



# Black Maternal Health Week Panel Conversation

Presented by the Perinatal Services Department and  
Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

April 18, 2024 | 1:00 to 2:00 pm | Virtual on Zoom

Each year, Black Maternal Health Week is an opportunity to bring attention and action to improving Black maternal health.

- Black women are three times more likely to die from a pregnancy-related cause than White women.
- Multiple factors contribute to these disparities, such as variation in quality healthcare, underlying chronic conditions, structural racism, and implicit bias.
- Social determinants of health prevent many people from racial and ethnic minority groups from having fair opportunities for economic, physical, and emotional health.

## Moderator:

**Sheryl Ann Syby, MSN, RN, CPN**

*Assistant Vice President of Perinatal Services*

## Panelists:

**Kendra Larkin, BSN, RN**

*Clinical Director of Labor and Delivery and High Risk Antepartum*

**Joan Lobue, RN**

*OB/GYN Health Center*

**Deanna Mims, MSN, RN**

*Nurse Manager of Pediatric, Obstetric and Gynecology Ambulatory Services*

**Silvia Valesques, RN**

*OB/GYN Health Center*



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