

Association of unexpected newborn deaths with changes in obstetric and neonatal process of care.

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Unexpected death or serious disability of a newborn is considered a [never event](#). A cross-sectional analysis including over 5 million births between 2011 and 2017 in the United States found unexpected newborn death was associated with a significant increase in use of procedures to avert or mitigate [fetal distress](#) and newborn complications (e.g., cesarean delivery, antibiotic use for suspected sepsis). These findings could reflect increased caution among clinicals or indicate more proactive attempts to identify and address potential complications.