Outline* of the Kotelchuck Adequacy of Prenatal Care Utilization Index:

I. Month prenatal care began (Adequacy of Initiation of Prenatal Care)
   
   Adequate Plus: 1st through 4th month
   Adequate: 1st through 4th month
   Intermediate: 1st through 4th month
   Inadequate: 5th month or later or no prenatal care

II. Proportion of the number of visits recommended by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists received from the time prenatal care began until the time of delivery (Adequacy of Received Services)

   Adequate Plus: 110% or more
   Adequate: 80-109%
   Intermediate: 50-79%
   Inadequate: less than 50%

III. Summary of Adequacy of Prenatal Care Utilization Index

   Adequate Plus: prenatal care began by the end of the 4th month and 110% or more recommended visits received
   Adequate: prenatal care began by the end of the 4th month and 80-109% or more recommended visits received
   Intermediate: prenatal care began by the end of the 4th month and 50-79% or more recommended visits received
   Inadequate: prenatal care began after the 4th month or less than 50% or more recommended visits received

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