

QUIPP Toolkit Manager Information

For women in threatened preterm labour

Version 2



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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.
- Consideration will need to be given as to how you want clinicians to document the QUIPP App risk at your hospital unit. More information on this can be found under the appropriate question in the FAQs.
- We welcome you to use (and upload if undertaking online training) the QUIPP Toolkit PowerPoint presentations, alongside anything else you feel is useful. We are aware some hospital sites require written confirmation when using these documents. Please take this as written confirmation that we are happy for you to use any element of the QUIPP Toolkit, and to use the **QUIPP App Toolkit Group©** where appropriate.

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 we 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.

Alongside the toolkit, if you require any additional help or have any questions about getting the QUIPP App implemented at your unit please email quippapp@gmail.com