

SAVE THE DATE

Stillbirth Equity Symposium & IMPROVE Workshop

Salt Lake City, Utah

11-13 October 2024

Please join us for these **FREE Events**, including:

- **Stillbirth Equity Symposium** to share learning on equity in stillbirth rates – Open to ALL - Parents, family members, researchers, clinicians, and all are welcome!
- **IMPROVE Workshop** for clinicians who provide care during and immediately after stillbirth – Open to MFMs, nurses, midwives, social workers, pathologists, psychologists, sonographers, and other providers at any stage of your career!
- **Certification program** to become an IMPROVE Educator – By application only

The IMPROVE workshop has been delivered to clinicians throughout Australia and New Zealand and is now being adapted to the US setting! We are thrilled to host IMPROVE expert clinician trainers from Australia, including Dr Vicki Flenady, Co-Director, Stillbirth Centre of Research Excellence; Dr Adrienne Gordon, neonatologist; Dr Fran Boyle, social scientist; Dr Jane Dahlstrom, pathologist; and Dr Christoph Lehner, MFM.

Stillbirth Equity Symposium speakers will include our Australian colleagues as well as Dr Alex Heazell, University of Manchester; Deanna Stuart-Butler, Senior Advisor, Indigenous Research and Co-lead Equity and Diversity, Stillbirth Centre of Research Excellence, Australia; Count The Kicks (invited); and Utah Dept of Health & Human Services (invited).

Symposium sessions will be action-oriented and include panels for: Parent voice; Stillbirth pathology and equity, including financial and cultural barriers to access and consent; Rainbow Clinic model of care and access in the context of the US insurance landscape; Research updates; Next steps for a Safer Baby Bundle for the US in the context of high regional inequities; and more! **Program updates** will be posted starting in June.

October 11 th Friday	October 12 th Saturday	October 13 th Sunday
SAWG-USA Hybrid Meeting (3-4:30 PM) Welcome Event (6-9 PM)	Stillbirth Equity Symposium (9AM - 5PM) Memorial Event (5:30-6:30 PM)	IMPROVE Workshop (8AM – 2PM) Training of Trainers for new IMPROVE Educators (2-6 PM) <i>(must also join all-day practice on October 14th to be certified)</i>

Register here (all events are FREE)!

https://redcap.link/stillbirth_equity_improve



What is IMPROVE?

- A ½ day training workshop to improve quality of care around stillbirth
- 6 stations:
 - o Communicating with parents about autopsy
 - o Autopsy and placental examination
 - o Investigation of death
 - o Examination of baby
 - o Audit and classification of causes of death
 - o Respectful and supportive bereavement care
- Interactive learning
- Pre- and post-assessments for knowledge and feedback

Who is IMPROVE for?

- All healthcare providers involved in care of parents during and after stillbirth: MFMs, nurses, midwives, social workers, pathologists, psychologists, psychiatrists, sonographers, obstetricians, neonatologists; Also open to those working in public health and health policy
- October 13th workshop has ~40 slots, of which ~30 are reserved for individuals wishing to become trained as IMPROVE educators

Should I apply to become an IMPROVE educator?

- Our vision is to provide IMPROVE workshops around the country. Would you like to help realize this vision?
- IMPROVE Educator applicants must:
 - o Be able to attend both the IMPROVE workshop on 13th October and the two-part certification on 13th October (Training of Trainers) and 14th October (practice for certification)
 - o Be willing to serve as a volunteer Educator for at least 1 subsequent IMPROVE workshop in the USA in the next 12 months (costs covered but time must be donated)
 - o Have experience/skills in education/training
 - o Provide your CV and a statement of interest.

Other Helpful Information:

- All events will take place on the [University of Utah campus](#).
- Closest airport: [Salt Lake City's International Airport](#)
- We recommend the [University Guest House](#) and the [Marriott University Park Hotel](#) as the closest hotels. In addition, the public train ([TRAX RED Line](#)) comes directly to campus and is easily accessible from Downtown Salt Lake City hotels!
- For any questions, please email sarah.lopez@hsc.utah.edu!

