



Preventing Infant Mortality and Promoting the Health of Women, Infants, and Children

Required Readings

Lecture 1: Introduction to the Problem of Infant Mortality (Hawkins)

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Lecture 2: Epidemiology of Infant Mortality I: Terminology and Immediate Causes of Infant Mortality (Hawkins)

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Lecture 3: Epidemiology of Infant Mortality II: Person, Place, and Time (Hawkins)

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Lecture 4: Conceptual Frameworks for Understanding Infant Mortality (O'Campo)

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Lecture 5: Strategies for Reducing Low Birth Weight and Infant Mortality in the U.S. (Strobino)

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Lecture 6: International and National Approaches to the Problem of Infant Mortality (O'Campo)

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Lecture 7: Controversies in Perinatal Health (Strobino)

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Lecture 10: Evaluating the Prevention of Infant Mortality (Hawkins)

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Lecture 11: Addressing the Disparity of IM among African-Americans and White Infants: Approaches for Clinicians and Policymakers (Guyer)

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