

UAB Sparkman Seminar Series in Global Health
Presents

**The Emergency Maternity and Obstetric Care
(EmOC) Program in India**



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In India every minute a mother dies during child birth. Goal 4 of the Millennium Development Goals highlights the issues of safe motherhood. The Maternal Mortality rate in India has remained unacceptably high at around 301 deaths per 100,000 leading to more than 100,000 maternal deaths per year. One of the key reasons is a lack of skills among rural doctors and medical officers in primary health care systems to provide high quality Emergency Obstetric services. The presentation highlights the Emergency Maternity and Obstetric Care (EmOC) program in India. The Government of India through the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in partnership with the Federation of Obstetricians and Gynecologists Societies of India is undertaking the EmOC capacity building program in 20 priority states of the country, with medium to high Maternal Mortality Rates. The various partnerships in the program, key challenges both at policy and operational levels, as well as a brief overview of the program, the vision, objectives, results as well as best practices from the field shall be shared. Programmatic challenges that have implications for public health policy shall also be highlighted.

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12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Room 107, Ryals Public Health Building

All are welcome.

Snacks will be served. Please bring your own drinks.