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Death of a baby can be traumatizing for the parents and family. Some expressions of grief that have been considered pathologic in the past are likely normal in this population. Diagnostic categories of perinatal grief are discussed and clinical recommendations offered.
Joanne Cacciapuoti, PhD, Kara Thistleman, MSW

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Young black women shared their experiences with perinatal loss at three points during the 12 weeks after their loss. There are opportunities at several points of transition in the perinatal bereavement trajectory when nurses can offer culturally sensitive bereavement support. Suggestions for nursing care during each time frame are presented based on study findings.
Kimberly H. Femstermacher PhD, CRNP, Judith E. Hupey, EdD, CRNP, FAAN

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Responses of parents to miscarriage, stillbirth, and neonatal death vary dramatically, from little or no grief to highly intense, profound, and unbearable grief, especially during the first and second trimesters when meaning can vary greatly. Drs. Hupey and Limbo explain how theory can guide nursing practice in the care of parents experiencing perinatal grief and loss.
Marianne H. Hupey, PhD, WHNP-BC, FAANP, FAAN, Rana Limbo, PhD, RN, CPLC, FAAN

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Natasha Nurse-Clarke, PhD, RN, CNS, Barbara DiCicco-Bloom PhD, RN, Rana Limbo, PhD, RN, CPLC, FAAN

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Laura Lucas, DNP, APRN-CNS, RNC-OB, C-EMF, Erin Wright, DNP, CNM, APHN-BC

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Most new mothers use the Internet. An on-line forum for new mothers can offer peer support, especially in the first few months at home with the new baby. In this study, new mothers describe their experiences with on-line support during the first six months postpartum.
Dominique Teaford, MS, RN, Susan McNichol, PhD, RNC-OB, Deepika Goyal, PhD, RN, FNP-C

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Rana Limbo, PhD, RN, CNPLC, FAAN, Marianne H. Hutti, PhD, WHNP-BC, FAANP, FAAN

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Kirsten Wisner, MS, RNC, CNS

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Judy A. Beal, DNSc, RN, FNAP, FAAN

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Denise Snow, JD, CNM, NP, RN

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Ginger Bredlove, PhD, CNM, FACNM

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