

Useful websites

As IFIC's Special Interest Group on safe childbirth gears up to improve the safety of perinatal services, it will be important to understand the work of partners already underway.

Here is a list of more action oriented resources, in order to link the current global strategies to ICP community practitioners. Infection Control staff are recommended to seek out the partners working on these initiatives in their country to explore how they can work together.

UNICEF's State of the World's Children report on maternal and newborn health

(<http://www.unicef.org/sowc09/docs/SOWC09-FullReport-EN.pdf>), compiled a list of key partnerships for maternal and newborn health. A theme across partnerships is the need to join work underway in addressing the Millennium Development Goals 4 and 5 on improving maternal and child health. IFIC members interesting in strengthening efforts to prevent perinatal deaths are invited to review the lessons learned and future directions discussed in the online resources of these partners.

Congress of Gynecologists and Obstetricians. October 2009 statement on their role in enhancing maternal and neonatal child health. They have work underway to review essential procedures and include more participation from health care workers.

http://www.who.int/pmnch/events/2009/20091007_fbustreo_figo.pdf

JHPIEGO's Maternal and Child Health

(www.jhpiego.org/scripts/pubs/category_detail.asp?category_id=24)

Saving Newborn Lives is a Save the Children project to improve newborn survival in high-mortality countries. Since its launch in 2000, the initiative has reached more than 20 million mothers and babies with critical health services in 18 countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America. <http://www.savethechildren.org>

The direct website for **WHO Making pregnancy safer**

(http://www.who.int/making_pregnancy_safer/documents/en)

The Initiative for Maternal Mortality Programme Assessment (IMMPACT) is a global research initiative whose aim is to promote better health for mothers-to-be in developing countries. By carrying out studies of different strategies, and judging their effectiveness and the value for money they represent, IMMPACT aims to improve measurement and the supporting evidence that will help in the assessment of each strategy's potential. <http://www.immpact-international.org>

The Partnership for Maternal, Newborn and Child health The Partnership is a global health partnership launched in September 2005 and joins the maternal, newborn and child health (MNCH) communities into an alliance of some 300 members to ensure that all women, infants and children not only remain healthy, but thrive. <http://www.who.int/pmnch/about/en> .

The Partnership for Safe motherhood and Newborn Health www.safemotherhood.org has a list of action oriented resources. It links to other websites and partner organizations.

The White Ribbon Alliance for Safe Motherhood is an international coalition of individuals and organizations formed to promote safe pregnancy and childbirth for all women, with 143 country members. Members of the Alliance take action in their own countries to make this issue a priority for their governments and other international organizations.
www.whiteribbonalliance.org

WHO Blood safety (<http://www.who.int/bloodsafety/en>)

WHO/UNFPA/UNICEF/World Bank have a combined initiative.

<http://www.whiteribbonalliance.org/>This includes two important programs of UNFPA: 1) Global Program on Reproductive Health Commodity Security and 2) Maternal Health Thematic Fund.
<http://www.unfpa.org/public>

Women Deliver was launched in London in October 2007 to mark the 20th anniversary of global efforts to reduce high rates of maternal and newborn death and disability in the developing world – and to apply the knowledge gained from two decades of study and experience. The initiative aims to reframe maternal health as a basic human right and an integral strategy for achieving just development, reducing poverty and ensuring environmental sustainability. The organizing partner is Family Care International.
<http://www.familycareintl.org/en/home>

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6.Guidelines. I.World Health Organization. II.World Alliance for Patient Safety. ISBN 978 92 4 159790 6 (NLM classification: WB 300)

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