Neonatal mortality in the news after study published in PLoS Medicine

INTERNATIONAL:

Half of all newborn deaths in just five nations
DigitalJournal.com – 1 September 2011
Worldwide fewer newborns are dying but WHO and Save The Children stress that the progress is slow and Africa is being left further behind. That is the findings of a new study released yesterday in the medical journal PLoS Medicine. ...

US 40th in newborn deaths rate
UPI.com – 31 August 2011
In 1990, the United States had the 28th lowest rate and in the subsequent 20 years, reduced its newborn mortality rate 26 percent, but this was slower than the global average of 28 percent, the report says. Currently, the United States, Qatar, ...

Newborn death rates decrease worldwide: WHO
AFP – 30 August 2011
GENEVA — Global death rates among newborns under one month old are dropping, a study by the World Health Organization showed Tuesday. "Newborn deaths decreased from 4.6 million in 1990 to 3.3 million in 2009," the UN health agency said in a statement. ...

AFRICA:

Global study finds newborns struggle to survive
Ghana Broadcasting Corporation – 1 September 2011
Fewer newborn babies are dying worldwide, but progress is too slow and Africa is being left behind, said a global study led by the World Health Organization (WHO). While investment over the last decade in health care for women and children has paid off ...

Global study finds newborns struggle to survive
Reuters Africa – 31 August 2011
LONDON (Reuters) - Fewer newborn babies are dying worldwide, but progress is too slow and Africa is being left behind, said a global study led by the World Health Organisation (WHO). While investment over the last decade in health care ...
ASIA-PACIFIC:

**India records highest newborn mortality rates: Report**
Press TV [Video + Print Story] – 1 September 2011
According to the new study conducted by researchers at the World Health Organisation, Save the Children and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, India had more than 900000 newborn deaths every year which is the highest in the world. ...

**Fewer newborns dying worldwide but progress too slow: UN**
Associated Press of Pakistan – 1 September 2011
UNITED NATIONS, Sept 1 (APP): A new study by the UN health agency and its partners has found that fewer newborns are dying worldwide but progress is too slow, and Africa in particular is being left further behind. The first week of life is the riskiest ...

**Fewer newborns dying worldwide but progress too slow**
Bikya Masr – 1 September 2011
A new study by the United Nations health agency and its partners has found that fewer newborns are dying worldwide but progress is too slow and Africa in particular is being left further behind.
‘The first week of life is the riskiest week for newborns ...

‘Neonatal death rate halves in 20 years’
The Korea Herald – 1 September 2011
Korea's neonatal death rate has halved in just two decades and is now 16th lowest in the world, marking 2.2 per every 1000 newborns in 2009. North Korea also saw a slight decrease but still remained among the worst countries, pointing to hygiene and ...

**Over 9 lakh newborns die annually in India: Study**
IBNLive.com – 31 August 2011
Study co-author Dr Joy Lawn of Save the Children's Saving Newborn Lives programme said though global focus on maternal and child health has increased over the years, it overlooked newborns, who now account for 41 per cent of child deaths in the world. ...

**Over 9 lakh newborns die annually in India: Study**
Rediff – 31 August 2011
According to the study, India's neonatal mortality rate, or deaths per 1000 live births, was 49 in 1990 and the country recorded 13,49470 neonatal deaths. Image: File picture of a woman holding her newborn baby at a flood relief camp in Bihar. ...

**Global study finds newborns struggle to survive**
DAWN.com – 31 August 2011
More than half of world’s neonatal deaths happen in five countries -- India, Nigeria, Pakistan, China and Democratic Republic of Congo. – Reuters Photo LONDON: Fewer newborn babies are dying ...
Despite 33% drop, India records highest newborn deaths in world
Times of India – 31 August 2011
Each year 3.3 million babies still die in the first four weeks of life, despite proven, cost-effective interventions that could save these newborns. The study found that newborn deaths dropped from 4.6 million to 3.3 million between 1990 and 2009. ...

Newborn deaths account for 41 per cent of child mortality: survey
The Hindu - Aarti Dhar – 31 August 2011
Increased global focus on maternal and child health too often overlooks newborn deaths, which account for 41 per cent of child deaths, according to a new study published in the medical journal PLoS Medicine. India has the greatest number of newborn ...

Over 4pc of all babies born live in India died during the 1st month of life
BioScholar News – 31 August 2011
A new study has found that more than half of all neonatal mortality — deaths in newborns, aged 3 weeks and under — in 2009 occurred in India, Nigeria, Pakistan, China, and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Furthermore, over the past 20 years, more than ...

Newborn death rates decrease worldwide
Sky News Australia – 31 August 2011
'Newborn deaths decreased from 4.6 million in 1990 to 3.3 million in 2009,' the UN health agency said in a statement on Tuesday. However, developing nations are still reporting a disproportionately high level of child deaths, according to the study by ...

Newborn deaths on the decline, says study
Trade Arabia – 30 August 2011
Fewer newborns are dying worldwide, but progress is too slow and Africa particularly is being left further behind, said a new study published in the medical journal PLoS Medicine. The study covering 20 years and all 193 World Health Organization (WHO) ...

EUROPE:

Newborn deaths put millennium development goal under threat
The Guardian – 31 August 2011
Children under the age of five are increasingly likely to survive in poor countries, as efforts to reach millennium development goal 4 (reducing child deaths by two-thirds) pay off. But newborns are still at high risk — and a new study shows that the slower progress in cutting death rates among babies in the first weeks of life is putting the goal in jeopardy. ...

Mortality rate for newborns falls
World Radio Switzerland – 31 August 2011
A study conducted by the Geneva-based World Health Organization finds the mortality rate of newborns around the world has fallen. Since 1990 the number of babies dying before reaching one-month-old has gone from 4.6 million a year to 3.3 million last ...
Infants Account Nearly 41% of Child Deaths, Claims Study
French Tribune – 31 August 2011
... in newborn death rate from 4.6 million to roughly 3.3 million. However, the study authors have marked the progress very slow, particularly in Africa. ...

NORTH AMERICA:

Best for babies? Top 20 nations for low newborn mortality
CBS News – 1 September 2011
What do babies know about geography? Not much. But a new report shows that where infants come into the world says a lot about when they'll leave it. The report, published in the journal PLoS Medicine, lists newborn mortality rates per 1000 births for ...

US Newborn Mortality Rate Higher Than 40 Countries
ABC News – 1 September 2011
The newborn death rate in the United States is higher than in 40 other countries including Malaysia, Cuba and Poland, according to a new study. The study, published in the journal PLoS Medicine, examines data from 190 countries, finding that newborn deaths have declined over the past 20 years from 4.6 million in 1999 to 3.3 million in 2009. ...

Infant mortality: Why does America lag behind?
The Week Magazine – 1 September 2011
One of the most important measures of a country’s quality of life, along with per-capita income and longevity, is infant mortality — the odds that a newborn will live past its first month. By that measure, America is slipping into second-tier status ...

More baby deaths reported in the US
WXOW.com – 1 September 2011
More babies die in their first month of life in the US than babies in dozens of other industrialized countries. This coming from researchers with the World Health Organization and Save the Children. They did a 20-year analysis ..

US Infant Mortality Rate Higher Than Cuba, Poland, Malaysia
MyFox Washington DC – 1 September 2011
Researchers studied twenty years of data from all 193-member nations of the World Health Organization. Figures show the newborn death rate in the US is now on par with Qatar, Croatia and the United Arab Emirates. Researchers say it’s not that things ...

Health Highlights: Sept. 1, 2011
U.S. News & World Report – 1 September 2011
Newborn babies in countries such as Cuba, Poland and Malaysia now have a better chance of survival than newborns in the United States, according to a study that looked at 20 years of data from all 193 member nations of the World Health Organization ...
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US Newborn Death Rate Higher Than Cuba, Malaysia
Huffington Post – 31 August 2011
However, the study revealed that fewer newborns are dying worldwide, but that Africa is falling behind the rest of the world, according to the World Health Organization. Africa has seen the least progress of any region in the world, with a reduction of ...

Newborn Mortality Declines Globally But US Lags, Researchers Say
FairWarning – 31 August 2011
But new research on mortality rates among children up to four weeks old shows that the improvement has lagged in the US, which ranked 41st among the 193 countries covered. The study, published in the journal PLoS Medicine, found that newborn deaths ...

US Newborn Death Rate Gets Huge Enlargement
TopNews United States – 31 August 2011
As per reports, the new infant mortality figures proved that in the past few months certainly there was a sudden increase in the death graph. The region's health authorities claimed that midwives shortage was one of the biggest factors, ...

Newborns in Malaysia and Cuba have better shot of survival than those born in ...
New York Daily News – 31 August 2011
Newborns in Malaysia and Cuba now have a better chance of survival than those born in the United States, a new study shows. "It’s not that things are worse in the United States than before, it’s that the US isn't making progress like other countries ...

U.S. Newborn Death Rate Ranked Behind 40 Other Nations
HealthNews – 31 August 2011
Neonatal deaths have decreased by a good margin—28 percent—but work to improve newborn health care in the US has not progressed at the rate of other industrialized nations, sending its rankings into the middle of the pack. No longer a healthcare leader ...

Newborn mortality rate shows U.S. struggling to match other countries
The State Column – 31 August 2011
While rates for infant mortality have steadily declined worldwide, the US has fallen further in the neonatal mortality rankings even as its death rate has dropped 26 percent. The study shows that babies born in the US fail to survive 4.3 per 1000 live ...

US Infant Mortality Rate Worse Than in 40 Other Countries
International Business Times – 31 August 2011
Babies born in the United States have a higher chance of dying in their first month than babies in much of the developed world, according to a new report on infant mortality rates. Researchers at the World Health Organization looked at mortality rates ...

More Infants Die Early in US than in 40 Countries, Including Cuba ...
International Business Times – 31 August 2011
The United States is worse than 40 other countries when it comes to infant mortality. A report published on Tuesday by the World Health Organization (WHO) said babies born in the U.S. have a higher risk of dying within the first month of life than babies born in 40 other countries. The report provides the most comprehensive view on the infant mortality rates of more than 200 countries in the last 20 years. The countries which outranked ..
**U.S. Newborn Death Rate Soars Above 40 Other Nations**
International Business Times – 31 August 2011
New research done by the World Health Organization (WHO) shows that babies under four weeks old account for 41 percent of child deaths worldwide. A report published on Tuesday by WHO said babies born in the US have a higher risk of dying within the ...

**US ranks low for newborn survival**
CNN Health – 31 August 2011
The study says the leading causes of newborn death worldwide are preterm delivery, asphyxia and severe infections. More than a half million babies in the United States—one in every 8—are born premature each year. The United States has seen a 26% ...

**U.S. Trails 40 Other Nations in Terms of Infant Mortality; Lack of Health Care ...**
HULIQ – 31 August 2011
While it saw its infant mortality rate drop as well, its drop over the last 20 years was less than the average drop, only 26 percent. Worse, the United States dropped from No. 28 to No. 41 in the rankings of newborn death risk. ...

**Slide Show: Newborn Mortality Rates Around the World**
PBS NewsHour – 31 August 2011
Newborn deaths dropped from 4.6 million in 1990 to 3.3 million in 2009, a new report by the World Health Organization, Save the Children and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine shows. The burden is far higher in the developing world, ...

**Global Study Finds Newborns Struggle to Survive**
Fox News – 31 August 2011
While investment over the last decade in health care for women and children has paid off in rapid declines in maternal death rates and deaths of children under five, improvement in the survival of babies in their first four weeks of life has been ...

**Newborn survival rate in US ranks surprisingly low**
The Imperfect Parent - Roger Caldwell – 31 August 2011
The World Health Organization and Save the Children conducted the study, which also showed that the number of infants who die before they are 4 weeks old account for 41% of child deaths worldwide. Countries with lower newborn death rates than the US ...

**Death Rate Of Newborns In US Higher Than Malaysia, Cuba And 38 Others**
SmartAboutHealth – 31 August 2011
With the advances in medical technology and the high quality of care in the US, it is surprising that babies born here have a higher likelihood of death in their first month than in 40 other countries. The World Health Organization (WHO) released a ...

**WHO Study Finds Global Neonatal Mortality Rate Down 28% Since 1990, But ...**
Kaiser Family Foundation – 31 August 2011
"The study, which covers 20 years and all 193 WHO member states, found that newborn deaths today account for 41 percent of all child deaths before the age of five," the UN News Centre writes (8/30). "Africa saw the slowest decline in newborn deaths, ...
Newborn survival low in US – WHO study
Gant Daily – 31 August 2011
Geneva, Switzerland (AHN) – The United States has slid to number 41 in the global ranking of newborn mortality, according to a new report released by the World Health Organization (WHO) and Save the Children. The report says the newborn mortality rate ...

US newborn death rate tied with Qatar
msnbc.com - Rachael Rettner – 30 August 2011
Babies in the United States have a higher risk of dying during their first month of life than do babies born in 40 other countries, according to a new report. ...

Newborn deaths down, but more could be avoided
Los Angeles Times – 30 August 2011
Fewer newborn babies around the world are dying during their first four weeks of life, researchers at the World Health Organization reported Tuesday in the journal PLoS Medicine. But the news isn't all good: While global neonatal mortality is down 28% ...

Study: Infant Mortality Increases in the U.S.
The State Column – 30 August 2011
A study by the World Health Organization (WHO), Save the Children and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine found that fewer newborn babies around the world are dying during their first four weeks of life. Newborn deaths decreased from 4.6 ...

Study: Millions of Newborns Die Needlessly
Voice of America – 30 August 2011
Each year, millions of babies die within the first few weeks of life. A new report from the World Health Organization and Save the Children says many of those newborn deaths are ...

US newborn death rate higher than in 40 other nations
USA Today – 30 August 2011
"We need health workers, we need governments not to expect newborns to die." Lawn, who works with the non-governmental organization Save the Children, and researchers from the World Health Organization, drive that point home in a new study looking at ...

BLOGS:

Neonatal Mortality – how does malaria contribute?
Global Health Hub – 1 September 2011
Over 40% of child deaths are now due to neonatal mortality, according to National Public Radio (NPR). NPR was commenting on a new article published in PLoS Medicine that examines neonatal death trends between 1990 and 2009. ...

Your Baby Is More Likely To Survive Childbirth In Cuba Than In The United States
Miami New Times (blog) – 1 September 2011
Do not let Michael Moore read this story or that fat bastard will never shut up about it. A new comprehensive study on newborn deaths in every country in the world was just published ...
**News bites: U.S. lags ever more countries on newborn mortality**
The Hill – 31 August 2011
The United States has slipped 13 places, to 41st, over the past 20 years in the worldwide ranking of newborn mortality, according to a new report by the World Health Organization and Save the Children. ...

**USA Ranks #41 in Infant Mortality! Tied with Qatar!**
Technorati – 31 August 2011
Just saw an interesting story on USA Today's online pages about our standing as a "great Nation" when it comes to infant mortality. Wanna have a baby? If you have it here in the United States, take cheer in the fact that our infant mortality rate is ...

**Latest Frontier In Reducing Childhood Mortality: Neonatal Deaths**
NPR – 31 August 2011
If you want to live a long life, it's critical to survive the first month after birth, when humans are especially vulnerable. ...

**Good news, sort of**
The Economist – 31 August 2011
The first 28 days of life are among the most dangerous in a human's existence. In 2009 3.3m children died before they were four weeks old, down from 4.6m in ...

**Newborn Death Rates Decline Worldwide**
Care2.com – 30 August 2011
A study published today in the medical journal PLoS Medicine and coauthored by Dr. Lawn highlights, too, the vital need to focus on the health of newborns. There is some good news. The authors found the neonatal deaths dropped from 4.6 million to 3.3 ...

**Death rates in newborns remains high in Africa and India**
Next Big Future – 30 August 2011
In 2009, an estimated 3.3 million babies died in the first month of life—compared with 4.6 million neonatal deaths in 1990—and more than half of all neonatal deaths occurred in five countries of the world (44% of global livebirths): India 27.8% (19.6% ...)