The Reproductive Care Program of Nova Scotia

Celebrating 50 years of Improving Perinatal and Newborn Health

1973

The inception of the Reproductive Care Program of Nova Scotia

1980-1984

- Provincial Perinatal Database
 Established
- Perinatal Survey Developed
- Fetal Monitoring Statement developed and approved
- Maternal Transport Manual Produced
- Microcomputers purchased to manage new databases
- First RCP clinical workshop held across the province
- Hosted national conference on 'Regionalized Care & Prevention of Handicap'

1990-1994

- Established Perinatal Health Goals
- Completed First Annual Provincial Perinatal Database Report
- Introduced NALS jointly with the Heart and Stroke Foundation
- Nova Scotia Cesarean section
 Implementation conference
- RCP celebrated 20 years
- The Perinatal Education
 Partnership Project (PEPP)

200-2004

- Perinatal Epidemiology
 Research Unit (PERU) initiated
- RCP moves the Rh Database from SIR to the Oracle Platform
- First Postpartum / Postnatal guidelines distributed
- Cesarean Section quality reviews initiated in the province

2010-2014

- Developed Maternal Newborn
 Orientation Learning Modules
- Began Newborn Transition QA Reviews
- Funded by PHAC, RCP led the SCA-NS Project (Surveillance of Congenital Anomalies in NS)
- Developed Perinatal Indicators
- Collaborated on expansion of Newborn Screening
- IWK Cardiology database established

2020-2023

- Revised Prenatal Record and Antenatal Screening and testing Guidelines
- Revised provincial Labour Partogram
- Developed and updated guidelines for:
 - Care of the Late Preterm infantHealthy Babies, Healthy Families
 - Assessment of the "Best Estimate" of GA
 - Unanticipated Birth: Guidelines for Labour Assessment,
 Imminent Delivery, and Transfer
- Resources for COVID 19 and Pregnancy
- Threat Risk Assessment of NSAPD
- Provincial Launch of ACoRN 2nd Edition
- Provincial launch of FHS education
- Knowledge to Action Report Mi'kmaw First Nations





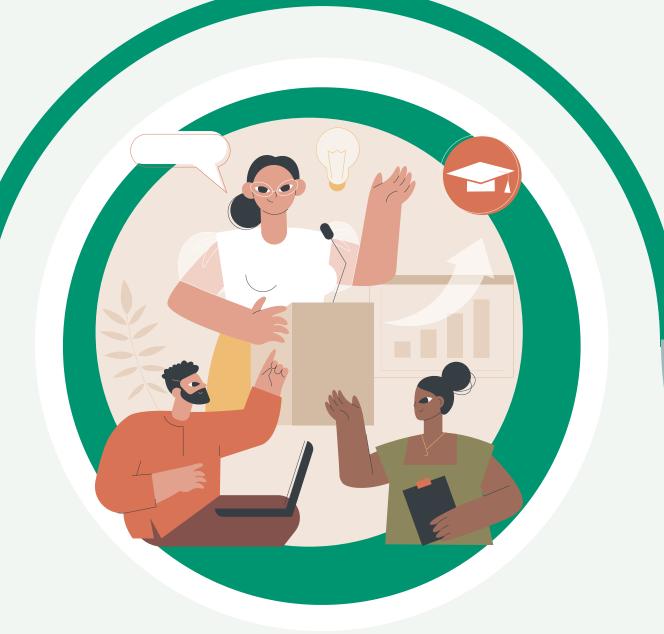


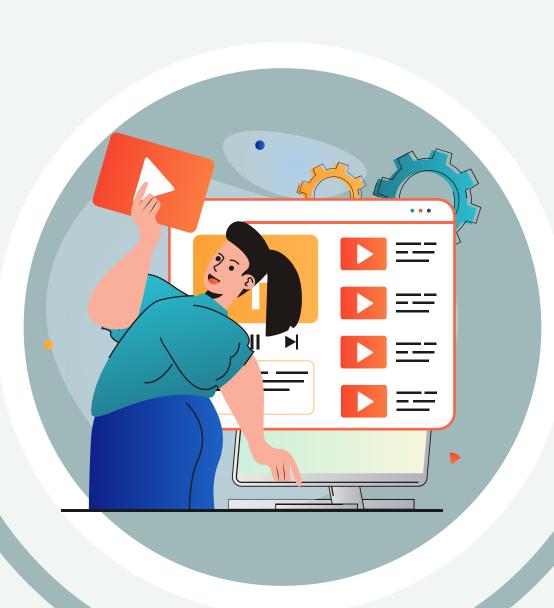


















1974-1979

- Designed and implemented provincial Prenatal Record
- Regional Facilities visited by the RCP
- Nursery & Neonatal Procedure & Transport Manual Produced
- Perinatal Mortality Surveys in Windsor/Truro
- Distributed 10,000 copies of the booklet "Having a Happy Birthday"
- Produced and distributed an Obstreical Manual for care providers

1985-1989

- The Rh and RCP Programs amalgamate
- St. Matha's Hospital became Database Pilot Site
- Standardized Chart forms package introduced
- Provincial C-Section Study
 Conducted
- Provincial Chart Forms Committee
 Struck
- First Full year of provincial data collected

1995-1999

- First Regional Morbidity and Mortality Review conducted
- "Care of Healthy Women During Labor & Birth – A Nova Scotia Consensus Document" developed
- Participated in the interdisciplinary working group for midwifery regulation in NS
- Produced the database report
 "Perinatal Care in Nova Scotia 1988-1995"
- Data Linkage completed between RCP + Western Region
- Advanced Life Support in Obstetrics course offered

2005-2009

- Celebrated 35th Anniversary with a conference "The Perfect Storm"
- ACoRN program initiated and course offered.
- Midwifery regulated in NS
- Coordinated a province-wide and national initiative for fetal fibronectin.
- Worked with Health Promotion and Protection to create messages for H1N1 and the perinatal population

2015-2019

- Led Health Services planning for Perinatal / Newborn Population
- Updated AIPHa (Atlee Perinatal Health) Report
- Collaborated with DCPNS on the Clinical Guidelines: Diabetes in Pregnancy
- Offered Advances in Labour and Risk Management (ALARM®)
- Newborn Transition from Hospital to Home - Provincial report of QA reviews
- Developed Guideline Ophthalmia
 Neonatorum Prevention in NS
- Clinical resource: Working with Pain in Labour: Systemic Medications

2024+

- Updating Atlee Perinatal Health Report
- Implementing a toolkit for care of pregnant persons diagnosed with opioid use disorder
- Updating the Perinatal e-learning orientation modules
- Rebranding / website update
- Leading the development of Responsive and Trauma Informed Perinatal Care
- Tiers of Perinatal and Newborn Service
- Revising of Provincial Perinatal Indicators

