

## Kentucky Blue Band Project

The KyMMM (Kentucky Maternal Morbidity and Mortality) Task Force would like to announce the statewide launch of the **Kentucky Blue Band Project**.



The goal of the **Kentucky Blue Band Project** is to improve the process for recognition and treatment of severe hypertension (systolic BP  $\geq 160$  **OR** diastolic BP  $\geq 110$ ) during pregnancy and the postpartum period. Patients that are at risk for severe hypertension will be asked to wear a blue silicon wristband to help with rapid identification. Severe hypertension in pregnancy and postpartum has been linked to maternal morbidity and mortality. Timely treatment of severe hypertension helps to reduce the risk of stroke and eclampsia in this population.

The **Kentucky Blue Band Project** is now available at the following participating birthing hospitals in Kentucky: Baptist Health La Grange, Louisville, Richmond; Murray-Calloway County Hospital; Norton Women's and Children's; St. Elizabeth's Edgewood; and UK HealthCare Georgetown, Lexington.

**We need your help recognizing people identified at risk!**  
Treatment algorithms and protocols can be found at [www.KyPQC.org](http://www.KyPQC.org)

