

6.2 Health care systems - Resources (2 hours)

Below you can find some optional resources that we recommend you to read. If you have some additional resources that you are willing to share with us, please add them below by 'post a remark'.

- Guidelines:
 - ACOG hypertension in pregnancy guidelines:
http://www.acog.org/Resources_And_Publications/Task_Force_and_Work_Group_Reports/Hypertension_in_Pregnancy (login-required)
 - Ghanaian Safe Motherhood Protocol, as an example of a national adapted clinical guideline, pages 17-22. (login-required)
These guidelines provide two examples of nationally developed standards of clinical care for women with hypertensive disorders in pregnancy from the United States and Ghana.
 - Article on reflection of difference with previous guidelines.
 - For example: News release of ACOG:
http://www.acog.org/About_ACOG/News_Room/News_Releases/2013/Ob-Gyns_Issue_Task_Force_Report_on_Hypertension_in_Pregnancy
- Thaddeus S & Maine D (1994). Too Far to walk: maternal mortality in context. Soc Sci Med. 38(8):1091-110.
http://www.researchgate.net/publication/11134243_Too_far_to_walk_maternal_mortality_in_context/file/9c9605283b7590b668.pdf.
The Three Delays Model developed by Thaddeus and Maine is a key concept in the maternal health discourse. It provides a framework to identify causes of maternal mortality, by assessing the delays in (1) identification of symptoms and recognition of the need to seek care, (2) reaching a health facility and (3) quality of care provided at a health facility.
- The Pre-eclampsia/Eclampsia toolkit, <https://www.k4health.org/toolkits/preeclampsia-eclampsia>.
The Pre-eclampsia/Eclampsia toolkit was developed by the USAID funded program Maternal and Child Health Integrated Program (MCHIP), as a resource for the current evidence, materials and experiences in the world. This toolkit about hypertensive disorders in pregnancy includes program implementation guidelines about advocacy, the creation of an enabling policy environment, training of providers, strategies for improvement of quality of care, how to increase awareness, tools for monitoring and evaluation of results, and strategies for scaling up of initiatives.

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