



Severe Hypertension in Pregnancy Patient Safety Bundle (2022) Element Implementation Details

Respectful, Equitable, and Supportive Care — Every Unit/Provider/Team Member

Respectful Care Element	Key Points
Open, transparent, and empathetic communication with pregnant and postpartum people and their identified support network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish and/or maintain a mechanism for patients, support network, and staff to identify inequitable care and episodes of miscommunication or disrespect. • Develop plan to address reported cases of inequitable care, miscommunication, or disrespect
Inclusion of the patient as part of the multidisciplinary care team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishment of trust • Informed, bidirectional shared decision-making • Patient values and goals as the primary driver of this process
<p>As Black, Indigenous, and Hispanic people experience maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity at disproportionately higher rates because of systemic racism, but not race itself, it is necessary to mitigate bias by having a high index of suspicion for a contributing clinical condition, such as severe hypertension, in these populations.</p>	
<p>Patient support networks may include nonfamilial supports, such as doulas and home visitors, who, with the postpartum person's permission, should be welcomed when any teaching or planning is provided.</p>	

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