Surveillance Update

McGuire Health Center
Maternal and Neonatal Mortality Surveillance System
Neonatal Deaths

15 total

Recurring Themes:

• Delivery occurring outside of a clinic
  • 10 cases
• No skilled assistance
  • 14 cases
• Lack of funding for transport or care
  • reported in 3 interviews but possibly a more prominent issue
• Average distance between home and nearest facility: 15 KM
Maternal Deaths

• One case recorded
  – Mother had TB
  – Delivered at St Gabriel

• One case still to be audited
  – initially reported in July
Opportunity

- Mothers in all cases reported receiving antenatal care
- This interaction could serve as an opportunity to educate patients on the importance of delivery with skilled assistance, early warning signs of active labor, and how to get to a nearby facility.
A New Question

• Why do women deliver outside of the facility?
  – Culture?
  – Costs?
  – Delays in decision making?

• What are our avenues for collecting this information?
  – Add a question to the audit
  – Ask mothers at CLI who have delivered at home
  – Ask the mother during her prenatal visit how she plans to choose the location of her delivery
• Stillbirths do not qualify as neonatal deaths, and thus should not be audited.

• Venson will lead the surveillance project, filling Gladson’s former role.
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Questions?