

Sudden Unexplained Infant Death

Sudden Unexpected Infant Death (SUID) is the sudden death of an infant under one year of age, which remains unexplained after a comprehensive investigation.

There were 14 SUID cases and 4 infant deaths of undetermined cause in 2013. The team identified a need for ongoing education directed at parents and caretakers stressing the importance of a safe sleeping environment and the dangers of tobacco smoke exposure to infants.



Intentional Injuries

Idaho's rate of suicide continues to be higher than for the U.S. overall. There were 14 youth suicides in Idaho in 2013. While the majority of victims were teens, 3 of the victims were elementary or middle school aged.

Most of the victims had a history of mental health concerns and nearly half had expressed suicide ideation prior to the act.

The team reviewed 3 assault deaths which occurred in Idaho. Each of these victims was under the age of 5 years-old. A family history of neglect and/or domestic violence are often seen in studying child homicides nationally and the CFR Team also found evidence of this in the Idaho reviews. The fact that children who die from physical abuse have often been abused over time provides opportunities for early intervention.

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Preventable Natural Manner Deaths

The team subcommittee reviewed 5 influenza or pneumonia deaths which occurred during the 2012-13 flu season. The age range was between 1 month and 7 years of age. The team recommends an annual flu vaccine for everyone over the age of 6 months, especially those who care for infants.

In 2013, the CFR Team identified 5 deaths to children from families whose religious beliefs prevented them from seeking medical intervention. All of these 2013 deaths were to newborn infants. Causes included meconium aspiration, intestinal blockages, and sepsis. The CFR Team determined that each of these deaths may have been prevented with proper and timely medical treatment.



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