

QUIPP Toolkit Manager Information

The QUIPP App

- Free to download on Apple and Android– search 'QUIPP'.
- We have found the majority of clinicians and hospital sites are happy using their personal mobile phones for the QUIPP App. Often clinicians share the use of the app with the woman and show her the result to facilitate shared decision-making.
- However, if a phone is not available or you would prefer staff to use a website version there is a website version available at: www.quipp.org
- You can speak to your local hospital IT to ensure that this website is not blocked from staff computers, and/or include it as an icon hyperlink on the main desktop computers.

Quantitative Fetal Fibronectin (qfFN)

- The QUIPP App requires quantitative fetal fibronectin (qfFN) and/or cervical length measurement to be inputted.
- Your local unit may have clinicians who are skilled in undertaking cervical length measurements via transvaginal ultrasound. However in the emergency “threatened preterm labour” setting, this expertise is not always available and are aware that training staff to perform cervical length scanning is time-consuming.
- Using qfFN is easy and requires minimal training. Anybody who is competent in undertaking a speculum examination can competently take a fetal fibronectin sample.
- Other units have local guidance in place allowing midwives to undertake speculums and qfFN samples on women who present preterm. Such a practice can minimise a patient’s duration of stay in a maternity assessment unit, as waiting for a doctor’s review may not be necessary for all patients.
- The qfFN swabs themselves are free of charge, and the cost is at the point of analysis. This is an important consideration as the swab needs to be taken before any other potential manipulation of the cervix (e.g. a cervical length scan or a ruptured membranes test), but if other tests yield significant information for a decision, the qfFN swab need not be analysed.
- If you do not currently use qfFN and would like to, please speak to:

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Jenny will be able to discuss business plans and different options for you moving forward. This currently could include utilising NHS COVID-19 funding for qfFN at your unit.

Alongside the toolkit, if you require more help in getting the QUIPP App implemented at your unit please email quippapp@gmail.com where we will be able to offer Zoom/webinar training if required.

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