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Dr. Gellar is a health services researcher and epidemiologist with expertise in women's health, complementary and alternative medicine, and maternal morbidity and mortality. Dr. Gellar has conducted research related to maternal morbidity and mortality since 1999. As Principal Investigator of a cooperative agreement between the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Association of Schools and Programs of Public Health to investigate factors associated with maternal mortality, she developed an innovative model for early identification of high-risk women that has been used nationally and internationally. Dr. Gellar is a founding and continuing member of the Illinois Maternal Mortality Review Committee, which is responsible for review of preventability issues for all maternal deaths in the state. Dr. Gellar's international work in maternal morbidity and mortality began with a 5-year *Eunice Kennedy Shriver* National Institute of Child Health and Human Development-funded randomized clinical trial investigating the use of oral misoprostol for prevention of postpartum hemorrhage (PPH) in rural India. She is currently funded by Gynuity Health Projects and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to conduct another community-based trial in rural India to compare two dosing strategies for the use of misoprostol to prevent PPH. Dr. Gellar is also collaborating with the MacArthur Foundation, the Millennium Villages Project, and Pathfinder International to implement a continuum of care model to reduce PPH in India, Nigeria, and Ghana.