The New York State Chapter of the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG District II) represents over 4,000 members who deliver health care to New York’s women.
One of the largest Districts of ACOG
Full complement of professional staff
Office in Albany

Resources as a scientific and educational organization
Advocate for its members and for women’s health
MERCK FOR MOTHERS

DESIGNING AND TESTING SOLUTIONS TO SAVE WOMEN’S LIVES DURING PREGNANCY AND CHILDBIRTH. ADVOCATING FOR THE CHANGE THAT WOMEN DESERVE.
Maternal Mortality in the United States

THE SITUATION

Maternal mortality is the death of a woman from complications of pregnancy and childbirth. The leading causes of maternal death in the U.S. include blood clot (embolism), excessive bleeding (obstetric hemorrhage), and severe high blood pressure (preeclampsia).

>50,000

The approximate number of women who nearly die during pregnancy or childbirth every year in the U.S.  

2X

The maternal mortality rate in the U.S. has nearly doubled since 1990, despite significant progress in reducing rates globally.  

47th

The U.S.’s global rank in maternal mortality rate – the worst among industrialized nations.
Maternal Mortality in the U.S.

Merck for Mothers is a 10-year $500 million initiative focused on creating a world where no woman dies giving life. We are committed to using our business and scientific expertise to improve maternal health and are already working in more than 20 countries around the world.

**THE SOLUTIONS**

Strengthening Community Initiatives that link high-risk women to care before, during, and after pregnancy

Implementing Standard Approaches to address obstetric emergencies

Enhancing Data Collection and Reviews to better understand why maternal deaths are occurring
MATERNAL MORTALITY IN THE U.S.

New York ranks 47th out of 50 states

Source: New York State Department of Health 2012 Data

for Health Statistics 1999-2006
Requested ALL maternity care hospital CEOs and obstetric leaders to standardize care during obstetric emergencies by agreeing to:

- Implementing 3 maternal safety bundles/protocols
- Enforce evidence-based standards
- Partner with ACOG for education and on-site assistance

117 out of 125 (94%) NYS hospitals have confirmed agreements and participate in SMI

http://www.acog.org/About_ACOG/ACOG_Districts/District_II/Safe_Motherhood_Initiative