

# NEWSLETTER

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### Welcome to the CanOSS-Ontario Newsletter!

Here you will find:

- CanOSS team & study updates
- Funding information
- Publications & knowledge-mobilization activities

### What is CanOSS-Ontario?

The **Canadian Obstetric Survey System (CanOSS)** is a centralized system for gathering de-identified data on severe maternal morbidity (SMM) events that occur in hospital. The purpose of this system is to aggregate data, conduct confidential reviews, identify contributing systematic and contextual factors that contribute to SMM, and then to develop, implement and evaluate targeted recommendations aimed at reducing SMM. The aim of CanOSS is to go '*beyond the numbers*,' by complementing epidemiological data.

CanOSS-Ontario represents the provincial pilot of CanOSS, which will be developed with the input of healthcare professionals, leaders and administrators, and scientists, policy-makers, and persons with lived experience.

### Funding

#### Juravinski Research Institute Funding:

CanOSS-Ontario is a part of a \$1.9 million grant received to support projects that aim to reduce the incidence of SMM in Hamilton, Ontario and to improve the health outcomes of patients and families.

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Research  
Institute

### Other CanOSS News

**National Feasibility Study:** Our team has drafted manuscripts that report our qualitative and quantitative findings of professionals' views on the feasibility of implementing CanOSS. Thank you to all who participated!

### Developing CanOSS-ON

We have started the process of developing CanOSS-Ontario, with key partners like you. To this end, we have started a qualitative research study that includes interviewing professionals involved in SMM case review in Ontario. The purpose of this study is to learn about the current practices and existing systems of SMM case review. This knowledge will help us optimize and adapt existing systems into the development of CanOSS-Ontario.

The next steps will include meeting with professionals who are indirectly and directly involved in the care of pregnant persons in Ontario, to collaboratively develop CanOSS-Ontario.

### SAVE THE DATES

#### CanOSS-Ontario Planning Meeting

May 12-14, 2025

Hamilton, ON

Transportation, accommodations and meals will be provided  
**If you are interested in contributing to the development of CanOSS-Ontario, contact: [gehrke@mcmaster.ca](mailto:gehrke@mcmaster.ca)**

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