Preeclampsia: What You Need to Know

5-8% 
Between five and eight percent of pregnancies in the U.S. are affected by preeclampsia each year.

1/5th 
Worldwide, one-fifth of pre-term births are attributable to preeclampsia.

10% 
Nearly one-tenth of pregnancy-related deaths in the U.S. result from hypertensive disorders including preeclampsia.

2x-4x 
Preeclampsia doubles stroke risk in women and quadruples high blood pressure risk later in life.

Women who suffer from preeclampsia can also experience mental health issues, including post-partum depression and post-traumatic stress disorder.

Preeclampsia Research Funding
Research on preeclampsia is funded primarily by the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD), at the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

In 2013, there were 180 preeclampsia-related research projects at NIH.

In 2010, NIH spent approximately $17 million on preeclampsia research across nine institutes.

Policy Priorities

☑ Improve patient and provider awareness about preeclampsia symptoms and how to respond.

☑ Improve policymaker awareness about preeclampsia and other hypertensive disorders of pregnancy.

☑ Grow investment in preeclampsia research and its connection to short- and long-term health care risks.

☑ Collaborate with states and federal agencies to improve the maternal morbidity and mortality review process.

☑ Advance efforts to discover new screening and diagnostic tools and treatments.