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SUDDEN UNEXPECTED INFANT DEATH: OVERVIEW, EPIDEMIOLOGY, AND DATA SOURCES



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PRESENTATION OBJECTIVES

- Define Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID)
- Review the epidemiology and trends in SUID
- Describe CDC's role in addressing SUID
- Provide brief overview of available sources of data on SUID

WHAT IS SUID?



SUDDEN UNEXPECTED INFANT DEATHS

- 3,500 deaths occur each year in the U.S.
 - Deaths of infants less than 1 year old
 - Often occur during sleep or in a sleep environment
- Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID) includes:
 - Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS)
 - Accidental suffocation and strangulation in bed
 - Undetermined causes

RISK AND PROTECTIVE FACTORS



FACTORS THAT INCREASE RISK OF SUID

Known Risk Factors

Non-supine position (e.g., on side or stomach)

Sleep surface sharing

Non-firm, non-flat sleep surface

Presence of soft bedding or other soft objects

Overheating during sleep

Tobacco exposure (prenatal & environmental)

Alcohol exposure (prenatal & environmental)

HOW TO REDUCE RISK OF SUID

Known Risk Factors	This means infants should be
Non-supine position (e.g., on side or stomach)	Placed on their back to sleep every time they go to sleep
Sleep surface sharing	Placed on a separate space to sleep, in same room as caregiver
What to avoid	Where the infant sleeps should be
Non-firm, non-flat sleep surface	Flat and level surface, such as crib, portable crib or bassinette with tight-fitting sheet
Presence of soft bedding or other soft objects	Free of thick or plush blankets, bumper pads, stuffed animals, pillows, or infant positioners
Overheating during sleep	Kept at a moderate temperature in infant's sleep area, avoid excessive layering of clothing
What else to avoid	What else can you do?
Tobacco exposure (prenatal & environmental)	Stop smoking during and after pregnancy, and around infants
Alcohol exposure (prenatal & environmental)	Don't use alcohol during pregnancy or when caring for an infant

WHERE CAN WE REDUCE RISKS AND INCREASE PREVENTION?

Estimated U.S. Prevalence of Selected R	isk Factors
Risk Factors	Prevalence (%)
Not sleeping in a crib, portable crib, or bassinet	76
Sleep surface-sharing	61
Use of soft bedding or soft objects	39
Non-supine sleep position	22
Prenatal tobacco exposure	10
Prenatal alcohol exposure	8

- Bombard JM, Kortsmit K, Warner L, et al. MMWR 2018;67:39–46 (non-supine, surface share, soft bedding)
- Kemp JS, et.al. *Pediatrics* Sep 2000, 106 (3) e41 (non-firm sleep surface)
- CDC PRAMStat Data for 2011 (alcohol and tobacco exposure)

PROTECTIVE FACTORS FOR SUID

 60% are breastfeeding at least through the infants' first 2 months

• 32% of infants placed to sleep with a pacifier



- Bombard JM, Kortsmit K, Warner L, et al. *MMWR* 2018;67:39–46
- Hauck FR, Herman SM, Donovan M, et al. Pediatrics 2003;111:1207–1214

EPIDEMIOLOGY AND TRENDS



ALMOST 80% OF SUID OCCUR BEFORE INFANTS ARE 5 MONTHS OLD

Age of SUIDs, U.S., 2014–2016; N=10,754



National Center for Health Statistics, *Public Use Data File Documentation: 2014–2016 Period Linked Birth/Infant Death Data Sets*, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Editor. 2016–2018, Department of Health and Human Services:

Hyattsville, IVID.

RATES OF SUID



• Released June 2017; wonder.cdc.gov/cmf-icd10.html

SUID RATES DROPPED IN 1990S BUT HAVE REMAINED FAIRLY STABLE SINCE 2000



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SUID RATES CORRESPOND TO NUMBERS OF INFANTS PLACED ON THEIR BACK TO SLEEP



• *Data for placing infants on their back to sleep is from 4 data sources: PRAMS 2016 data-unpublished; www.cdc.gov/prams/pramstat/pdfs/mchindicators/PRAMS-All-Sites-2012-2015-508.pdf; Colson ER, Rybin D, Smith LA, et al. *Archives of Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine* 2009;163:1122–8; and Colson ER, Geller NL, Heeren T, et al. *Pediatrics* 2017; 140 (3) e20170596

Released June 2017. wonder.cdc.gov/cmf-icd10.html

SUID RATES VARY WIDELY AMONG STATES

SUID Rates by State, 2013–2015



• Erck Lambert AB, Parks SE, Shapiro-Mendoza CK. *Pediatrics* Feb 2018, e20173519

RACIAL AND ETHNIC DISPARITIES EXIST IN SUID



 National Center for Health Statistics, Public Use Data File Documentation: 2014–2016 Period Linked Birth/Infant Death Data Sets, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Editor. 2016-2018, Department of Health and Human Services: Hyattsville, MD.

SINCE 2000, DECREASES IN SIDS HAVE NOT LED TO DECREASES IN OVERALL SUID



CHANGES IN CAUSE OF DEATH DETERMINATION FOR SUID

- Medical examiners and coroners (ME/Cs) certify cause of death
 - Include terms that describe cause and manner of death
- Cause-of-death codes (ICD-10) are used for national surveillance
 - Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS): R95
 - Undetermined: R99
 - Accidental suffocation and strangulation in bed: W75
- Moving away from SIDS as a diagnosis
- Reporting more deaths as undetermined or accidental suffocation

VARIABILITY IN CAUSE OF DEATH DETERMINATION LIMITS OUR UNDERSTANDING AND PREVENTION EFFORTS

- Shifts in cause-of-death reporting
 - More thorough investigations lead to more deaths being classified as accidental suffocation or undetermined causes
 - Increased influence of multidisciplinary child death reviews
 - Changing death certifier diagnostic preference, away from SIDS
- This variability influences surveillance and research
- Impacts true understanding of causes of sleep-related infant deaths





SUDDEN UNEXPECTED INFANT DEATH (SUID) CASE REGISTRY

- CDC supports the SUID Case Registry to monitor sleep-related deaths and related circumstances
- US multi-jurisdictional SUID surveillance program

SUID CASE REGISTRY GOALS

- Conduct population-based SUID surveillance
- Categorize SUID using standard definitions
- Use SUID categories to monitor trends and describe demographic and environmental factors
- Provide information that will improve death scene investigations
- Inform prevention activities and reduce infant death rates



SUID CASE REGISTRY SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM MODEL

- Built upon established child death review programs
 - Same web-based reporting system and protocols
 - Rely upon multidisciplinary teams and review of medicolegal records
 - Compile info on demographics, infant health history, sleep position, location and contents of the sleep environment

CDC SUID CLASSIFICATION ALGORITHM

• Provides a standardized grouping method

• Accounts for unknown and incomplete investigation

• Acknowledges uncertainty about suffocation or asphyxiation

• Allows calculation of SUID category-specific death rates

SUID CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM CATEGORIES

- Explained Causes
 - Excluded-other causes
 - Explained suffocation with unsafe sleep factors*
- Unexplained Causes
 - No autopsy or death scene investigation
 - Incomplete case information
 - No unsafe sleep factors
 - Unsafe sleep factors
 - Possible suffocation with unsafe sleep factors*

*also assigned a mechanism (soft bedding, overlay, wedging, other)

SUID CASE REGISTRY DATA SUID CATEGORIES ASSIGNED (2011-2015)



IMPLICATIONS OF CDC'S SUID CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

 Allows local and state programs to more accurately track the magnitude of specific types of SUID over time and across states/jurisdictions

• Is a valuable tool to identify gaps in SUID case investigation

 Enhances ability to identify highest risk groups who might benefit from focused interventions or increased services

CDC SUDDEN UNEXPLAINED INFANT DEATH INVESTIGATION (SUIDI) REPORTING FORM

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Division of Reproductive Health Maternal and Infant Health Branch Atlanta, Georgia 30333
Reset Form INVESTIGATION DATA
Infant's Last Name Infant's First Name Middle Name Case Number
Sex: Male Female Date of Birth Age: SS#.
Race: White Black/African Am. Asian/Pacific Isl. Am. Indian/Alaskan Native Hispanic/Latino Other
Infant's Primary Residence:
Address: City: County: State: Zip:
Incident Address: City: County: State: Zip:
Contact Information for Witness:
Relationship to deceased: Birth Mother Birth Father Grandmother Grandfather
Adoptive or Foster Parent Physician Health Records Other Describe:
Last: First: M.: SS#.
Address: City: State: Zip:
Work Address: City: State: Zip:
Home Phone: Date of Birth:
WITNESS INTERVIEW
2 Tell me what happened:
3 Did you notice anything unusual or different about the infant in the last 24 hrs?
No Yes Specify:
4 Did the infant experience any falls or injury within the last 72 hrs?
No Yes Specify:
5 When was the infant LAST PLACED?
Date: Military Lime: Location (room):
When was the intant LAST KNOWN ALIVE(LKA)?
When was the infant FOUND?
Date: Military Time: Location (room):



SUIDI REPORTING FORM (SUIDIRF) ELEMENTS

- Witness interview
- Infant's medical history
- Pregnancy history

- Investigation summary & diagrams
- Summary for pathologist
- Incident scene investigation

HOW IS THE SUIDIRF USED?

• During the death investigation

 To assist in determining cause of death – the detailed description of the infant's airways and sleep environment can help medical examiners and coroners distinguish between explained and unexplained causes

 During the Child Death Review process – at case reviews and entered into the National Fatality Review Case Reporting System

OTHER CDC INITIATIVES AND EFFORTS

- PRAMS infant safe sleep questions
- Promoting recommendations and educational campaigns
 - American Academy of Pediatrics safe sleep recommendations
 - NIH's Safe to Sleep public health education campaign
- Supporting hospital-based quality improvement initiatives
 - CDC-funded Perinatal Quality Collaborative (PQC)
 - National Network of PQCs
- www.cdc.gov/prams/index.htm



- www1.nichd.nih.gov/sts/Pages/default.aspx
- pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/138/5/e20162938 www.cdc.gov/reproductivehealth/maternalinfanthealth/pqc-states.html

OTHER SOURCES OF DATA ON SUID

Vital Statistics Online

• CDC's National Center Health Statistics-Public-Use Data Files



- <u>Vital Statistics Data Release Policy</u>
- Data Users Agreement

OTHER SOURCES OF DATA ON SUID

https://www

CDC's National Center Health Statistics-CDC WONDER

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2. Select maternal residence: Send Help
Click a button to choose locations by State, Region or HHS Region. <u>States Census Regions</u> HHS Regions
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OTHER SOURCES OF DATA ON SUID

National Center for Fatality Review and Prevention-Child Death Review data





The National Center for Fatality Review and Prevention

Data Dissemination

The National Fatality Review Case Reporting System (NFR-CRS) is a standardized, web-based reporting tool and database used by state and local CDR and FIMR teams to record, analyze and report on the case information and findings from their reviews. The reporting tool contains over 2,600 data items including information on the child, caregivers, supervisors, cause and manner of death, risk factors relevant to the death (e.g., whether the child was in proper restraints in the car, whether a pool had a fence, whether the home had smoke alarms, where a baby was sleeping, what factors precipitated a suicide or abuse fatality), and team recommendations for prevention, services, and improvements to agency systems. Forty-four states CDR programs are enrolled and using the system, and as of October 2018, there are more than 200,000 individual deaths entered into the System. The System is managed by the National Center for Fatality Review and Prevention (NCFRP) at the Mitchigan Public Health Institute. Participating states have agreements with the Institute that protect their data while permitting limited access to de-identified datasets.

NCFRP has developed policies and guidelines for access to the System's data for use by researchers and government policy makers. NCFRP encourages researchers to apply to use the data to advance evidence-based studies in order to prevent future deaths. There are countless topics researchers could potentially investigate to enhance current knowledge about how to keep kids safe and alive. It is important to know, however, that there are limitations on the type of data that can be released and on the way the data can be analyzed and interpreted. For example, because the database includes only the deaths of children reviewed by CDR teams and not all child deaths, the data cannot be used for population studies. In spite of these limitations, the database is a rich source of comprehensive information on child deaths not available through other sources.





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SUID Case Registry Awardees

San Francisco County, California; Delaware; Indiana; select counties in Michigan; Minnesota; Nevada; New Hampshire; New Jersey, New Mexico; Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania; select counties in Tennessee, Tidewater Region, Virginia; Utah; and select counties in Wisconsin



Kansas Infant Death and SIDS Network



Safe Sleep A Collaborative Approach





Safe Kids Kansas

Safe Kids Coalitions in Kansas by County, 2019

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Stanton	Grant	Haskell	Gray	Ford	Kiowa	Pratt	Kingman	Sedgv	vick		Elk	Wilson	Neosho	Crawford
Morton	Stevens	Seward	i Meade	Clark	Comanche	Barber	Harpe	Sumr	ner Co	owley	Chautauqua	Montgome	ry Labette	Cherokee





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2012 – Burden Report on Unintentional Injuries







Injury Priority Risk Areas

- Motor Vehicle Safety
- Poison Prevention
- Fire and Burn Prevention
- Safe Sleep





Hospital Survey







Kansas Infant Mortality

2013-2017



Source: Bureau of Epidemiology and Public Health Informatics, KDHE



Safe Sleep Practices of KS Birthing Hospitals

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Safe Sleep Practices of Kansas Birthing Hospitals

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ABSTRACT

Introduction. Sleep-related death is tied with congenital anomalies as the leading cause of infant mortality in Kansas, and external risk factors are present in 83% of these deaths. Hospitals can impact caregiver intentions to follow risk-reduction strategies. This project assessed the current practices and policies of Kansas hospitals with regard to safe sleep.

Methods. A cross-sectional survey of existing safe sleep practices and policies in Kansas hospitals was performed. Hospitals were categorized based on reported delivery volume and data were compared Research purpose: Assessment of current safe sleep practices & policies Results

- 42% response rate (N=73)
- Hospital Units reporting
 - 68% Newborn/well-baby
 - 29% Non-nursery
 - 3% Neonatal Intensive Care
- 58% were trained on safe sleep
- 44% held annual safe sleep training
- 39% had safe sleep policy
- Only 33% audit compliance with policy

Conclusions

- Top barrier to safe sleep reported as conflicting patient and family member beliefs
- Need assistance with auditing
- Access to safe sleep materials
- Hospital not solely responsible for safe sleep education





Strategy:

Consistent Safe Sleep Messages

	Prenatal			
Family	Clinical care	Birth		
Community	Prenatal	Hospital	First year	
Health classes	education Home	Birthing centers	Hospital readmit	
	visitation		•Well-child check	





National Evidence

Informed Safe Sleep Strategies

The national experts have identified the following approaches to be evidence-based safe sleep interventions:

- Safe Sleep Community Baby Showers
- Crib distribution programs (crib clinics, hospital Cribs for KIDS programs, BAM collaborations, and home visiting programs)
- Child care legislation
- 60-day mobile health program

KIDS Network is building comprehensive safe sleep tools to implement consistent safe sleep across a continuum.



Pediatric

Moon RY, Hauck FR, Colson ER. Safe Infant Sleep Interventions: What is the Evidence for Successful Behavior Change? Curr Pediatr Rev. 2016; 12(1): 67-75.





Safe Sleep Instructor Project

- Pilot project to test Safe Sleep Instructor idea supported by March of Dimes
 - Provide Safe Sleep Training to at least 10 professionals
- 3-year statewide expansion supported by Title V MCH includes:
 - Safe Sleep Instructor Certification Process
 - Facilitate Safe Sleep Community Baby Showers
 - Implement Cribs for KIDS Hospital Safe sleep certification program in local delivering hospital
 - Implement Safe Sleep Star Outpatient QI Toolkit in OB/PEDS/FM clinics









SSI Certification Levels

1 Train 10+	Silver		
professionals/caregivers 2. Community Baby	1. Train 10+	Bronze	
Shower/Crib Clinic 3. Hospital Certification 4. Safe Sleep Star Outpatient Tool kit	 professionals/caregivers 2. Community Baby Shower/Crib Clinic 3. Hospital Certification/Safe Sleep Star Outpatient Tool kit 	 Train 10+ professionals/caregivers Community Baby Shower/Crib Clinic 	





Train-the-Trainer Results

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115 healthcare providers, home visitors, and early childhood professionals convene for a 2-day training including:

- Demonstration
- Breakout sessions
- Practice with feedback
- Instructors were from Kansas, Nebraska, Pennsylvania and Michigan
- Instructors significantly increased in knowledge from pre- to post-test





Instructor-led Training Results





- Requirement
 - SSI provide safe sleep training to at least 10 professionals/caregivers
- FY18 Results
 - 54 SSIs trained
 - Trainees significantly increased in knowledge from pre- to post-test
 - Pretest = 8.9 (SD=2.2)
 - Posttest = 10.2 (SD=2.1)





Community Baby Shower

Results

Requirement

- SSI host at least 1 community baby shower/crib clinic
- 29 showers in FY18
- 870 pregnant women participated in pre- and post-event surveys
 - 53% non-Hispanic White
 - 21% Hispanic
 - 15% Black/African American
 - 2% Multiracial/Other
 - 58% ≤ high school diploma
 - 12% Spanish speaking only





Community Baby Shower Results

SAFF

FY18 Results: Safe Sleep Intentions	Pre	Post	P-value
Safe Position: Back Only	83.1%	93.8%	<0.001
Safe Location: Crib, Bassinet, Portable Crib	83.2%	93.6%	<0.001
No Unsafe Items: Blankets, Bumpers, etc.	69%	87.7%	<0.001
Will educate others who care for their baby	66.7%	91.7%	<0.001
FY18 Results: Breastfeeding Intentions	Pre	Post	P-value
Very Likely to Breastfeed	71.7%	75.4%	<0.001
Confident Able to Breastfeed ≥6 months	69.9%	75.9%	<0.001
Identify ≥3 local resources for breastfeeding support	26%	47.2%	<0.001
FY18 Results: Tobacco Cessation	Pre	Post	P-value
Identify ≥3 ways to avoid 2 nd hand smoke	73.2%	86.6%	<0.001
Identify ≥3 local resources for cessation	12.4%	27.5%	<0.001

- 10.5% participants reported they used tobacco in the previous 6 months
- 39.6% were ready to quit in next 30 days

Cribs for KIDS Hospital Certification

Requirement

- Develop a safe sleep policy statement
- Train Staff
- Educate parents
- Replace blankets with wearable blankets
- Audit/record progress & report to C4K
- Provide community & media outreach
- Partner with C4K
- FY18 Results
 - 2 Bronze
 - 0 Silver
 - 4 Gold









Requirement



- **1.** Provide annual safe sleep training to OB/FP/PED clinic employees
- 2. Create a clinic safe sleep policy
- **3.** Distribute Safe Sleep materials to clients
- 4. Embed the Safe Sleep Quiz and provider script at 28 & 36 weeks/newborn & well baby appts
- 5. Collect pre- and post-test data and submit to KIDS Network



6. Engage in safe sleep education at the community level (i.e. Health fairs, community baby showers at least twice a year)

FY18 Results

Number of clinics engaged:

- 4 Bronze
- 2 Silver
- 4 Gold









- Continue to prioritize communities with high IMR
- Engage community members (lay persons) to become SSIs
- Embed Today's Baby in SSI infrastructure
- First responders as safe sleep messengers





Thank you/Questions



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