



Trends in Maternal Mortality, Socio-Economic Status, Rights and Responsibilities to Reduce Maternal Deaths

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Maternal Mortality

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), the leading cause of maternal deaths is:

Severe bleeding (hemorrhage)

Infection

Birth complications, such as eclampsia and obstructed labor

Complications from unsafe abortion

Unsafe abortion

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In the United States, CDC reports that the leading cause of maternal deaths is hemorrhage. WHO calls for a global effort to reduce maternal deaths. In the United States, according to CDC, the

Introduction

Maternal mortality is a global health challenge that has persisted for decades. It is a leading cause of death for women of reproductive age, and it is a preventable tragedy. The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that approximately 830,000 women die each year from complications during pregnancy and childbirth [1].

In many low-income countries, maternal mortality remains high due to a combination of factors, including limited access to quality reproductive health services, poor nutrition, and lack of education [2]. In high-income countries, maternal mortality has declined significantly, but disparities remain, particularly for women of color and those with limited access to care [3].

1. Access to quality reproductive health services is a key factor in reducing maternal mortality. This includes access to family planning, prenatal care, skilled birth attendants, and emergency obstetric and neonatal care [4].

2. Improving the nutritional status of women and children is another important strategy for reducing maternal mortality. Malnutrition is a major risk factor for complications during pregnancy and childbirth [5].

3. Increasing the education level of women is also a key strategy for reducing maternal mortality. Educated women are more likely to use reproductive health services and to have better health outcomes for themselves and their children [6].

4. Gender equality is a fundamental principle for reducing maternal mortality. Women's empowerment and participation in decision-making are essential for improving their health and the health of their families [7].

5. Addressing the social determinants of health, such as poverty, inequality, and discrimination, is also essential for reducing maternal mortality. These factors can limit access to quality health services and increase the risk of complications during pregnancy and childbirth [8].

6. Improving the quality of reproductive health services is another key strategy for reducing maternal mortality. This includes ensuring that services are accessible, affordable, and of high quality [9].

7. Promoting healthy behaviors, such as regular prenatal care, a healthy diet, and avoiding tobacco and alcohol, is also important for reducing maternal mortality. These behaviors can help prevent complications during pregnancy and childbirth [10].

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