Fetal Heart Society

Q&A for FHS Webinar:
Always Striving to Better: Implementing Quality improvement in Your Fetal Echo Lab

	Question	Answer
1	Do you obtain the BMI of all patients? Is this standard demographics asked of every patient? This is an important factor when considering how well we can image the heart.	We do not obtain BMI on all patients - however - if they are a TCH fetal center patient or a referral from one of our in-house MFMs or OBs, then the BMI is in our EMR.
2	Has anyone been able to integrate regular EMR demographics, diagnostics into a data capture tool that can be used for QI?	I can pull MRN, patient name, referral diagnosis, DOB, and date of fetal echo - however, I cannot pull BMI, EDD.
3	Just a comment — these QNet ACPC metrics can be used and helpful when applying or reapplying for AIUM Accreditation.	Very helpful – thank you!
4	How do you identify the individual studies upon which to perform QI analysis? Do you have a pool of normal and randomly select? Proactively flag studies upon reading?	At TCH we input all of our fetals normal and abnormal in our RedCap database. For accreditation, we have sonographers submit studies quarterly & then they're reviewed by other sonographers or cardiologists randomly.
5	How long is the ideal fetal echo time slot especially in high volume fetal centers with high pretest probability for complex CCHD?	We have 1 hour slots but we also do a lot of measurements including OB measurements.
6	One of our discussions is, given our current rate of discrepancies, is it worth checking everyone? Or should we have a more manageable audit process?	I think it is a critical part as a program matures and/or gets more comfortable to not call in patients for repeat echoes (looking at cost effectiveness).
7	Anyone have any success linking maternal records with fetal records in EMR? We are separate hospitals and it's impossible I am told.	Epic can link maternal and infant MRNs.
8	If hospitals have Epic, in the patient search field you can search by phone number or home address and find anyone who has that number on file. This could link parents and kids. Works also if you want to see if you have seen a sibling of a family so you don't accidentally reintroduce yourself to the family! Other EMR systems may have similar options.	Yes. In an ideal world, all EMRs would be able communicate.
9	I missed the full email address for the Fetal Cards. Can you please add to the chat? Thanks!	wnevansschc@gmail.com