

**2026 Setting the Pace  
Speaker Information Form**



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Mary has 49 years nursing experience, with over 30 years in the ED setting. She is a TNCC instructor and teaches the ENTEP triage program for ENA and was part of the development and implementation of this program in 2024. Mary retired from her Nurse Educator role in a level 1 trauma center 3 years ago , after being there 9 years and implementing a ED Residency program and gaining PTAP certification. She resides on Long Island, continues to teach as an adjunct and has maintained a per diem educator position with her prior employer.

**Presentation Title**

**Two people for the price of 1: What are the odds? Triage of the obstetrical patient in the ED.**

**Summary**

As a developed country, the United States has seen the maternal morbidity and mortality rise in the past 20 years for several factors related to the current social determinants of health. As the health care landscape for maternity care has also changed due to several factors, there is an increase of women showing up in our ED's across the country., The aim is to provide a working knowledge of ED presentations by pregnant females and be able to provide accurate triage acuity and care quickly.

**Learning Objectives:**

1. Identify key social issues leading to the increase of pregnancy related complications arriving in the ED.
2. Discuss statistics of maternal morbidity and mortality in the United State
3. Define key terminology needed to understand the pregnant and post-partum client.

4. Recognize common and high-risk pregnancy chief complaints (CC) from patients presenting to the triage area of the ED

### **Interactive:**

Utilize key subjective questions to determine acuity when triaging the obstetrical patient in the ED

Utilize the triage RN's objective assessment to determine and act quickly on high acuity obstetrical patients.

Case study discussions ( 4)

Practice triage questions

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