

Scientific Liaison Coalition (SLC)



A recording is now available of the recent Scientific Liaison Coalition-hosted webinar titled [Maternal Morbidity and Mortality: A Primer on the Problem and What We Can Do About It](#). This webinar explores the problem of maternal mortality globally, the risk factors contributing to maternal morbidity and mortality, and what can be done to reduce maternal mortality both in industrialized and in developing nations.

The webinar features presenters Suzan Carmichael, PhD, Professor of Pediatrics at Stanford School of Medicine, and Emma Roberts, MPH, Maternal Fetal Medicine Clinic, Hartford Hospital, and is moderated by Sonja A. Rasmussen, MD, MS, University of Florida College of Medicine.

Abstract: Despite the US spending more money per capita on maternity care than any other country in the world, maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity have increased substantially in recent decades. Furthermore, racial-ethnic disparities are strong for these outcomes; they are two to four times higher among black women than non-Hispanic white women. Maternal mortality is the death of a woman due to pregnancy or post-delivery complications; severe maternal morbidity encompasses a variety of conditions and procedures that identify women at highest risk of maternal mortality. Ms. Roberts will further define these outcomes and explain how they are assessed, and she will describe their prevalence, recent trends, common causes, and disparities. Dr. Carmichael will then discuss what are the potential causes of these outcomes, including their increasing prevalence and disparities. She will discuss a range of factors, including maternal sociodemographic characteristics, co-morbidities, and care. She will close with a discussion of efforts that are being made to prevent these unfortunate outcomes, including research endeavors, legislative efforts, and innovative approaches to care.

Interested in learning more about this topic? The Teratology Society 59th Annual Meeting taking place June 22-26, 2019, in San Diego, will feature a half-day symposium on maternal mortality and morbidity. For more information, visit www.teratology.org/meetings/2019.

About the Scientific Liaison Coalition

The mission of the Scientific Liaison Coalition (SLC) is is "improving the ability of societies to partner with other domestic and international organizations with the goal of advancing science to improve human and environmental health" by efforts to:

- Strengthen partnerships among health science organizations to increase awareness of toxicology and related sciences on human health.
- Enhance cooperation among societies with the goal of accomplishing tasks benefiting human health and disease prevention through joint and shared activities.

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