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FACT SHEET

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BY THE NUMBERS

Pregnancy-Related Deaths

■ ■ 14% of Portage County women were pregnant in the past 5 years and cardiovascular diseases accounted for 30% of all female deaths. Source: **2016 Portage County Community Health Assessment**

Saving lives of childbearing women

Every pregnancy-related death is tragic, especially because about 60% are preventable. Still, about 700 women die each year from complications of pregnancy. A pregnancy-related death can happen during pregnancy, at delivery, and even up to a year afterward (postpartum).

Want to learn more? Source: www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/maternal-deaths/



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion

700

About 700 women die from pregnancy-related complications each year in the US.

3 in 5

About 3 in 5 pregnancy-related deaths could be prevented.

1 in 3

About 1 in 3 pregnancy-related deaths occur 1 week to 1 year after delivery.



PROBLEM

Death can happen anytime when pregnant:

- ■ During 2011-2015 throughout the U.S.A. about 1/3 of deaths happened during pregnancy, about 1/3 happened at delivery, and about 1/3 happened 1 week to 1 year after delivery.
- ■ Missed factors such as: access to care, overlooked or delayed diagnoses, and not recognizing warning signs; can all contribute to the problem.

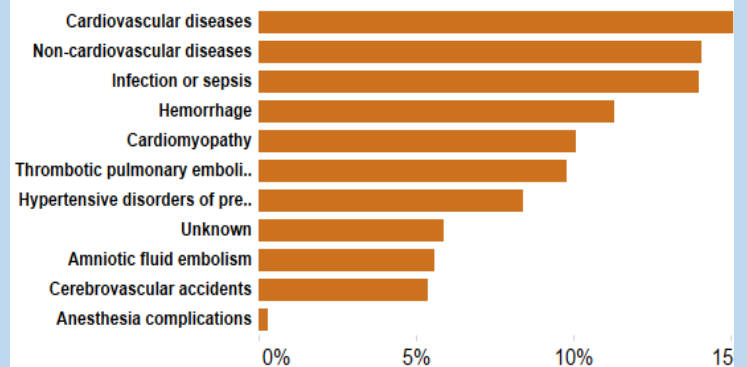
WHAT CAN BE DONE?

Everyone can:

- ■ Ensure women receive quality care during pregnancy and after:
www.womenshealth.gov/pregnancy
- ■ Know and communicate about symptoms of complications:
www.cdc.gov/pregnancy-complications



Causes for pregnancy-related deaths in the U.S.



Resource:
www.cdc.gov
1-800-CDC-INFO
TTY: 1-888-232-6348