





II trauma center. 11,12 Nearly half of all transfers to a Level I or II trauma center were for those aged 55 and older (n = 35,342, 49.6%). These results may reflect an unrecognized initial need for trauma center care, the need to provide stabilization and resuscitation at a non-trauma center prior to transfer to the appropriate Level I or II trauma center, or other factors. The high transfer rate associated with this age group may be a result of patient deterioration due to anticoagulation usage. 29 Other possible reasons include the high transfer reimburse-













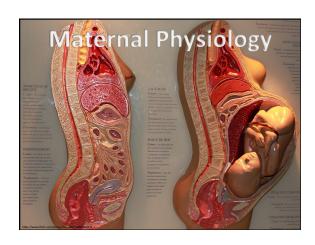


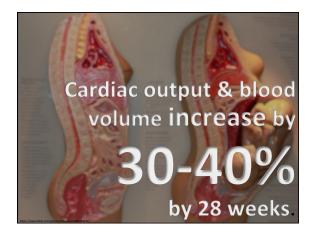




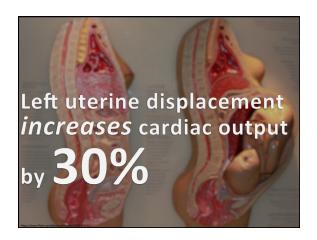


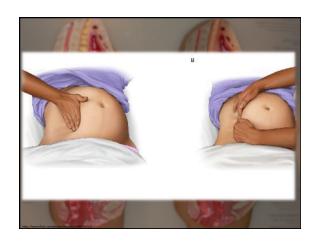




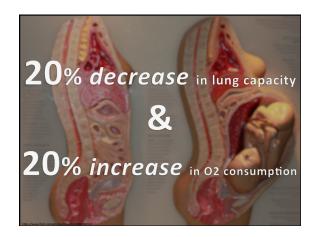








There is a decrease in the competency of the gastroesophageal sphincter, increasing risk of aspiration.



These changes predispose to

rapid falls in PaO2

during periods of apnea or

airway obstruction.



To compensate for shock, mom begins peripheral vasoconstriction compromising uterine perfusion.

