

# National Institute on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NIMHD) MMM Updates

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# NIMHD MMM Program Updates

Portfolio analysis of NIMHD efforts in women's health revealed 1 R01 study (5R01MD007651) in MMM awarded in 2015 to Elizabeth A. Howell

- Mixed Methods Study of Hospital Quality and Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Severe Maternal Morbidity to Explore:
  - Processes of care, unit characteristics, organizational factors, and patient factors associated with high and low rates of severe maternal morbidity in hospitals
  - Patients' perspectives on barriers to receipt of high-quality care, including their decision-making regarding delivery hospital and perception of risk

## Sample Publications:

1. Howell, E, et al., Reducing Disparities in Severe Maternal Morbidity and Mortality, *Clinical Obstetrics and gynecology*, 2018, 61(2), 387-399
2. Howell, E, et al., Improving Hospital Quality to Reduce Disparities in Severe Maternal Morbidity and Mortality, *Semin Perinatol.* 2017; 41(5):266-272

# NIMHD MMM Future Research/Programs

- NIMHD is at the planning phase of activities and initiatives around health disparities and MMM
- The Health Information Technology (Health IT) FOA, *PAR-19-093*, published in November 2018 by NIMHD, is a potential funding stream for investigators interested in examining how to leverage health IT tools (Electronic Health Records, Clinical Decision Support tools, Patient Portals) to improve health outcomes for disparity populations disproportionately burdened by MMM.

PAR-19-093 (<https://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/pa-files/PAR-19-093.html>) receipt dates:

March 4, 2019, **October 28, 2019**, March 4, 2020, March 4, 2021