

4.5 Eclampsia in developing countries (15 min)

Management of eclampsia in developing countries has different considerations related to availability of health professionals, facilities, availability of investigations and treatment options. In Learning Unit 6 “Health Care Systems” we will discuss considerations and alternatives for treatment in more detail. For now, please watch the video of Dr. Stephen Rulisa (University Teaching Hospital Kigali, Rwanda) and Dr. Washington Hill (Duke University, United States). Dr Rulisa and Dr Hill discuss a preventable maternal mortality, and identify strategies by which this maternal death could have been prevented. Their most important message: recognize and exclude the severest diseases first, realize that repeat visits with progressive symptoms are a warning sign, and prevent delays in referral.

From the Course: Hypertensive disorders in pregnancy, prepared by members of the 1000+ OBGYN Consortium. Copyright 2014 Member Institutions of the 1000+ OBGYN Consortium. This course is shared under a Creative Commons Attribution Noncommercial Share-Alike 4.0 license <http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nc-sa/4.0/>. The materials are freely available at <http://open.umich.edu/education/med/resources/hypertensive-disorders-pregnancy/2014>.