



AMETHIST

April 2025 News & Updates

Announcements & Upcoming Events



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Policy Day

POSTPARTUM CARE: VITAL
OPPORTUNITIES TO
PROMOTE MATERNAL
HEALTH

SAVE THE DATE

MAY 13, 2025 FROM 12PM TO 5PM (EST) VIRTUAL EVENT

Policy Day: "Postpartum Care: Vital Opportunities to Promote Maternal Health"

The AMETHIST Policy Core will be hosting a Policy Day on "Postpartum Care: Vital Opportunities to Promote Maternal Health." **The event will take place virtually on May 13th from 12:00-5:00 pm EDT.** The goal of this event is to facilitate open discussions about postpartum care policies and research, encouraging collaboration and outlining actionable strategies to advance postpartum care. During the event, attendees will have the opportunity to engage with and learn from other IMPROVE investigators as well as policymakers, maternal health advocates, content experts, and journalists.

[Link to Register](#)

April 11-17th is Black Maternal Health Week!

Black Maternal Health Week aims to highlight the work being done to prevent pregnancy-related deaths and improve Black maternal health outcomes.

Read more about this week's activities [here](#).

There will be no virtual seminar held in May. The series will resume in June 2025.

Interested in writing an op-ed? Let us help!

The Op-Ed Writing Guide, available in the collaboration portal, breaks down op-ed writing into eight easy questions. After submitting the form, the AMETHIST Policy Core will schedule a feedback meeting with you to provide input on your responses and discuss any questions you may have. You can access the form [here](#).

Budget Outline for Speakers, Facilitators, and Consultants

The MIRACLE Center of Excellence has shared a resource on budgeting guidelines for speakers, facilitators, and consultants. This resource was created by their community partners, *Strong Beginnings Healthy Start* and the *Infant Health Action Team*.

[View the Resource Here](#)



ASCEND-WI Center of Excellence Design Consultation Testimonial

Dr. Jessica Olson, PhD | University of Wisconsin

"AMETHIST's guidance has been incredible in making implementation science accessible and helping our team integrate scalability into our work. Through the Implementation Science Institute, pilot funding, and webinars, we are learning to evaluate our work more effectively and explore growth opportunities. In addition, the AMETHIST team has helped us explore strategies to advocate for postpartum Medicaid extension and advance equity for community partners in federally funded grants. We are so grateful for their support!"

By spotlighting how our Centers have engaged with us, we hope to encourage others to schedule consultations with the AMETHIST Design Core.

**Resource Documents for Maternal Health
Implementation Science Research**

Our postdoctoral trainees have developed four resource documents to support the work of maternal health researchers within and beyond the AMETHIST network. Learn more at the links below:

[*Measuring Acceptability in a Maternal Health Equity Context*](#)

[*Incorporating Equity Frameworks into Maternal Health Implementation Research*](#)

[*Qualitative Methods in Maternal Health Implementation Science*](#)

[*Measuring Reach in Maternal Health Implementation Research*](#)

An update on our AMETHIST-IMPROVE Year 2 virtual site visits!

The AMETHIST@Penn Hub is excited to announce that we are nearing the end of our Year 2 site virtual site visits with the IMPROVE Centers of Excellence!



Thank you to all the Centers who have participated and shared updates on your research design and incorporation of implementation strategies, community engagement, policy and communication plans, and training opportunities!

Sites are encouraged to continue scheduling consultations with us by using the [Consult Request Form](#).

Share your Maternal Health Implementation Science Opportunities with Us!

Would you like to share current job postings or training events related to maternal health implementation science with us? Please email these opportunities to AMETHIST@penncare.upenn.edu to promote in our monthly newsletters!

Check out our library of resources or request a consult!

[**IMPROVE Collaboration Portal**](#)

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