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AWHONN represents the interests of 350,000 nurses working in women's health, obstetric, and neonatal nursing across the United States.



U.S. ranks 49th out of 184 countries for maternal deaths and is one of eight countries where rates are on the rise.

Citation: Kassebaum, N., Bertozzi-Villa, A., Heuton, K., Steiner, C., Shackelford, K. A., & Coggeshall, M. S. (2014). Global, regional, and national levels and causes of maternal mortality during 1990–2013. *The Lancet*, 381(9947). <https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736%2814%2960696-6/fulltext>



Black women are three to four times as likely to die from pregnancy-related causes as white women.

Citation: CDC. (2020). Pregnancy Mortality Surveillance System. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. www.cdc.gov/reproductivehealth/maternalinfanthealth/pmss.html



In 2017, almost 150,000 babies were born to women living in maternity care deserts.

Citation: March of Dimes. (2020). Maternity Care Deserts Report. www.marchofdimes.org/research/maternity-care-deserts-report.aspx#:~:text=In%202017%2C%20almost%20150%2C000%20babies.with%20access%20to%20maternity%20care



Over 13% of nurses in the U.S. are physically assaulted per year.

Citation: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2021, August 11). Occupational violence - fast facts. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Retrieved February 23, 2022, from <https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/violence/fastfacts.html>

MEMBERSHIP

to enhance growth of Nebraska's AWHONN population

WELCOME to NEW MEMBERS!

*Meghan Dykeman
Kristine Patak
Tami DeBonis
Abby Ewing*

Nebraska Members: **163 strong**

LEGISLATIVE

local & national advocacy



- Recommendations to the Nebraska Legislative Severe Maternal Morbidity on the feasibility of conducting local SMM reviews and options for compiling statewide SMM results. Passed on final reading June 1st and approved by Governor on June 6th. MMRC will have the authority to review SMM.
- LB 75 was ultimately included in LB 227, which changed public health and welfare provisions. It also includes the postpartum extension of Medicaid coverage. Passed on final reading on June 1st and was approved by the Governor on June 6th.
- Senator Day has introduced interim study LR 154 to examine NE's maternity care deserts. A hearing has been set for October 25th.

EDUCATION

to strengthen expertise

Offerings

Nebraska Perinatal Quality Improvement Collaborative (NPQIC) Annual Conference in Omaha at UNO

September 29, 7:45-4:45

[Click here to see agenda and register!](#)

Nebraska's Annual AWHONN Conference in Omaha at Scott Conference Center

October 27, 8-4

[Click here to see agenda and register!](#)

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR 2024 NEBRASKA ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN LINCOLN ON SEPTEMBER 12 & 13

See other learning opportunities from AWHONN [HERE](#)

HAVE YOU HEARD OF PSI?

Postpartum Support International (PSI) is the world's leading non-profit organization dedicated to helping those suffering from perinatal mood disorders, the most common complication of childbirth.

Their mission is to increase awareness, education, prevention, and treatment of perinatal mental health issues affecting individuals, their families, and support systems in all areas of Nebraska.

Their vision is that all pregnant and postpartum individuals and their families, including those from underserved communities, will have access to perinatal support, mental health/healthcare providers, education, and resources to improve overall well-being through advocacy, training, and increased awareness of perinatal mental health.



POSTPARTUM SUPPORT
INTERNATIONAL

For Moms, Partners & Families



Find a Trained Provider

Visit the PSI online directory to find qualified perinatal mental health professionals in your area.



Call or Text our HelpLine 1-800-944-4773 (4PPD)

#1 En Español or #2 English; Text in English: 800-944-4773; Text en Español: 971-203-7773



National Maternal Mental Health Hotline

Call or Text 1-833-943-5746 (English and Spanish) - 24/7, Free, Confidential Hotline for Pregnant and New Moms. Interpreter Services are available in 60 languages. (US Only)



Find a PSI Volunteer

Fill out this form to connect with a local PSI volunteer near you.



PSI Help Resources

PSI offers online support groups, chat with an expert, a peer mentor program and more.

[Click here to access above resources](#)

WITH FDA APPROVAL FOR TWO VACCINES, MONOCLONAL ANTIBODY THERAPY, TOOLS ARRIVE FOR PREVENTING SEVERE RSV INFECTIONS

THE NEW YORK TIMES (8/21, SMITH) REPORTED THAT "THERE ARE FINALLY TOOLS AVAILABLE TO PREVENT SEVERE" R.S.V. "INFECTIONS IN BOTH INFANTS AND OLDER ADULTS." THE US FDA IN MAY "APPROVED TWO VACCINES FOR ADULTS 60 AND UP, AND IN JULY IT APPROVED A MONOCLONAL ANTIBODY THERAPY TO PROTECT INFANTS AND TODDLERS WHO ARE AT HIGH RISK FOR SEVERE DISEASE." ACCORDING TO THE TIMES, "THE TWO ADULT VACCINES, WHICH WERE CREATED BY PFIZER AND GSK, ARE VERY SIMILAR, BOTH IN TERMS OF HOW WELL THEY PROTECT AGAINST SYMPTOMATIC R.S.V. INFECTION AND IN THEIR SIDE EFFECTS. ... IN CLINICAL TRIALS, THE PFIZER VACCINE, CALLED ABRYVO, WAS 89 PERCENT EFFECTIVE AT PREVENTING LOWER RESPIRATORY SYMPTOMS (SUCH AS COUGH, SHORTNESS OF BREATH OR WHEEZING) IN THE FIRST R.S.V. SEASON AFTER VACCINATION, WHILE THE GSK VACCINE, CALLED AREXVY, WAS 83 PERCENT EFFECTIVE."



SURVEY FINDS CLEAR DISPARITIES IN MISTREATMENT DURING MATERNITY CARE TWENTY PERCENT OF THOSE SURVEYED REPORTED EXPERIENCES OF MISTREATMENT DURING MATERNITY CARE. THIRTY PERCENT OF BLACK, 29% OF HISPANIC, AND 27% OF MULTIRACIAL WOMEN REPORTED MISTREATMENT.

THE MOST COMMON TYPES OF MISTREATMENT REPORTED WERE:

- RECEIVING NO RESPONSE TO REQUESTS FOR HELP.
- BEING SHOUTED AT OR SCOLDED.
- NOT HAVING THEIR PHYSICAL PRIVACY PROTECTED.
- BEING THREATENED WITH WITHHOLDING TREATMENT OR MADE TO ACCEPT UNWANTED TREATMENT.

RESPECTFUL MATERNITY CARE:

- MAINTAINS DIGNITY, PRIVACY, AND CONFIDENTIALITY,
- ENSURES FREEDOM FROM HARM AND MISTREATMENT, AND
- ALLOWS FOR SHARED DECISION-MAKING AND CONTINUOUS SUPPORT DURING LABOR AND CHILDBIRTH.

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