

Title: Amniotic Fluid Embolism Awareness Day

Date: March 27th

Recognizing the day of March 27, 2025, as “Amniotic Fluid Embolism Awareness Day” to bring needed attention to this devastating and often-fatal pregnancy complication and the importance of reducing maternal mortality resulting from Amniotic Fluid Embolism (AFE) in Michigan.

Whereas, according to the Center for Disease Control, among wealthy nations, the U.S. has the highest rate of maternal mortality.

Whereas the maternal mortality rate in Michigan is 80 deaths per 100,000 live births between 2016 and 2020

Whereas amniotic fluid embolism (AFE) is a leading cause of maternal mortality affecting 2 to 8 per 100,000 births.

Whereas, an AFE is thought to be the result of an allergic-like reaction to the amniotic fluid or fetal cells that have entered the circulatory system during childbirth, a normal part of the birth process;

Whereas AFE Foundation, working in collaboration with key stakeholders in Michigan, provides meaningful education and life-saving skills to

- (1) properly prepare healthcare providers to manage and treat patients;
- (2) increase lives saved;
- (3) gain submissions to the AFE Registry and Biorepository

Whereas awareness of AFE and commensurate data collection and research will promote -

- (1) understanding of this disorder;
- (2) expanding the search for an effective treatment;
- (3) acceleration of the increased number of lives saved;

Sources Cited:

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