Preeclampsia: What You Need to Know

5-8% Between five and eight percent of pregnancies in the U.S. are affected by preeclampsia each year.

15-20% Worldwide, 15-20% of preterm births are attributable to preeclampsia.

7.4% In the U.S. pregnancy-related deaths resulting from hypertensive disorders including preeclampsia is 7.4%.

2x-4x Preeclampsia doubles stroke risk in women and quadruples high blood pressure risk later in life.

Women who suffer from preeclampsia can also experience mental health issues, including post-partum depression and post-traumatic stress disorder.

Economic Impact

Preterm birth not only puts newborns at risk, but also increases health care spending. The overall burden of preeclampsia was $1.03 billion for mothers and $1.15 billion for infants.

$2.18 Billion

Policy Priorities

✓ Improve patient and provider awareness about preeclampsia symptoms and how to respond.

✓ Improve policymaker awareness about preeclampsia and other hypertensive disorders of pregnancy.

✓ Grow investment in preeclampsia research and its connection to short- and long-term health care risks.

✓ Collaborate with states and federal agencies to improve the maternal morbidity and mortality review process.

✓ Advance efforts to discover new screening and diagnostic tools and treatments.