

# WISCONSIN MATERNAL MORTALITY REVIEW TEAM (MMRT)

## January 2026 Meeting Summary

**Cases Reviewed:** 9

**Preventability:** 100%

**Pregnancy-Relatedness:** 33%

**Causes of Death\*:** Infection, embolism - thrombotic (non-cerebral), and injury

**MMRT Recommendations\*:**

(#) = number of cases

### **For Providers:**

- All maternity care providers should educate patients and family members on warning signs of venous thromboembolism throughout prenatal and postpartum course. (1)
- Obstetric care providers should have an ongoing risk and benefit discussion about external cephalic version with patients in order to prevent the primary cesarean delivery and subsequent risks. (1)
- Anyone that provides maternity care should have reliable access to and regularly review checklists and patient safety bundles around hypertension management in pregnancy and postpartum. (1)

### **For Systems:**

- State and county health should provide education opportunities for all birth attendants (traditional and not) on warning signs and symptoms in pregnancy and in the postpartum period. (1)
- Team members of the Rural Health Transformation program should meet with Plain communities statewide to determine if there are community-desired interventions to improve access to EMS and emergency care. (1)
- Wisconsin Department of Health Services should provide resources for CPR training to Plain communities, starting in early education and on-the-job training. (1)

\* Pregnancy-related only

## **MMRT Recommendations Continued:**

- Hospitals and clinics should arrange home health care for patients with multiple medical comorbid conditions following birth, especially in the first 7 to 14 days postpartum. (1)
- Hospitals should provide continuing education to all care providers, including providers and nurses, on providing sensitive care and postoperative instruction for patients in larger bodies. (1)
- Hospitals should monitor patients at high risk for adverse outcomes from hypertension until adequately treated or with close outpatient follow-up immediately upon discharge. (1)
- Both US congress and Wisconsin state government should enact gun reform to reduce gun violence related deaths. (1)
- State and federal governments should limit access to firearms when a person has been a perpetrator of intimate partner violence. (1)

## **For Communities:**

- Communities should support conflict resolution trainings and increased funding for programs to help families address interpersonal conflicts. (1)
- Schools should provide curriculum addressing violence prevention alongside counseling and health classes throughout childhood education. This should include healing from adverse childhood experiences. (1)