

RESOURCES FOR CLINICIANS AFTER A SEVERE MATERNAL EVENT

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GENERAL MEDICAL AND TRAUMA RESOURCES FOR CLINICIANS

- **ACOG (American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists):** *"Healing Our Own: Adverse Events in Obstetrics and Gynecology"* Available to ACOG members only via website
- **MITSS (Medically Induced Trauma Support Services)** (<http://www.mitss.org/>) is a non-profit organization whose mission is "To Support Healing and Restore Hope to patients, families, and clinicians impacted by medical errors and adverse medical events."
 - Toolkit for staff support: www.mitsstools.org/tool-kit-for-staff-support-for-healthcare-organizations.html
- **Center for Patient Safety | Second Victim Experience:** (<http://www.centerforpatientsafety.org/second-victims/>) Includes information on Second Victim Workshops and resources for organizations to start programs.
- **University of Missouri, Columbia | forYOU Team.** Resources and publications on caring for the caregiver after emotionally challenging or stressful clinical events.
- **Risking Connection:** (<http://www.riskingconnection.com/>) Risking Connection® teaches a relational framework and skills for working with survivors of traumatic experiences. The focus is on relationship as healing, and on self-care for service providers. Some information here is helping provider recognize trauma the patient brings with her but the issues presented-safety, empowerment, etc. apply in any trauma situation.
- **Health Care Toolbox:** (<http://healthcaretoolbox.org/index.php/what-providers-can-do/d-e-f-protocol-for-trauma-informed-pediatric-care.html>) This is for pediatric patients but it is evidenced-based, and is simply and clearly presented. "A-B-C" orients providers to the crucial first steps to save a life (Airway, Breathing, Circulation). "D-E-F" can help providers remember the key initial steps for children's emotional recovery from illness or injury. Health care providers are experts in treating illness, restoring functioning, and saving lives.
- **Women's Health Research at Yale:** (<http://medicine.yale.edu/whr/research/cores/trauma.aspx#page1>) The Trauma Core of *Women's Health Research at Yale* studies issues unique to female veterans, women, and children. Lots of information and resources.