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Death of an Infant

A newborn infant is dying or has just died. The mortality rate in the United States for newborn is 4.56 per 1000 live births. Recent reviews have focused on the importance of bereavement support and the profound effect health care providers can have on parents who have lost an infant. Studies have shown that a health care provider's insensitivity to a parent can contribute to difficulties in coping and may increase the risk of a complicated grief reaction. Nurses who received training for bereavement care were more likely to have a positive attitude toward perinatal bereavement care. Studies show that more physicians than nurses never received any formal training in bereavement care. Hospitals should establish training and protocols for an infant death so they can potentially decrease the traumatic effects.

Biography: Ali Kojak obtained the Syrian Board of Pediatrics and holds his higher specialization degree from the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ireland and from the Ministry of Health in Syria. He has extensive experience working in various hospitals of the Ministry of Defense in Saudi Arabia. Kojak was the acting Head of Pediatric Department at Prince Mansour Military Hospital in Al-Taif for five years. Kojak's experience covers wide range of treating all children, infants and neonatal emergency cases, faltering growth, diabetes in children, rheumatic disease, asthma, ENT, Respiratory tract, Gastrointestinal tract, urinary tract disorders and incontinence.

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