking and reporting burdens
  - 1.9 Questions about validity, effectiveness, safety of clinical quality measures
  - 1.10 Levels of assessment, individual accountability, and preventability
  - 1.11 Simplification and consolidation of the CQM approaches
  - 1.12 Tables providing metrics in use by various organizations and payers

### Reading Material Resources

#### Module WB2635: Clinical Quality Metrics Focused on Obstetrics

is based on the resource listed below. A copy of the resource is included with the module.

Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine Special Statement: Clinical quality measures in obstetrics, Combs CA, Kern-Goldberger A, Bauer ST, Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine. Quality metrics in obstetrics, *American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology*, Elsevier, March 2024, B2-B17