

## Charting for Midwives - How to Up Your Game!

**Access the recording for this webinar from December 4th [here](#).**

Creating a chart that records your client's health and your care is an essential component of midwifery care. Preparing a record that contains all necessary elements, an accurate description of your assessments, the information you provide, the decisions you and your client make, and the care you provide, is an important way of demonstrating your commitment to high-quality care. Understanding and incorporating best practices for charting efficiently, with clarity and consistency, can improve inter-professional collaboration and referral. It can also make the difference in billing and reimbursement. When you submit data to MANA Stats or one of the other data registries, a good chart provides data that can easily be validated for research purposes. Finally, never forget that clients own their charts!



Dr. Courtney  
Everson

"Midwifery Charting: Research Findings to Improve Practice" is an excellent resource for all midwives, whether just starting a practice or needing an update. Researchers **Courtney Everson, PhD**, and **Gina Gerboth, MPH, RM, CPM, IBCLC**, describe the interesting lessons learned during the 4.0 MANA Stats Validation project and emerging best practices in charting for health professionals. This

90 minute webinar is chock full of useful information, from the simple - is it okay to abbreviate? - to the more complex - the importance of robust and accurate charting in legal and administrative proceedings. What to include in charts and how to document informed consent is explained.



Gina Gerboth

The webinar also includes critical, but not widely understood, HIPPA considerations, including what you should not include in documentation shared with other health care providers. There is also insightful guidance on how to prepare representative and respectful charting. Practical tips address paper charts as well as electronic health records. Finally, clear instructions are provided about who should and should not be authorized to enter information in charts.

Related NACPM webinars on charting and billing by Nancy Koerber, CPM, CPC, are also available for viewing online: "Charting for Midwives: Getting Credit for What You Do" ([Part 1](#) and [Part 2](#))

## What You Need to Know about Becoming a CPM and Completing the Bridge Certificate

**Access the recording for this webinar from January 17 [here](#).**

Students and midwives are eager to learn more about national certification. More than 90 individuals from nearly 30 different states registered for NACPM's recent webinar "[What You Need to Know about Becoming a CPM and Completing the Bridge Certificate](#)." As the landscape for midwifery changes, holding the national credential becomes ever more important. Learn why the CPM and the Bridge Certificate matter and how to go about earning the credentials from four national leaders; Tanya Khemet Taiwo, NACPM Co-President; Ida Darragh, NARM Executive Director; Vicki Penwell, founder of Mercy in Action Midwifery School; and Mary Lawlor, NACPM Executive Director.



Bridge Certificate webinar presenters Tanya Khemet Taiwo, Ida Darragh, Vicki Penwell and Mary Lawlor

For additional information, see the links below:

- [Midwifery Landscape and Future Directions for CPMs](#)
- [How to Become a CPM](#)
- [Midwifery Bridge Certificate](#)
- [Mercy in Action Courses for Bridge Certificate](#)

### **The MANA Stats Fetal, Neonatal Mortality Review (FNMR) Project: Preliminary Findings and Implications for Practice**

*February 21, 2018, 1:00 to 2:30 Eastern Time.*

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In this webinar, cosponsored by [NACPM](#) and [MANA](#), **Dr. Melissa Cheyney** will describe findings from a study designed to examine all fetal and neonatal deaths recorded in [MANA Stats](#) between 2004 and 2016. Using a modified

Fetal-Infant-Mortality-Review (FIMR) approach, midwife-researchers conducted detailed interviews with midwives for all non-miscarriage fetal and neonatal deaths in the sample. The objective was to clarify the gestational age at which the death occurred and to properly classify late miscarriages. The reviewers also collected qualitative on when, how, and why the death occurred, as well as data on whether an autopsy was conducted, and the official cause of death assigned via medical examiner or coroner's report.



Dr. Cheyney

Using the three delays model as proposed by Thaddeus and Maine (1994), Dr. Cheyney discusses rates of intrapartum and neonatal death in a large sample of more than 50,000 planned, midwife-led, community births (home and birth center) in the United States. She will also provide an in-depth thematic analysis of the primary contributors to mortality in the sample. Findings indicate that while the overall rate of death is low, there are three major contributors to fetal and neonatal mortality, including: 1) delays in the decision to transfer to the hospital due to failure to identify early signs of fetal distress and/or hesitancy to transport due to fear of "punitive cesarean section"; 2) delays in reaching care due to distance from the hospital or fractured collaborations with Emergency Medical Services; and 3) delays in receiving care once arriving at the hospital due to fear, poor inter-professional communication, blaming and shaming.

We hope you will join MANA and NACPM to hear this important information and participate in the discussion.



SAVE THE DATE!

May 11-13, 2018  
Potomac, Maryland

Join the conversation about the urgent needs of childbearing people in the U.S. and how CPMs can grow and change to better serve more families. We will hear from families from a broad range of demographics and from public health researchers regarding what most concerns them about quality of care available today. We will examine the disproportionate burden of infant and maternal mortality in communities of color, the challenges we face as obstetric workforce shortages worsen, and more. We explore and plan together for how CPMs can step up to these challenges and the role we must play in improving the health and lives of people having babies in the U.S.

Early Bird Registration coming soon!

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