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MARYLAND MATERNAL MORTALITY REVIEW 2014 REPORT AVAILABLE

Baltimore, February 3, 2015- The Maryland Maternal Mortality Review (MMR) Program was established in 2000 to identify opportunities to reduce maternal morbidity and mortality. The Program is conducted in collaboration with MedChi's Maternal and Child Health Subcommittee, the Center for a Healthy Maryland, and the Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) of Maryland's Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH). Gene Ransom, CEO of The Maryland State Medical Society, states "MedChi applauds the DHMH for their leadership on maternal mortality and we are proud to be part of the team working on this important public health program."

Since 2001, case reviews have been conducted by the MMR Workgroup to investigate both medical and non-medical factors contributing to a maternal death, while examining the quality and content of care. The workgroup also identifies strategies and develops recommendations to reduce maternal morbidity and mortality. With the assistance of DHMH, the MMR Program disseminates the findings and recommendations to health care providers, health care facilities, policymakers, and the public.

During 2013-2014, the MMR Workgroup completed the review of the 2012 deaths. Please click <u>HERE</u> for the 2014 Annual Report. For more information please visit <u>Maryland State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene</u>.

About MedChi

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About the Center

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