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“The Secret to Safety, Sustainably and Significantly  
Reducing C-Section Rates”

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**Objectives:**

Upon completion, participants will be able to:

- Reveal cross-sectional and longitudinal research examining the relationship between certified nurse-midwife (CNM) attended birth rates and cesarean section rates among Massachusetts hospitals, and benchmark excellent maternity outcomes and processes.
- Discuss means of assessing and improving access to midwifery care.

# **The Secret to Safely, Significantly and Sustainably Reduce Cesarean Section Rates**

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- I. Introductions
- II. PowerPoint presentation
  - A. Massachusetts's Cesarean Section Rates and Hospital Variances
  - B. Review of study presented to ACNM annual meeting in May 2008, "Access to CNM's Reduces Cesarean Section Rates Among Massachusetts Hospitals"
  - C. Longitudinal Findings
  - D. Hospital Case Studies
  - E. Meeting Healthy People 2010 Cesarean Section Objectives – who and how?
- III. Discussion
  - A. Who cares about the cesarean section rate?
  - B. Who should care?
  - C. Increasing Access to Midwifery Care – Challenges and Opportunities
    - 1. Transparency
    - 2. Legislation
    - 3. Consumer Movement
    - 4. Institutions
- IV. Action Plan
  - A. What will *you* do to improve and increase access to midwifery care in Massachusetts?