



STATEMENTS AND GUIDELINES

+ Preparing for Clinical Emergencies in Obstetrics and Gynecology

ACOG Committee Opinion Number 590, March 2014; reaffirmed 2016

Advance preparation and standard protocols addressing emergency situations can help reduce the number of those emergencies or lessen their severity.

<https://www.acog.org/Clinical-Guidance-and-Publications/Committee-Opinions/Committee-on-Patient-Safety-and-Quality-Improvement/Preparing-for-Clinical-Emergencies-in-Obstetrics-and-Gynecology>

+ Disclosure and Discussion of Adverse Events

ACOG Committee Opinion Number 681, December 2016

Health care facilities should establish a blame-free culture and a responsive process to help all those involved in an adverse event, including the health-care providers, or “second victims.”

<https://www.acog.org/Clinical-Guidance-and-Publications/Committee-Opinions/Committee-on-Patient-Safety-and-Quality-Improvement/Disclosure-and-Discussion-of-Adverse-Events>

JOURNAL ARTICLES AND REFERENCES

+ How to Cope with the Death of a Patient

The Association for Academic Surgery provides suggestions and guidelines for providers who are dealing with the death of a patient.

<http://www.aasurg.org/blog/how-to-cope-with-the-death-of-a-patient/>

+ “It was haunting...” Physicians descriptions of emotionally powerful patient deaths.

A research report from the Journal of the Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) about the emotional experiences of physicians who care for dying patients. Includes reports of senior and attending physicians who dealt with sudden, unexpected patient loss, including maternal death.

https://journals.lww.com/academicmedicine/Fulltext/2005/07000/It_was_haunting____Physicians_Descriptions_of.7.aspx

CARDIOVASCULAR STATEMENTS AND GUIDELINES

+ Cardiac Arrest in Pregnancy - A Scientific Statement from the American Heart Association

This updated statement from the AHA provides up-to-date and comprehensive information, guidelines, and recommendations for all aspects of maternal resuscitation.

<http://www.contemporaryobgyn.net/cardiac-arrest-pregnancy>

INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES

+ Haiti’s maternal health crisis

Mimi International (Modification In Mother-Baby Mortality Statistics Initiative) is a community-powered nonprofit organization that provides training and pregnancy care to women in remote, rural areas of the developing world via mobile technology, resulting in a dramatic reduction in the number of maternal deaths.

<https://intpolicydigest.org/2018/03/03/haiti-s-maternal-health-crisis/?platform=hootsuite>

MASS MEDIA UPDATES

+ Miriam Zoila Pérez: How Does Racism Effect Pregnant Women and Babies

In a recent TED Talk, activist and doula Miriam Zoila Pérez, explains that racism and discrimination can have a detrimental effect on health - both in the mother and her fetus.

 <https://www.npr.org/2018/03/16/593870089/miriam-zoila-p-rez-how-does-racism-affect-pregnant-women-and-babies> Affect Pregnant Women and Babies?

+ Many Women Come Close to Death in Childbirth

NPR and ProPublica have reported American mothers die in childbirth at a higher rate than mothers in all other developed countries. And for every woman who dies, 70 others reach the brink of death.

https://www.npr.org/2018/03/11/592272083/many-women-come-close-to-death-in-childbirth?utm_campaign=storyshare&utm_source=twitter.com&utm_medium=social

+ Black mothers keep dying after giving birth. Shalon Irving’s story explains why

Dr. Irving, a former epidemiologist at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, was researching how childhood experiences affect health later on. Then 3 weeks after giving birth, she collapsed and died from complications of high blood pressure.

 <https://www.npr.org/2017/12/07/568948782/black-mothers-keep-dying-after-giving-birth-shalon-irvings-story-explains-why>