

“Improving Community-Hospital Referral Systems for Obstetrical and Neonatal Care in Rural Guatemala Using Mhealth”



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Guatemala has some of the worst obstetrical and neonatal outcomes in Latin America, especially in rural areas populated by indigenous Maya. In these areas referral systems are fragile and distrust of facility-based care is very high. In this talk we will describe several years of work at Maya Health Alliance--a rural primary healthcare system in Guatemala-- to use mobile health technology to improve outcomes and rates of facility level care and to support lay midwives and other frontline healthworkers. This work is embedded within an institutional quality improvement framework, and therefore is also a useful case study for how quality improvement methods can be used effectively in low-resource settings.

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