

# Maternity Tracker

## *Tracking and Coordinating Maternity Care*

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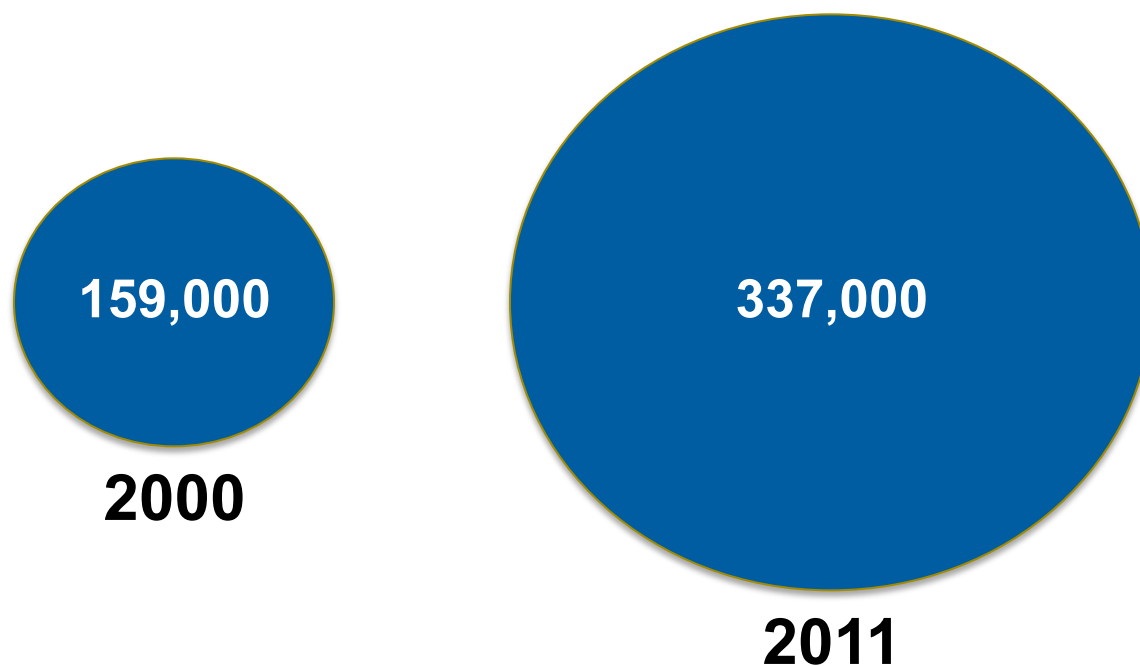
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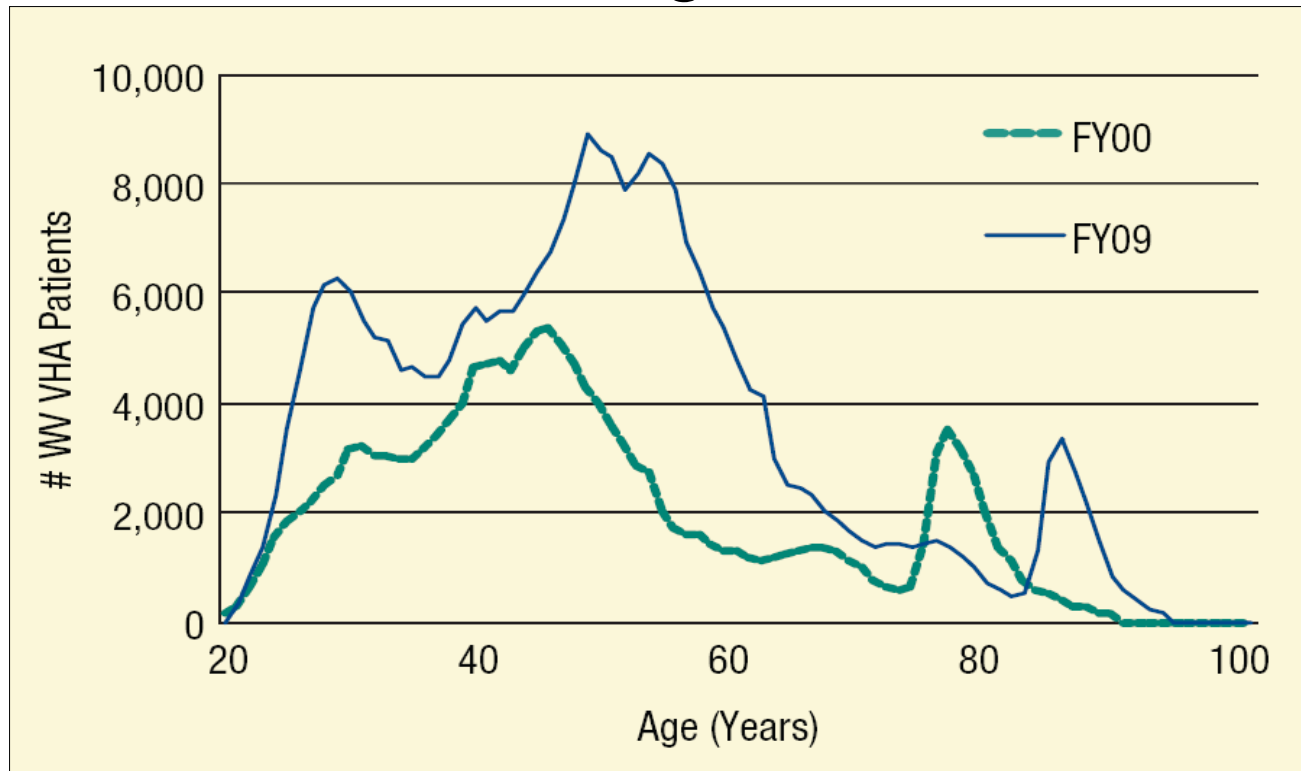
## Increasing Number of Women Veterans

Since 2000, the number of women Veterans seeking VA health care services has more than **doubled**.





## Women Veterans Using VHA



# The Changing Face of VA



- Young Women
- Frequent Visits
- Service-Connected
- Disabilities
- Maternity Care
- Working Women
- Mental Health Needs

# VA Maternity and Newborn Benefits

- Maternity Care
  - Part of benefits package for women Veterans since 1996
- Newborn Care
  - The Caregivers and Veteran Omnibus Health Service Act - May 5, 2010, Section 206
  - Post delivery newborn care for first seven days of life to newborns delivered by women Veterans who receive maternity care benefits through VA



# Transforming Reproductive Healthcare: Ensuring Safe, Quality Maternity Care

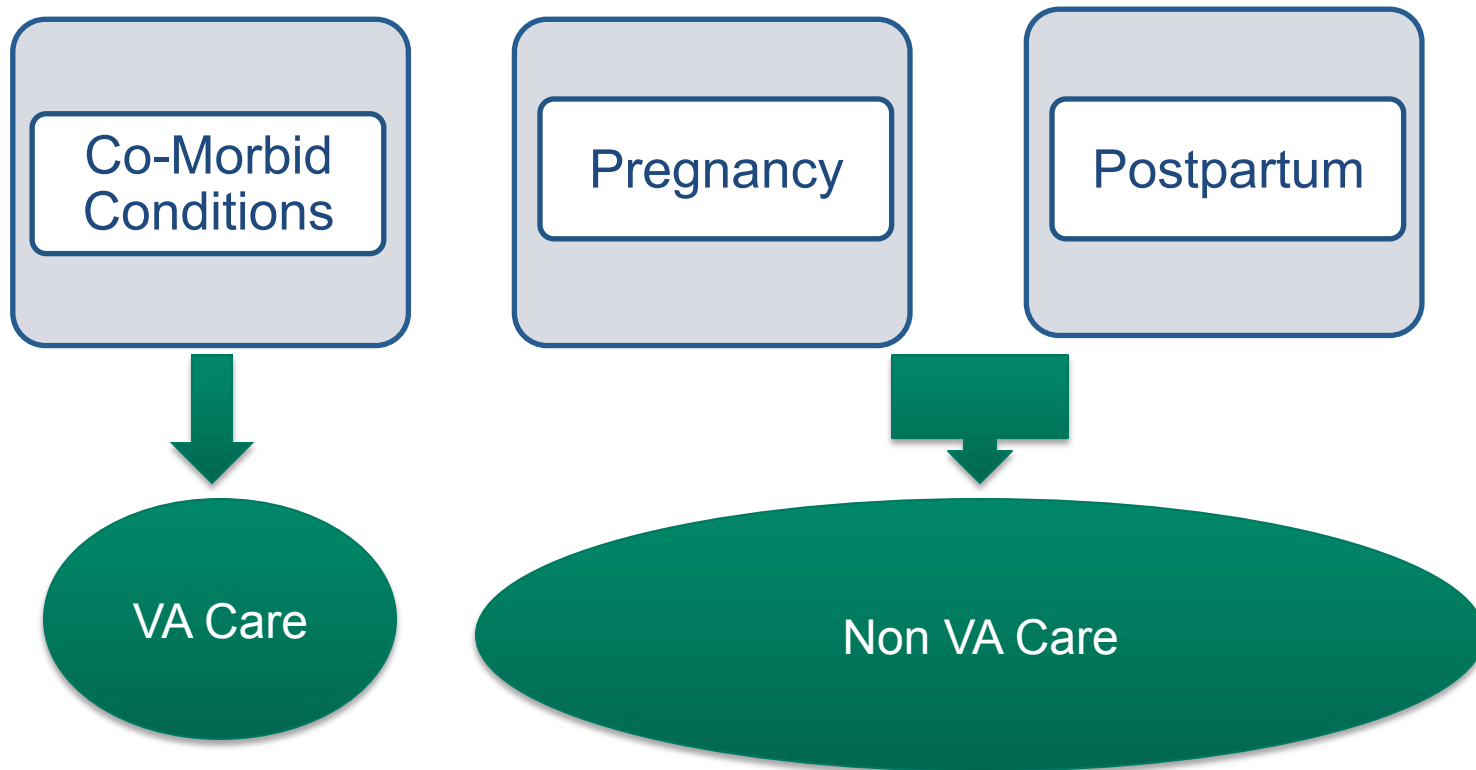
- Growing need for maternity care with growth of women Veterans younger than 45 years of age (childbearing age)
- Most maternity care is provided by non-VA providers in non-VA facilities
- During pregnancy, women Veterans may require care at the VA for non-pregnancy related health conditions (e.g. depression, chronic pain, etc.)
- Care coordination is critical for ensuring quality care
- Tracking all maternity and newborn care outcomes is essential for a high performing system

# Our Goal

- Seamless, effective coordination across settings to ensure high quality maternity care
  - Develop VA-wide tool to allow real-time coordination and tracking of maternity care during pregnancy
  - Develop a searchable database of maternity and newborn care outcomes
- Coordinate care to best meet the needs of Veteran mothers and their newborns through
  - Communication
  - Coordinated care management plans
  - Coordinated provider responsibilities



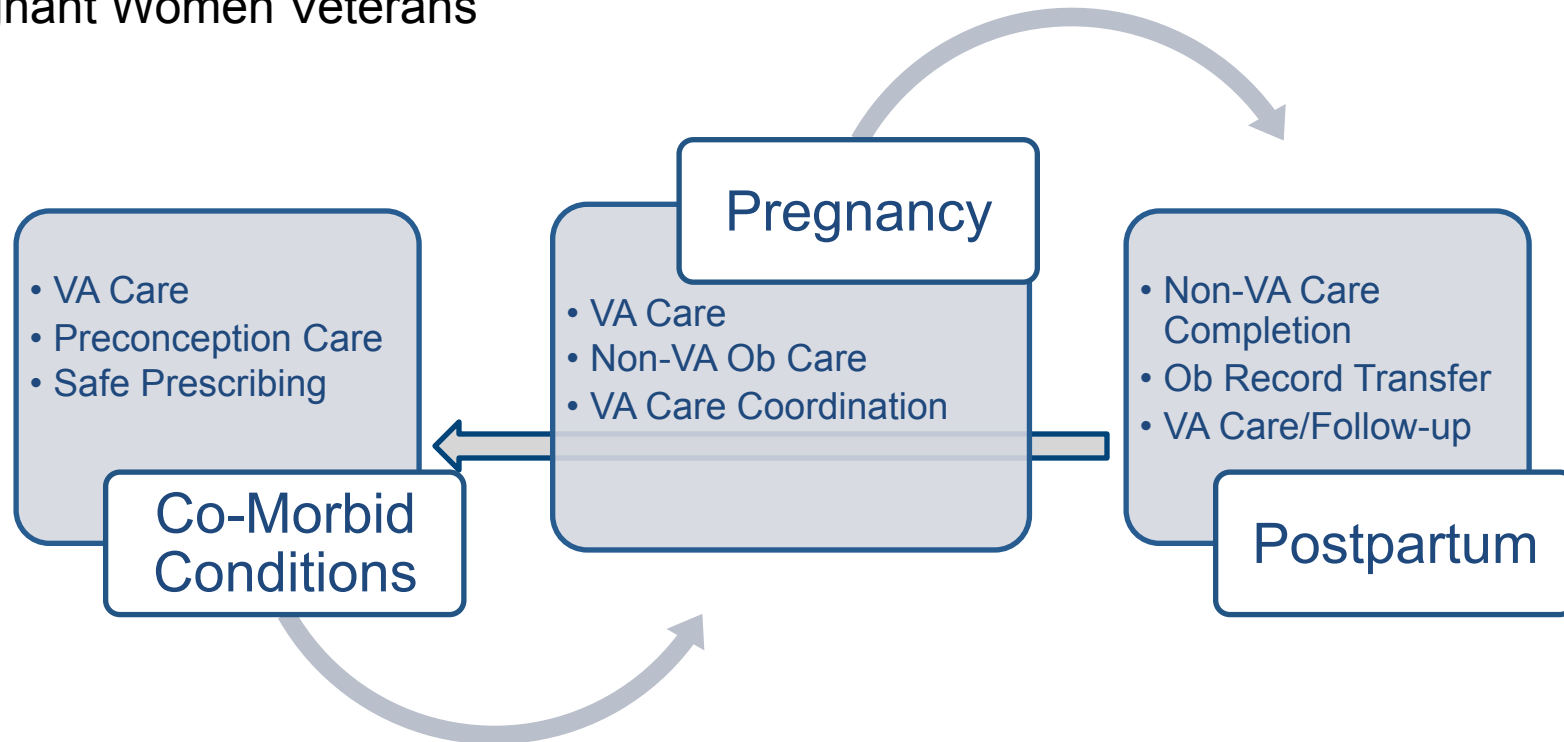
## Multiple Transitions of Care for Pregnant Women Veterans

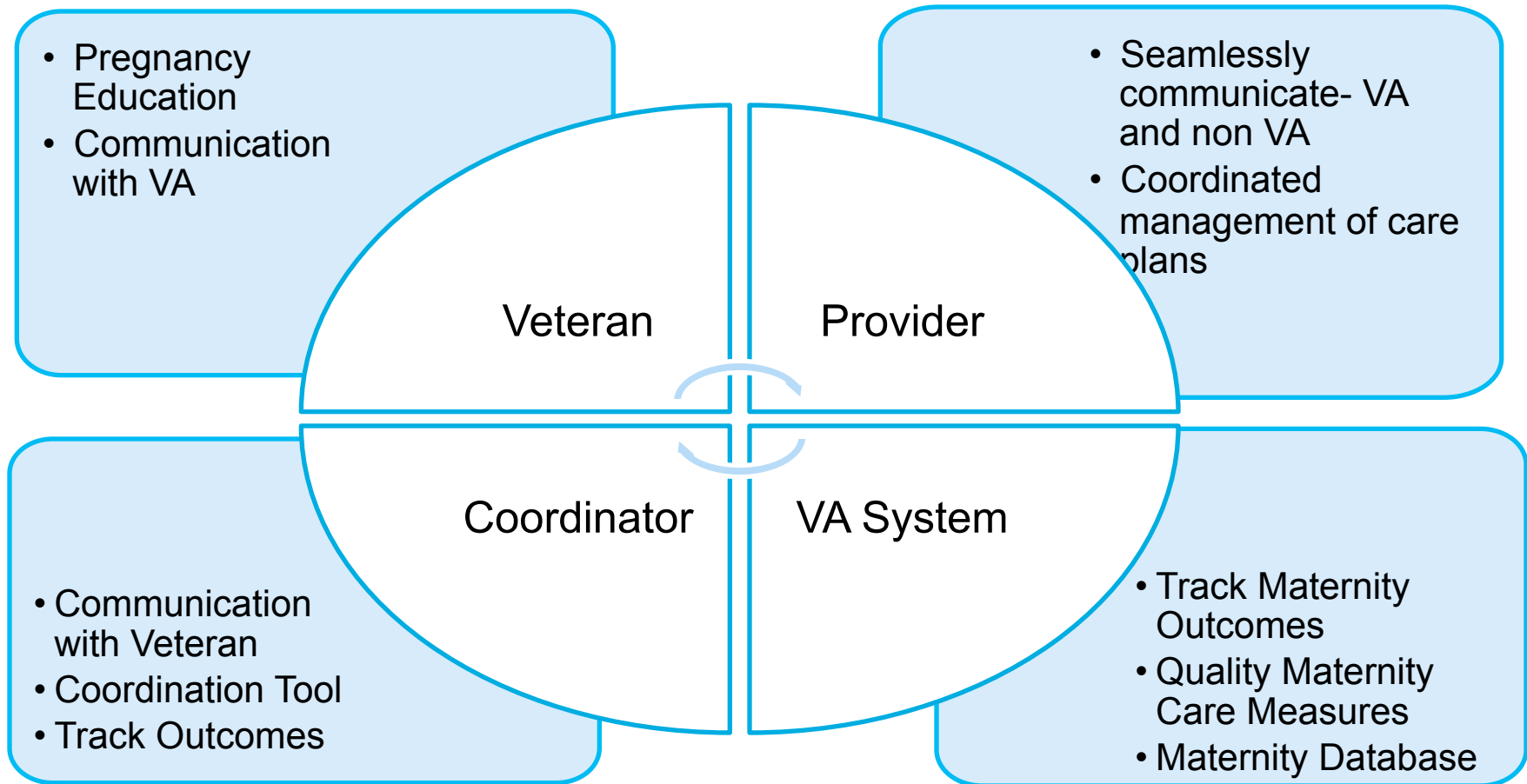




# Maternity Care Tracking Tool

- Innovative Tool to Track Maternity Outcomes & Facilitate Care Coordination in Pregnant Women Veterans







## Facilitate Quality Care at Every Level

### Veteran

- Seamless coordination, communication (i.e. order prescriptions, VA appointments)
- Postpartum reintegration into VA
- Consideration of health history, values and wishes, plan of care, medications, and evolving needs are communicated seamlessly across systems



## Facilitate Quality Care at Every Level

### Coordinator

- Seamless VA and non-VA coordination
- Automated reminders to call Veteran every trimester
- Facilitate postpartum reintegration back into VA
- Real time access to maternity records
- Searchable database for tracking active maternity patients

## Facilitate Quality Care at Every Level

### Provider

- VA Provider has real-time access to maternity information
- Non-VA Provider seamlessly communicates with VA providers
- Coordinated care management plans/ tools

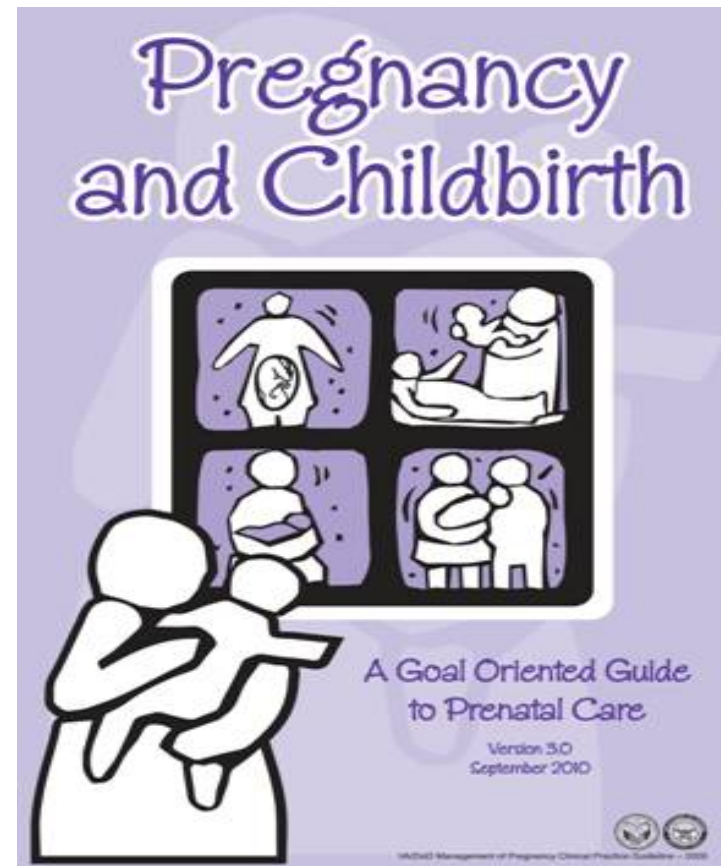
## Facilitate Quality Care at Every Level

### VA System

- Veteran registered automatically in tracker and coordinator notified
- Quality outcomes reported and tracked
- Information is shared through electronic health records and other interoperable data systems
- Maternity Care/Newborn Care searchable within VSSC

# Available Veteran/Provider Tools

- Goal Oriented Guide to Pregnancy and Childbirth
- Pregnancy Passport
- Other VA and non-VA tools



# Available Provider /System Tools

- VA/DoD Clinical Practice Guideline
- American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) Antepartum Record
- Non-VA Maternity Referral Template





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## Why Important?

- Ensure delivery of quality Maternity Care to Women Veterans
- Develop VA-wide tool to coordinate maternity care
- Develop a searchable database of maternity care outcomes
- Support pending VA Policy
  - 1330.03 (In concurrence) : Maternity Health Care and Coordination Handbook will establish procedures for providing and coordinating maternity care for pregnant women Veterans enrolled in the VA health care system.

## The Ultimate System

Can we create a high performing system for pregnant women Veterans with

- Seamless transitions of care
  - From pregnancy to childbirth to postpartum care
  - Between VA and non-VA settings
  - Between VA and non-VA providers of care
- Seamless exchange of information between the Veteran, non-VA maternity provider, VA- provider and VA- coordinator during pregnancy
  - Real-time tracking of maternity and newborn care outcomes