AFE FOUNDATION
AMNIOTIC FLUID EMBOLISM

The AFE Foundation is a non-profit organization founded in 2008 that quickly united the voices of families, survivors, medical professionals, and researchers to call for greater awareness and resources to reduce the threat of amniotic fluid embolism (AFE). Our collective efforts have resulted in an internationally recognized research program on AFE, highly sought-after educational programming for healthcare providers, and a worldwide network of support groups and resources for those impacted by an AFE.

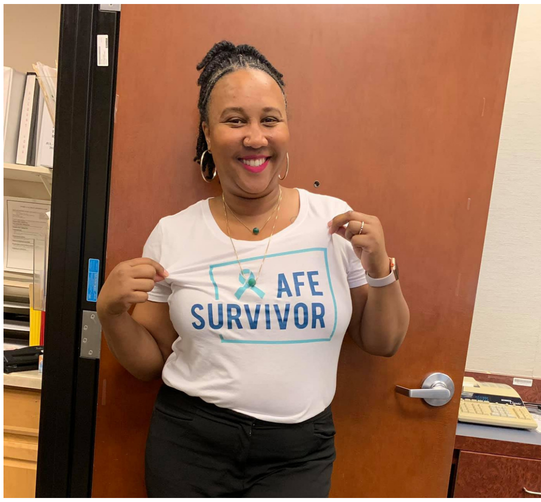
OUR WORK

We are committed to identifying the cause, diagnosis, prevention, and treatment of amniotic fluid embolism and bringing information and resources to healthcare providers and impacted families through our education and support programs. We also strive to be the light guiding those impacted by an AFE through their physical and emotional recovery as they navigate their way forward.

2,528
community members served globally

10,000+
providers received life-saving education

400+
citations of published research



WHAT IS AN AMNIOTIC FLUID EMBOLISM?

Amniotic fluid embolism (AFE) is a sudden and unexpected life-threatening birth complication that can affect both mother and baby. Although poorly understood, it is thought to be the result of an allergic-like reaction to the amniotic fluid that enters the mother's bloodstream, a normal part of the birth process. It most often occurs during labor or shortly after delivery. Women will experience sudden breathing , blood pressure and bleeding issues often leading to a cardiac arrest and massive hemorrhaging.

THE PROBLEM

Amniotic fluid embolism is unpreventable, unpredictable, and exceptionally difficult to treat, resulting in high mortality and morbidity and being challenging to study.

A leading cause of maternal morbidity and mortality

20-60%
mortality rate

1 in 40,000
deliveries

OUR VISION

Reduce maternal and infant mortality attributed to amniotic fluid embolism.

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