

WISCONSIN MATERNAL MORTALITY REVIEW TEAM (MMRT)

July 2023 Meeting Summary

Cases Reviewed: 10

Preventability: 90% preventable

Pregnancy-Relatedness: 20% pregnancy-related

Causes of Death*: Embolism and cardiovascular disease

MMRT Recommendations*:

(#) = number of cases

For Providers:

- First responders should follow Advanced Cardiac Life Support protocol, including tPA administration when indicated. (1)
- Primary care and obstetric providers should conduct comprehensive metabolic screening and cardiac risk assessment for people with a history of preeclampsia in order to address issues within the interconception period. (1)
- Providers should refer patients with high risk pregnancies to primary care for wraparound services for care coordination to help with appointments, medication and navigating systems for continued care. (1)
- Healthcare providers who see patients who are pregnant, recently pregnant (including those who are lactating), who are trying to get pregnant now, or who might become pregnant in the future, should review patients' COVID-19 vaccination status at each pre- and post-natal visit and encourage COVID-19 vaccination for those who are unvaccinated, including confronting misinformation with evidence-based messaging from credible sources. (1)

For Facilities:

- Emergency departments should implement systems to ensure notification of primary care providers to notify them of visit. (1)

For Systems:

- Health care systems should require audits of medical records with a health equity lens to ensure providers are not perpetuating bias. (1)

* Pregnancy-related only

MMRT Recommendations Continued:

- Hospital systems and public health organizations should follow Black Mamas Matter Alliance recommendations related to combating longterm impacts of stress/racism over a lifetime for Black women. (1)
- Public health, hospitals, and community-based organizations should create wellness programs to help prevent and manage chronic disease and conditions outside of pregnancy. (1)

For Communities:

- Communities, providers, and health systems should provide information on maternal early warning signs using the Hear Her campaign materials. (1)
- Community leaders should develop plans to prevent and reduce community violence, and the plans should use local data, include young people with lived experience in the process, and address social, economic, structural, and physical conditions that contribute to violence. (1)

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