

COMMUNITY BIRTH TRANSFER PARTNERSHIP UPDATE

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CBTP is Oregon's statewide home birth and birth center to hospital transfer improvement initiative

- Created through a stakeholder workgroup in 2020
- Formed by research on patient experience of transfers
- Launched in 2021
- Open to every birthing hospital in OR

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Mission

To realize a high performing, mutually respectful and integrated healthcare system that optimizes patient safety and experience and increases community midwife and hospital collaboration when transfer occurs from community birth to hospital settings.

Goals

- Eliminate barriers to safe and timely transfers from home births and birth centers to hospitals.
- Partner with birthing families in community birth transfer quality improvement efforts.
- Promote interprofessional collaboration to encourage collegial relationships grounded in respectful, patient-centered care.
- Expand skills, knowledge, and relationships through continuing education and interprofessional case reviews.

CBTP CURRENT STATUS

9 participating hospitals

- Legacy Emanuel/Randall
- Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center
- Providence Portland
- McKenzie Willamette
- OHSU
- Salem Health
- OHSU Hillsboro
- Providence St. Vincent
- Kaiser

Participating
hospitals

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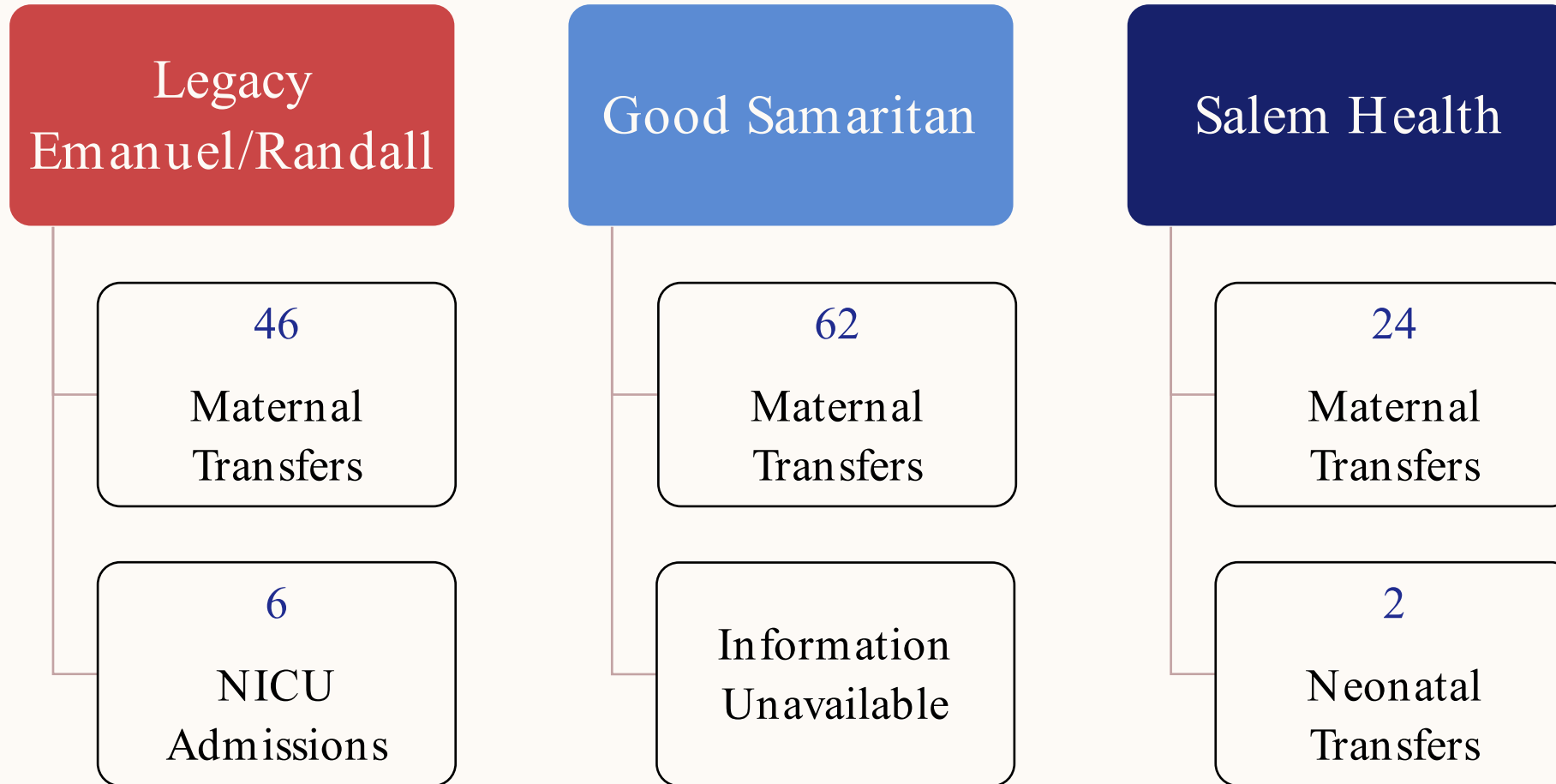
48% of births in
Oregon

And more hospitals interested in joining!

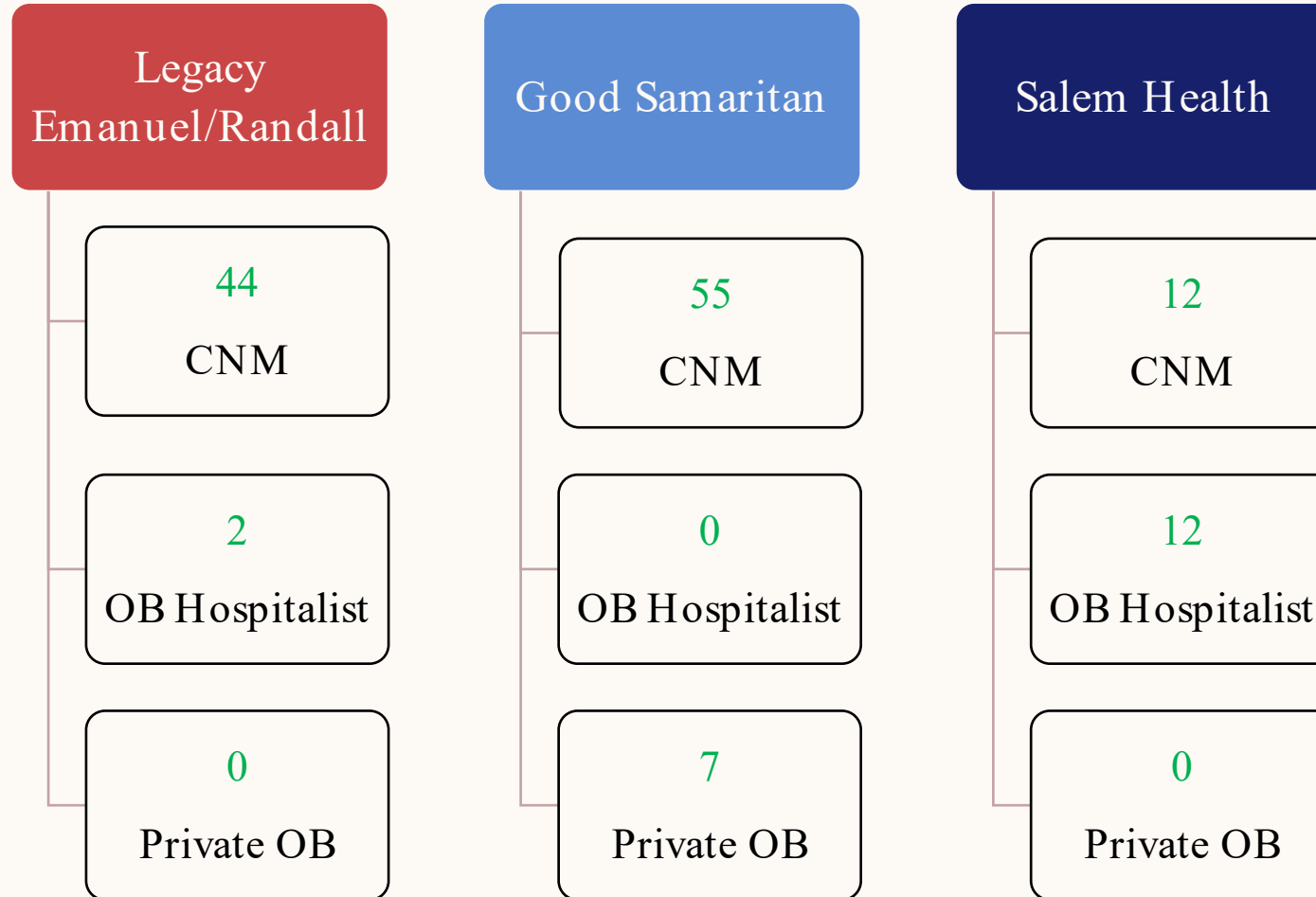


**2022 CBTP
ANNUAL TRANSFER
DATA**

2022 TRANSFERS BY HOSPITAL



2022 RECEIVING PROVIDER TYPE BY HOSPITAL (MATERNAL TRANSFERS)



2022 MOST COMMON REASONS FOR MATERNAL TRANSFER

- Prolonged Labor
- Pain Management
- Labor Induction
- PROM
- Hypertension/Preeclampsia
- Postpartum Hemorrhage

Emergency maternal transfers were rare:

3 out of 46 at Legacy Emanuel
3 out of 24 at Salem Health

COMMUNITY BIRTH TRANSFER OUTCOMES

- Blood Transfusion: 2/132
- NICU Admission 8/58 (data available for 2/3 hospitals)
- Cesarean section: 37/132

28% Cesarean section rate for community birth transfers

THEMES IN QUALITATIVE ANSWERS FROM CBTP PARTICIPATING HOSPITALS

- Transfers are going smoothly most of the time
- Birthing families are happy with care most of the time
- When there are transfer concerns they are related to:
 - Delayed transfer (especially PROM or prolonged 2nd stage)
 - Late or incomplete transfer of records
 - Hospital providers want midwives to use the transfer forms!
 - Risk assessment
 - Communication issues with community midwives
 - Concerns about respect and informed choice from client and midwives
 - Desire for midwife accompaniment during cesareans



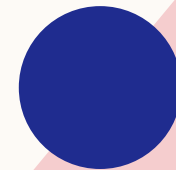
WHEN IT GOES WELL

Amazing! The obstetrician really respected my midwife's knowledge and let her be actively involved in helping me labor. They collaborated and explained things together for me. I was so impressed, pleased and grateful.

EXCITING NEWS!

AIM Community Birth Transfer
Resource Kit coming in 2024!

Silke Akerson and Wendy Smith are part
of the working group developing this kit





THANK YOU

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