



Date: March 02, 2026

To: Susan Guttentag

Title: Tennessee Tiniest Babies: The Prevention of Hospital Acquired Infections  
The Tennessee Initiative for Perinatal Quality Care Quality Inter-Institutional Improvement Project:

Review Outcome: Quality Improvement

The Tennessee Department of Health Institutional Review Board (IRB) reviewed and approved the submission referenced above, in accordance with federal regulations and policies.

It meets the definition of Quality Improvement as defined by federal regulations. All unanticipated event(s) must be reported to this office within five (5) business days. Any breach of confidentiality with personal identifiable information or protected health information must be reported to this office within twenty-four (24) hours of awareness.

The following items have been reviewed, and this determination applies only to those activities described in these components. approved in this submission.

If changes will be made to these activities which may alter this determination, please provide an amendment for review. No proposed changes may be initiated until the review is complete.

If you have any questions, please contact the TDH IRB at [TDH-IRB.Health@tn.gov](mailto:TDH-IRB.Health@tn.gov). Please include the project title and iMedRIS ID reference number in all correspondence.

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