MATERNAL MORTALITY KEY TERMS
When a pregnant woman or recently pregnant woman dies, the medical community has varying terms to categorize the death that depend upon whether (a) the pregnancy was in any way related to the cause of death and (b) when the death occurred in relation to the pregnancy.

• Pregnancy-associated death
  Any woman who dies while pregnant or within one year of being pregnant falls into this category, regardless of the cause of death. This is the broadest categorization.

• Pregnancy-related death
  Any woman who dies while pregnant or within one year of being pregnant and whose cause of death is at least distantly connected to her pregnancy falls into this narrower category.

• Maternal death
  Any woman who dies while pregnant or within 42 days of being pregnant from non-accidental causes related to being pregnant falls into this narrowest category.

OTHER RELEVANT TERMS

• Maternal mortality ratio (or rate)
  The number of maternal deaths per 100,000 live births.

• Preventable maternal deaths
  Deaths that could have been prevented with adequate attention to the health of the mother before, during, or immediately after pregnancy. Currently, 63.2 percent of deaths contributing to the U.S. maternal mortality rate are preventable maternal deaths.

• Maternity care desert
  A region in which access to maternity healthcare services is severely limited or entirely absent.

• Pharmaceutical desert
  A region in which access to a pharmacy is severely limited or entirely absent.

• Food desert
  A region in which access to nutritious food is severely limited or entirely absent, typically due to a lack of grocery stores.

To view citations and the full report “Maternal Mortality: A Case Study in Washington, D.C.,” visit frc.org/maternalmortality
Abortionists in D.C. can kill unborn children at any point throughout all nine months of pregnancy—and the abortionist does not have to be a doctor.

When the abortion lobby detracts from the maternal mortality issue to champion abortion, they steal resources from the actual problem at hand—lack of access to real health care and nutrition.