

**Reproductive and Perinatal Epidemiology**  
**Discussion questions for Lecture 8, 2007**  
**Reproductive and Perinatal Epidemiology (380.664)**  
Complications of Labor and Delivery, and Maternal Mortality

*Hill et al. Bulletin of the World Health Organization 2006*

1. What in your opinion is the best use for the original (indirect) sisterhood method today?
2. The authors promote the idea of measuring maternal mortality in the decennial census. What are the pros and cons of this recommendation in your opinion?
3. Most of the methods discussed here require high level effort/expense. What is the best approach for measuring maternal mortality in very high level mortality settings? Afghanistan? What method/s do you suggest to countries for monitoring the MDGs?

*Derman et al. The Lancet 2006*

1. Are there weaknesses or limitations to the design/implementation of this randomized controlled trial? Do they affect your judgment of the results?
2. As a policy-maker in a poor country, what other evidence, if any, would you like to see before you would be ready to move forward with full promotion of home-based use of misoprostol?