

Maternal Deaths: Prevailing Causes and Prevention

Objectives

- Discuss the statistics, demographics and epidemiology of maternal mortality in the US
- Review definitions used to categorize maternal mortality and its effects on accuracy/estimation of frequency and prevalence
- Describe the major causes of maternal mortality and the populations who are at greater risk
- Summarize clinical and other strategies that can prevent maternal mortality and contrast the major causes of maternal mortality and how they are treated

Content Outline

1. Estimating the Frequency and Prevalence of Maternal Mortality
 - A. Definitions
 - B. Data collection
 - C. Epidemiology
 - D. Demographics
2. Prevention of Maternal Mortality
 - A. Identification of risk populations
 - B. Clinical interventions
 - C. Development of prevention strategies and tools
3. Major Conditions that Cause Maternal Mortality
 - A. Obstetric hemorrhage
 - B. Hypertension/Preeclampsia/HELLP syndrome
 - C. Amniotic fluid embolism
 - D. Sepsis
 - E. Cardiac disease
 - F. Venous thromboembolism
 - G. Suicide and homicide

Reading Material Resources

Module WB2539: Maternal Deaths: Prevailing Causes and Prevention is based on the resource listed below. A copy of the resource is included with the module.

Chapter 47 Maternal Mortality, Creasy and Resnik's Maternal Fetal Medicine, Lockwood, Elsevier, 2023, 867-878