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.

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.”

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.

“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

INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES

Haiti’s maternal health crisis
Mimsi 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.

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.

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.

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