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**Hypertension Bundle Implementation:
What you need to know before you begin**

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Objectives

- Following the conclusion of this activity,
 - participants will be better able to apply QI principles to successful HTN bundle implementation in their local setting
 - participants will be better able to identify potential barriers of HTN bundle implementation in their local setting.
 - participants will be better able to develop strategies to mitigate potential barriers to HTN bundle implementation in their local setting.



Creating a culture of excellence, safety and equity
in perinatal care

“Perfection is not
attainable, but if we
chase perfection we can
catch excellence.”
~Vince Lombardi~



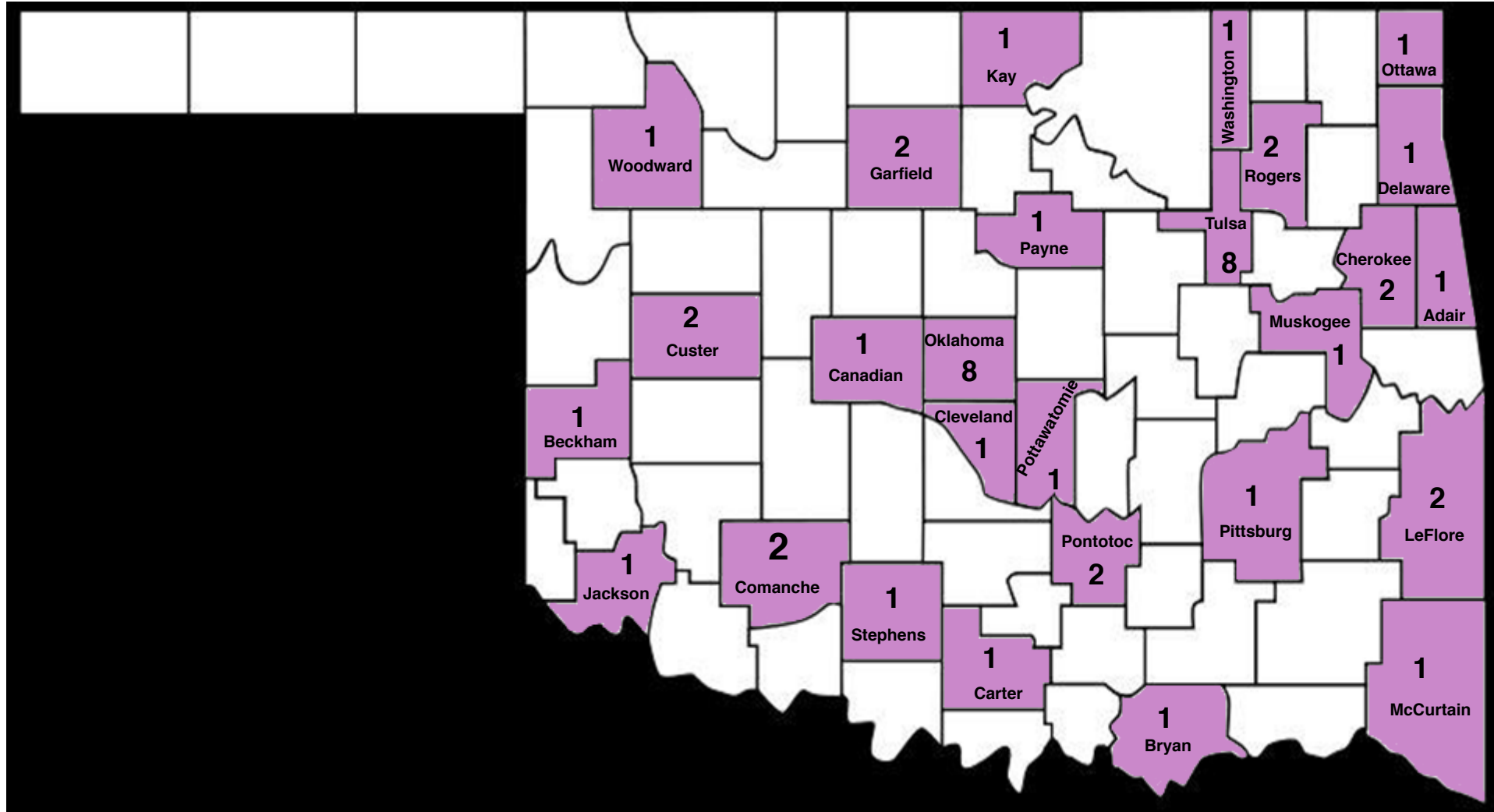




The Landscape of Perinatal Care in Oklahoma

48 birthing hospitals
58% rural
42% urban

~50,000 annual births
69% in urban hospitals
31% in rural hospitals
From ~30– 4100 annual births
~58% covered by Medicaid



Oklahoma Birthing Hospitals January 2020



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WHY?

The Last Person You'd Expect to Die in

The U.S. has the highest rate of death of women during childbirth in the developed world. The death of Laura, a 32-year-old woman at a hospital who died during childbirth, highlights the disparity: The hospital's death rate is 10 times higher than the national average.

by Nina



Clean Up:
A Woman Who Almost Died

SPECIAL SERIES
lost mothers: maternal mortality in the u.s.



For Every Woman
Who Dies During
Childbirth In The U.S.,
Close

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RENEE MONTAGNE



Hospitals blame moms when childbirth goes wrong. Secret data suggest it's not that simple.

A USA TODAY analysis of billing data from 7 million births found about one in eight hospitals have complication rates of at least double the norm.

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Heard on All Things Considered

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Hospitals know how to protect mothers. They just aren't doing it.

Alison Young, USA TODAY
3:54 p.m. CDT July 27, 2018

CHAPTERS

- 1 Routine failures
- 2 'I was really scared'

Every year, thousands of women suffer life-altering injuries or die during childbirth because hospitals and medical workers skip safety practices known to head off disaster, a USA TODAY investigation has found.

INVESTIGATIONS
During
U.S. Moms

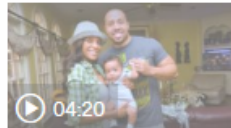


Fitness Wellness Parenting Vital Signs

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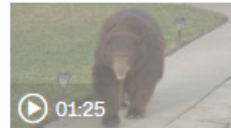
This father lost his wife during childbirth. Now he's taking action



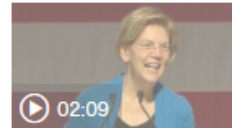
Bernie Sanders celebrates Nevada caucus win



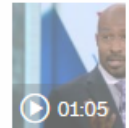
Hikers rescued after more than a week in the forest



400-pound bear sighted in California neighborhood



Warren insults Bloomberg after Nevada caucuses



Van Jones Nevada 'extraor

When women die in childbirth, these are the fathers left behind

By Jacqueline Howard, CNN



NCHS released maternal mortality statistics for 2018, an extensive review of data quality, and new coding procedures for death certificates based on this review.

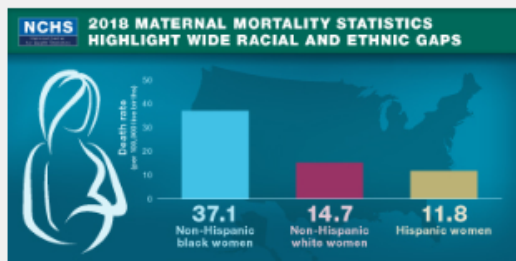
<https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/maternal-mortality/index.htm>

Key Findings

- For 2018, the maternal mortality rate is 17.4 per 100,000 live births in the United States.



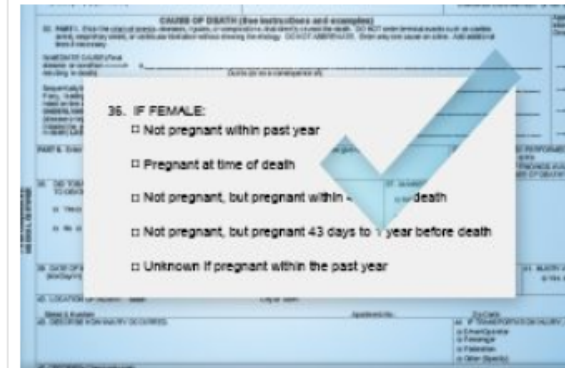
- Wide racial and ethnic gaps exist between non-Hispanic black (37.1 deaths per 100,000 live births), non-Hispanic white (14.7), and Hispanic (11.8) women.



Detailed Evaluation of Changes in Data Collection Methods



Implementation of New Coding Methods



Data Files and Resources



Maternal Mortality Reports



Maternal Morbidity and Mortality: *Original Research*

Systolic Hypertension, Preeclampsia-Related Mortality, and Stroke in California

Amy E. Judy, MD, MPH, Christy L. McCain, MPH, Elizabeth S. Lawton, MHS, Christine H. Morton, PhD, Elliott K. Main, MD, and Maurice L. Druzin, MD

OBJECTIVE: To describe the clinical characteristics of stroke and opportunities to improve care in a cohort of preeclampsia-related maternal mortalities in California.

METHODS: The California Pregnancy-Associated Mortality Review retrospectively examined a cohort of preeclampsia pregnancy-related deaths in California from 2002 to 2007. Stroke cases were identified among preeclampsia deaths, and case summaries were reviewed with attention to clinical variables, particularly hypertension. Health care provider- and patient-related contributing factors were also examined.

RESULTS: Among 54 preeclampsia pregnancy-related deaths that occurred in California from 2002 to 2007, 33 were attributed to stroke. Systolic blood pressure exceeded 160 mm Hg in 96% of cases, and diastolic blood pressure was 110 or higher in 65% of cases. Hemolysis, elevated liver enzymes, and low platelet count syndrome was present in 38% (9/24) of cases with available laboratory data; eclampsia occurred in 36% of cases. Headache was the most frequent symptom (87%)

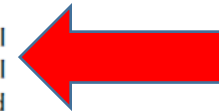
preceding stroke. Elevated liver transaminases were the most common laboratory abnormality (71%). Only 48% of women received antihypertensive treatment. A good-to-strong chance to alter outcome was identified in stroke cases 66% (21/32), with delayed response to clinical warning signs in 91% (30/33) of cases and ineffective treatment in 76% (25/33) cases being the most common areas for improvement.

CONCLUSION: Stroke is the major cause of maternal mortality associated with preeclampsia or eclampsia. All but one patient in this series of strokes demonstrated severe elevation of systolic blood pressure, whereas other variables were less consistently observed. Antihypertensive treatment was not implemented in the majority of cases. Opportunities for care improvement exist and may significantly affect maternal mortality.

(*Obstet Gynecol* 2019;133:1151-9)

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Hypertensive disorders of pregnancy are a major



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HYPERTENSION IN PREGNANCY



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Chronic Hypertension in Pregnancy

Chronic hypertension is present in 0.9–1.5% of pregnant women (1) and may result in significant maternal, fetal, and neonatal morbidity and mortality. The rate of maternal chronic hypertension increased by 67% from 2000 to 2009, with the largest increase (87%) among African American women. This increase is largely secondary to the obesity

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ACOG COMMITTEE OPINION

(Replaces Committee Opinion Number 692, September 2017)

Severe Hypertension in the Postpartum

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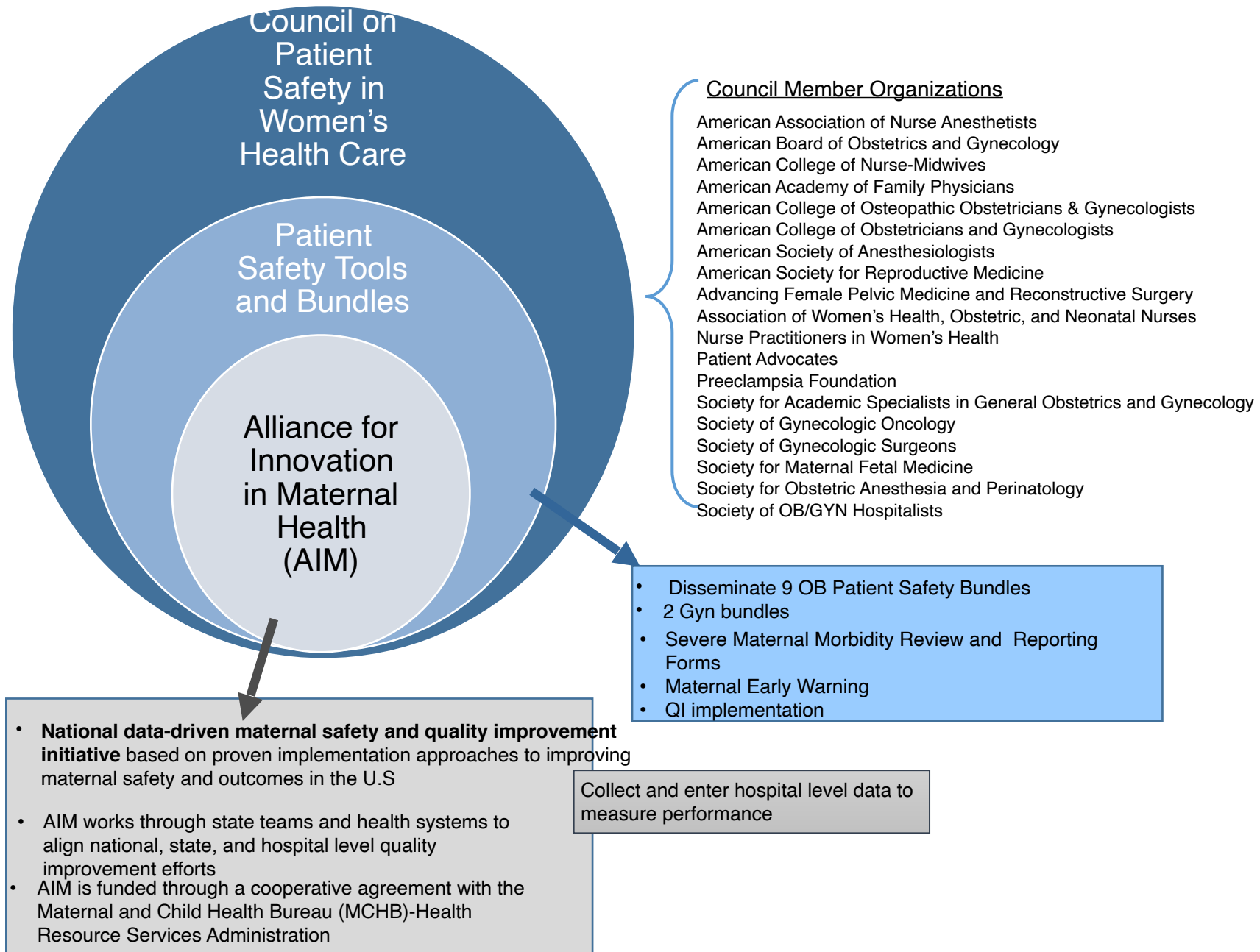
Severe hypertension; or both can occur in the postpartum period. Both require urgent treatment.

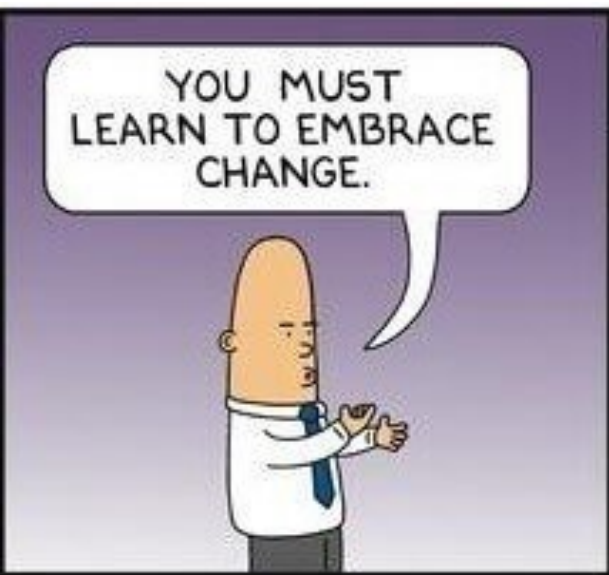
Safety in pregnancy

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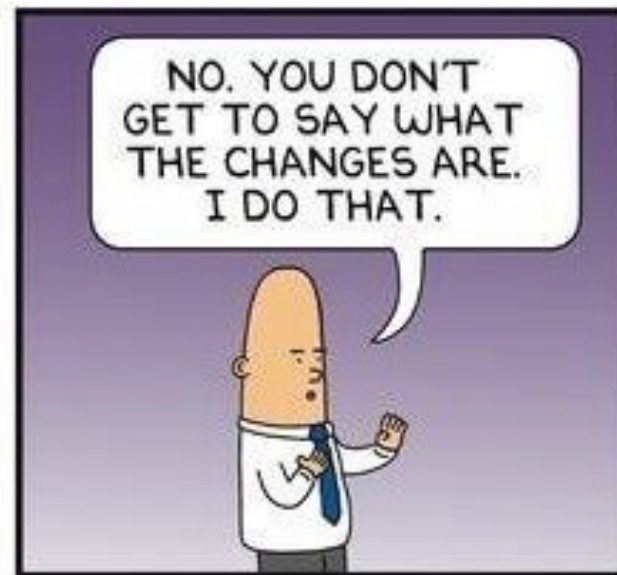
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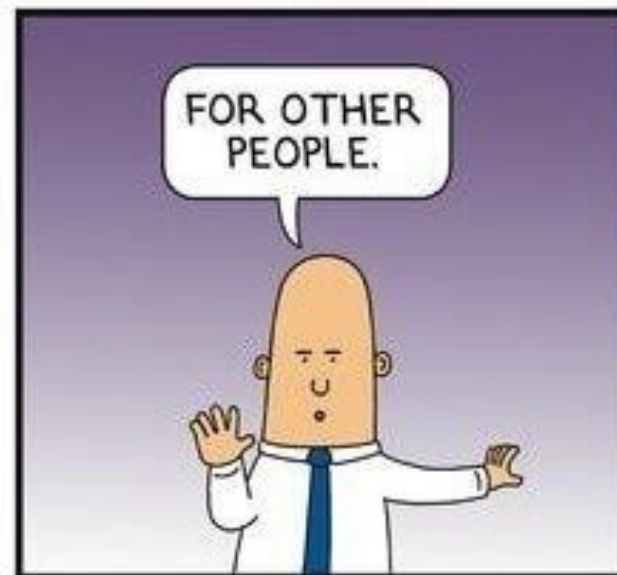




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PATIENT SAFETY BUNDLES



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IMPLEMENTING QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

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The Implementing Quality Improvement Projects Toolkit was developed to help health care teams successfully implement Council products, such as patient safety bundles. Through the use of the toolkit the Council aims to help health care organizations institute long-term change that results in improved outcomes.

[Implementing Quality Improvement Projects Toolkit](#)

<https://safehealthcareforeverywoman.org/patient-safety-tools/implementing-quality-improvement-projects/>

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All other uses require written permission from ACOG. Standardization of health care processes and reduced variation has been shown to improve outcomes and quality of care. The Council on Patient Safety in Women's Health Care disseminates patient safety bundles and toolkits to help facilitate the standardization process. This toolkit reflects emerging clinical, scientific, and patient safety advances as of the date issued and is subject to change. The information should not be construed as dictating an exclusive course of treatment or procedure to be followed. Although the components of a particular toolkit may be adapted to local resources, standardization within an institution is strongly encouraged.

The Council on Patient Safety in Women's Health Care is a broad consortium of organizations across the spectrum of women's health for the promotion of safe health care for every woman.

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EVENTS

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Safety Action Series

The Council on Patient Safety in Women's Health Care is pleased to sponsor and convene the Safety Action Series. The Series is comprised of free teleconferences on various topics relevant to promoting a culture of safety in women's health care. The series is designed to be interactive and collaborative, with ample time allotted during each session for audience participation.

Past Events

[https://safehealthcareforeverywoman.org/
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AIM

The Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health (AIM) is a national partnership of organizations poised to reduce severe maternal morbidity by 100,000 events and maternal mortality by 1,000 deaths by 2018. The AIM program is funded through a cooperative agreement with the Maternal and Child Health Bureau/Health Resource Services Administration.

Oklahoma is the first state to join the AIM initiative in conjunction with the OPQIC Every Mother Counts collaborative.

NEW AIM RESOURCES!

- **NEW!** AWHONN Maternal Mortality Resources
- Hemorrhage Bundle Implementation Research and Resources
- Hypertension Bundle Implementation Research and Resources

(Please note: To watch the videos below, please use Windows 10 Internet Explorer, Microsoft Edge or another web browser like Mozilla FireFox or Google Chrome.)



<https://opqic.org/aim/>

AIM Webcast: Treating Maternal Hypertension

HYPERTENSION IN PREGNANCY

Every Mother Counts aims to improve each hospital's readiness for, recognition of, response to and reporting of severe hypertension. This will be accomplished through the implementation of the [Severe Hypertension Patient Safety Bundle](#). Registration is required to access the bundle for tracking purposes.

There are many links to resources that can be accessed through the bundle. Please use the resources that are listed in the bundle.

READINESS:

NEW! [Hypertension Bundle Implementation Research and Resources](#)
[Severe Hypertension Patient Safety Bundle](#) (Council on Patient Safety in Women's Healthcare)
[Hypertension in Pregnancy ACOG Task Force Report](#)
[Patient Education Resource from the Preeclampsia Foundation](#)
[7 Symptoms Every Pregnant Woman Should Know Video](#)
[Hypertension Driver Diagram Appendix B](#)
[Hypertension in Pregnancy-Readiness Assessment](#)



RECOGNITION:

[Preeclampsia Early Recognition Tool \(PERT\)](#)
[Accurate Blood Pressure Measurement](#)
[Accurate BP Flyer](#)
[Hypertension in Pregnancy-Recognition Assessment](#)

<https://opqic.org/initiatives/emc/hypertension/>

RESPONSE:

[ACOG Committee Opinion 692: Emergent Therapy for Acute-Onset, Severe Hypertension During Pregnancy and the Postpartum Period](#)
[Maternal Mental Health Resources](#)
[AIM FAQ Topic: Treatment for Acute Onset Severe HTN \(by Elliot Main\)](#)
[Preeclampsia Toolkit \(CMQCC\)](#)
[Hypertension in Pregnancy-Response Assessment](#)
[Patient, Family, and Staff Support \(Council on Patient Safety in Women's Healthcare\)](#)

REPORTING:

[Severe Maternal Morbidity Facility Review Forms \(Council on Patient Safety in Women's Healthcare\)](#)

AT THE STRATEGIC PLANNERS PLANNING MEETING



**WHAT'S DIFFERENT ABOUT THE
HYPERTENSION BUNDLE?**



READINESS

Every Unit

- Standards for early warning signs, diagnostic criteria, monitoring and treatment of severe preeclampsia/eclampsia (include order sets and algorithms)
- Unit education on protocols, unit-based drills (with post-drill debriefs)
- Process for timely triage and evaluation of pregnant and postpartum women with hypertension including ED and outpatient areas
- Rapid access to medications used for severe hypertension/eclampsia: Medications should be stocked and immediately available on L&D and in other areas where patients may be treated. Include brief guide for administration and dosage.
- System plan for escalation, obtaining appropriate consultation, and maternal transport, as needed

RECOGNITION & PREVENTION

Every Patient

- Standard protocol for measurement and assessment of BP and urine protein for all pregnant and postpartum women
- Standard response to maternal early warning signs including listening to and investigating patient symptoms and assessment of labs (e.g. CBC with platelets, AST and ALT)
- Facility-wide standards for educating prenatal and postpartum women on signs and symptoms of hypertension and preeclampsia

RESPONSE

Every case of severe hypertension/preeclampsia

- Facility-wide standard protocols with checklists and escalation policies for management and treatment of:
 - Severe hypertension
 - Eclampsia, seizure prophylaxis, and magnesium over-dosage
 - Postpartum presentation of severe hypertension/preeclampsia
- Minimum requirements for protocol:
 - Notification of physician or primary care provider if systolic BP \geq 160 or diastolic BP \geq 110 for two measurements within 15 minutes
 - After the second elevated reading, treatment should be initiated ASAP (preferably within 60 minutes of verification)
 - Includes onset and duration of magnesium sulfate therapy
 - Includes escalation measures for those unresponsive to standard treatment
 - Describes manner and verification of follow-up within 7 to 14 days postpartum
 - Describe postpartum patient education for women with preeclampsia
- Support plan for patients, families, and staff for ICU admissions and serious complications of severe hypertension

REPORTING/SYSTEMS LEARNING

Every unit

- Establish a culture of huddles for high risk patients and post-event debriefs to identify successes and opportunities
- Multidisciplinary review of all severe hypertension/eclampsia cases admitted to ICU for systems issues
- Monitor outcomes and process metrics



RESPONSE

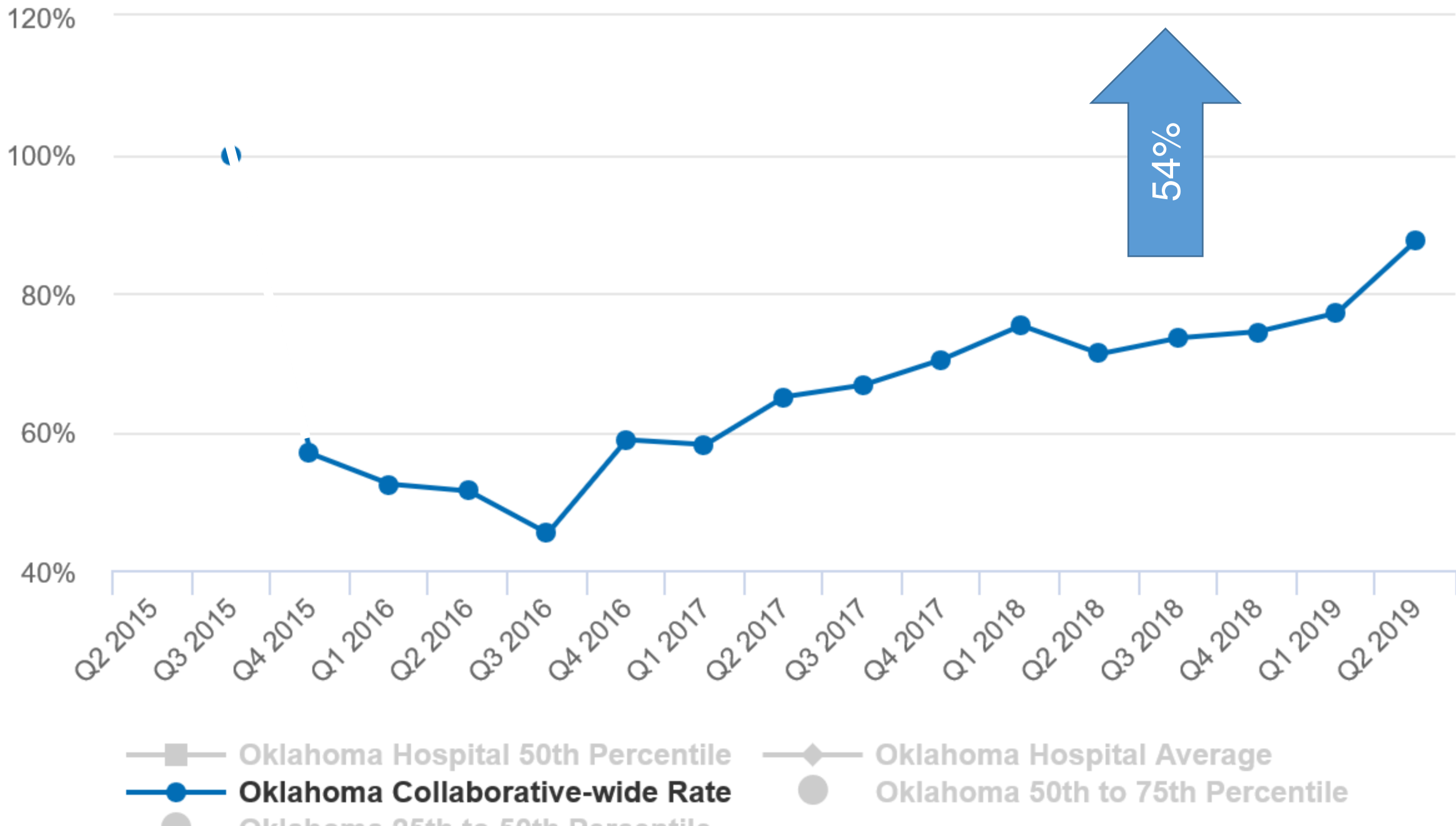
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PATIENT
SAFETY
BUNDLE

Hypertension

Timely Treatment of Severe HTN



**WHY DON'T WE TREAT THE SEVERE
HYPERTENSION?**

Women die because they do not receive early, effective, and aggressive lifesaving treatments.



California Department of Public Health (2011). The California pregnancy associated mortality review: Report from 2002 and 2003 Maternal Death Reviews.

BELIEVE IT

TREAT IT

Three Easy Steps

1. Take an accurate blood pressure
 - Consider clinical context to obtain accurate BP
 - Verify within 15 minutes
2. Obtain order from provider
 - In the meantime, gain IV access
 - Have medications available on unit
3. If severe (systolic \geq 160 mmHg OR diastolic \geq 110 mmHg), treat within 30-60 minutes, 30 min if possible
 - Initiate protocol
 - One standard protocol simplifies things
 - Severe HTN is a hypertensive crisis!
 - Listen to Patient!
 - Treatment of Severe HTN is 1st priority
 - Begin magnesium sulfate therapy next, if needed

Potential Bumps in the Road

- Chronic Hypertension
 - Recommended to treat acute severe HTN
- Outpatient
 - Send to hospital for treatment
- Difficulty obtaining IV Access
 - Goal is to treat within 60 minutes
 - Notify provider if unable to meet this goal
- Emergency Department
 - Ensure standard protocol exists for entire hospital
 - Transfer to OB unit unless clinical situation necessitates she remains in ED
 - Obtain OB consult
- Postpartum
 - Ensure women receive education and follow-up appointment scheduled at discharge
 - Work with ED to ensure treatment of postpartum women

DATA REPORTING

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Identifying Patients

- EMR query
- Pharmacy records
- Medication dispenser record
- Delivery log
- Real-time data collection
- Others?

Coding

- Ensure clinicians are educated by coders on proper documentation
- At the state level, check for outliers and communicate with them

LISTENING TO WOMEN AND FAMILIES

Symptoms

- Headache that won't go away
- Visual disturbances (seeing spots or auras)
- Epigastric pain (upper right quadrant)
- Nausea/vomiting (2H pregnancy)
- Sudden weight gain (5 lbs+ in a week)
- Breathlessness (panting, difficulty breathing)
- Swelling of the face or hands
- “Just not feeling right”; unexplained “anxiety”

Clinical Care Basics for Preeclampsia: Where Patients Tell Us We're Failing

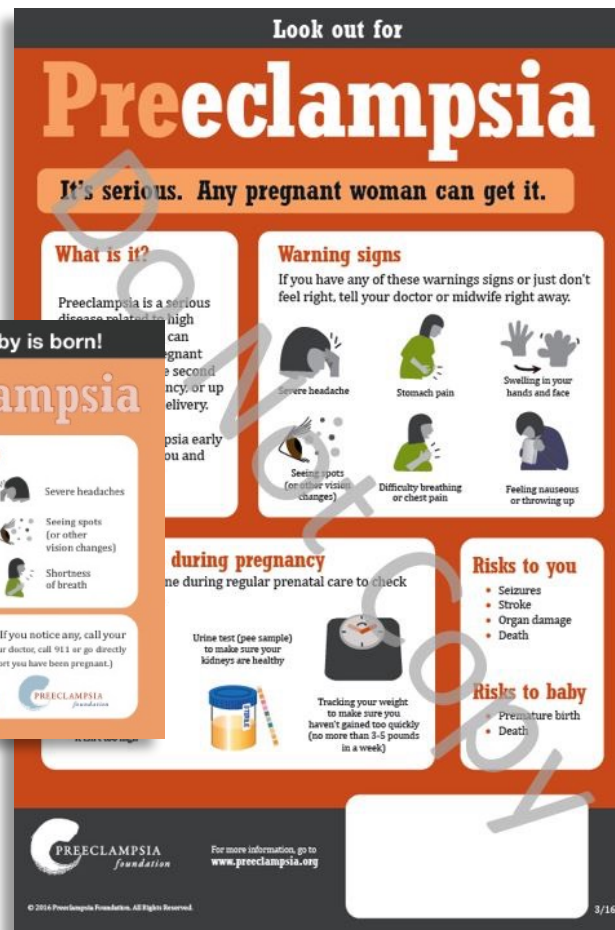
- Diagnose accurately and quickly
- Treat severe high blood pressure
- Expectant management (too soon/too late)
- Educate mom about and monitor post-partum preeclampsia
- *Pre-conception and early pregnancy risk assessment*
- *Prenatal patient education and aspirin prophylaxis guidance*
- *Postpartum PTSD/mental health support (including dad!)*
- Education and a care plan for *long-term* effects of preeclampsia
- *Listening to mothers (or their support partners)*

Patient Education Toolkit (print & digital)

Tearpad



Poster



Video



Video available in English and Spanish on YouTube™ or for adding to your website

These and other patient education materials are available in multiple languages

www.preeclampsia.org/store



www.stillatrisk.org
FAQs
infographics



You W, et al. Improving patient understanding of preeclampsia: a randomized controlled trial. Am J Obstet Gynecol 2012.

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Infographic

With interest, we'll produce this as a tearpad



Take Heart



Take Care

Preeclampsia may lead to heart disease, stroke, and high blood pressure

Know the Facts

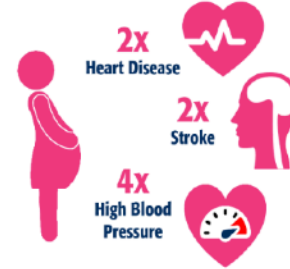


5% to 8%

One in Every 12 Pregnancies
Preeclampsia (including eclampsia and HELLP syndrome) impacts 5% to 8% of all pregnancies

2X to 4X

Know Your High Risks
Preeclampsia doubles your risk of heart disease and stroke, and quadruples your risk of high blood pressure later in life



2 out of 3

women who experience preeclampsia will die from cardiovascular disease

At higher risk...

If you have had preeclampsia and:

- ✓ delivered pre-term
- ✓ had low-birth weight babies
- ✓ suffered from severe preeclampsia more than once

Take Heart Take Care

You Can Lower Your Risk

A history of preeclampsia doesn't mean you'll definitely develop cardiovascular problems, especially if you take the higher risk to heart and make changes today for a healthier tomorrow



Every Year

Talk to your healthcare provider within one year after delivery about monitoring your heart-health and blood vessels with extra care

Get regularly evaluated and treated for cardiovascular risk factors: high blood pressure, blood sugar and cholesterol, obesity, and smoking

Get adequate physical activity
Eat a heart-healthy diet

Stay at a healthy weight

Adopt a heart-healthy lifestyle

If you smoke, stop!

Talk to your doctor about taking low-dose aspirin

Know your family health history

Know your numbers for blood pressure, blood sugar, and cholesterol



Severe Maternal Morbidity among All Delivering Women

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Thank You!

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