

Focus on Equity, Literacy, and Advocacy Needed to Curb Maternal Deaths Among Black Women



In 2016, the Council on Patient Safety in Women's Health Care issued recommendations for reducing peripartum racial and ethnic disparities. These recommendations include¹:

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Health care providers establishing a “culture of equity,” including implementing quality improvement projects that target disparities in health care outcomes, access, and treatment.

Providers establishing systems and staff-wide education programs for collecting race, ethnicity, and language data, and how to use that information to improve patient care.

Health care providers training staff on racial and ethnic disparities and their root causes, as well as implicit bias.

Engaging in shared decision making among providers, patients, and family members.

1. Reduction of Peripartum Racial/Ethnic Disparities, Council on Patient Safety in Women's Health Care, 2016, https://safehealthcareforeverywoman.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/11/Reduction-of-Peripartum-Racial-and-Ethnic-Disparities_FINAL-11.7.16.pdf.