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California Maternal
Quality Care Collaborative

Perinatal Quality Collaboratives: State and National Successes

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Agenda

- Challenges of Maternal Mortality and Morbidity
- “Moving the Dial”--Keys for Success at Scale
- Special Value of PQCs and Networking
- Health Equity Considerations

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Reduction of Maternal Mortality is one of the Greatest Public Health Success Stories of the Last Century

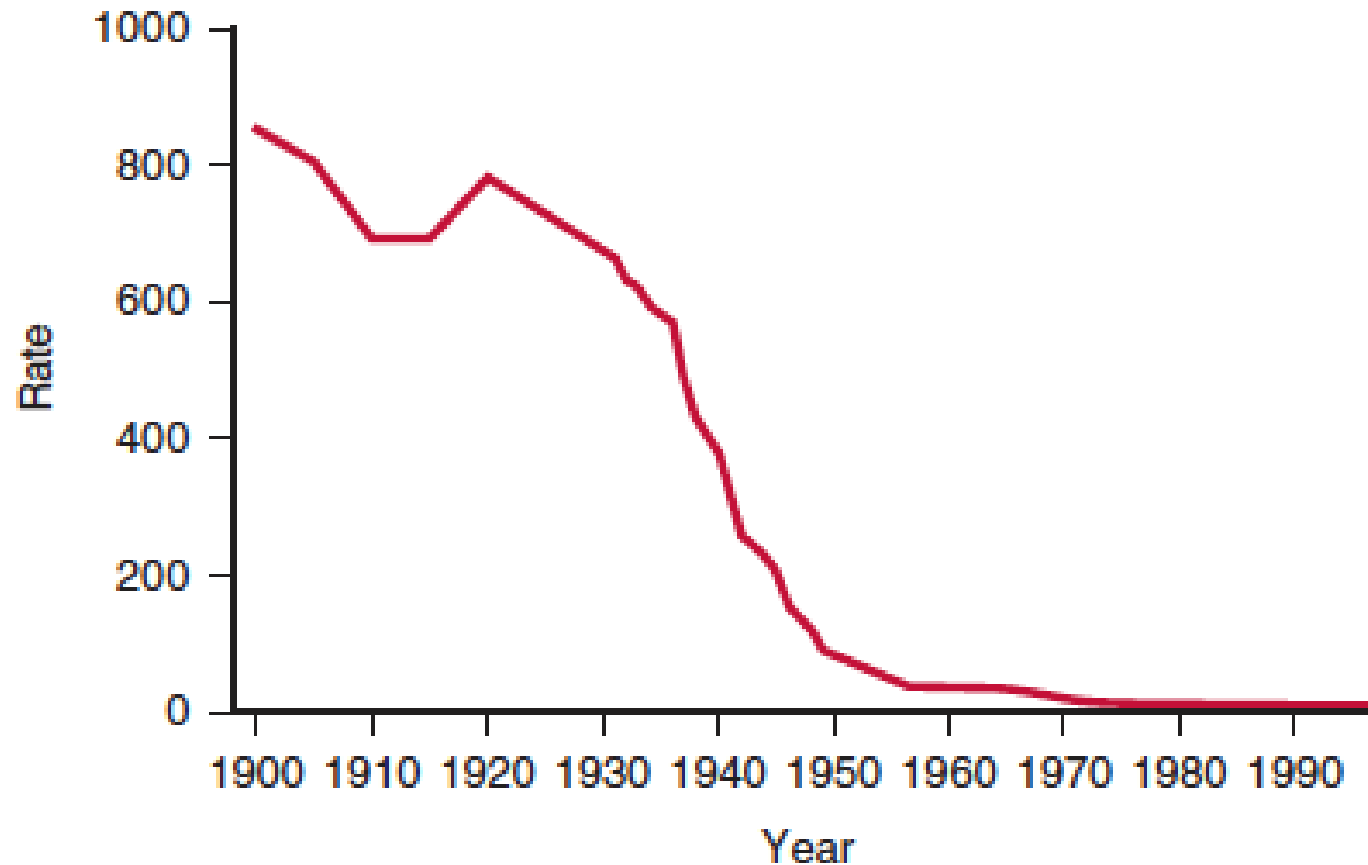
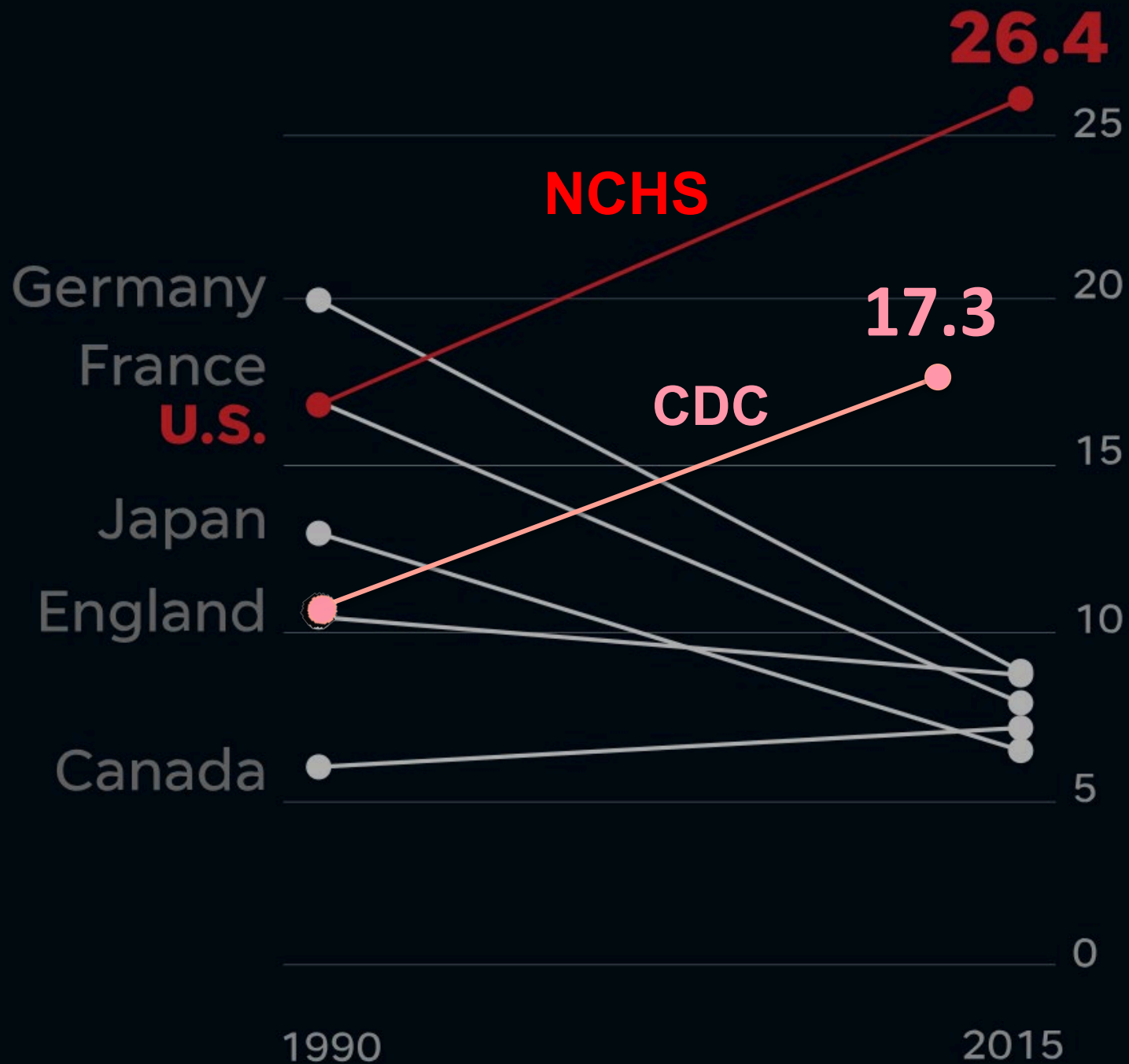


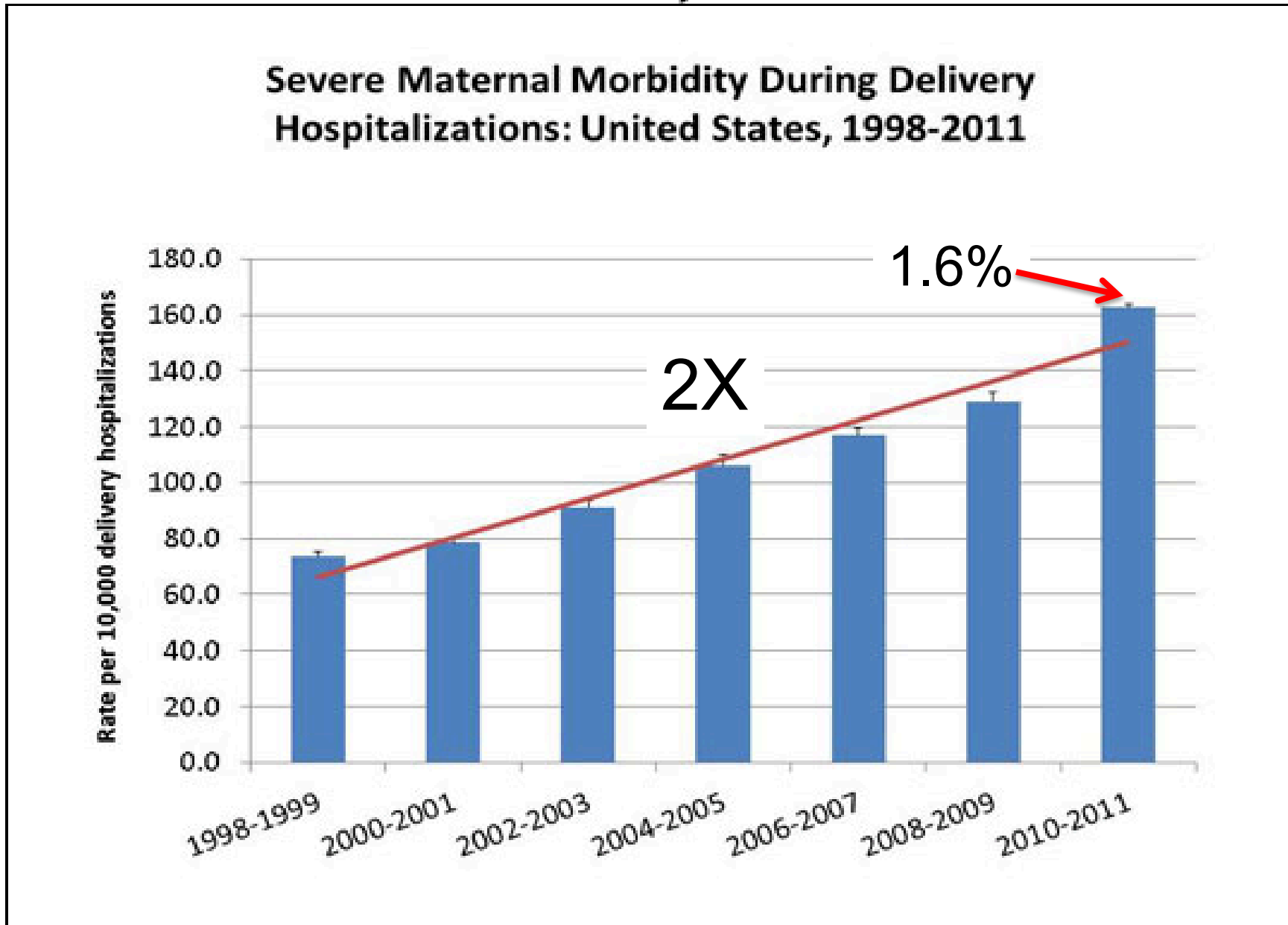
Figure 50-1 U.S. maternal mortality rate, 1900 to 1997. Rate is the number of deaths per 100,000 live births. (From Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: *Healthier mothers and babies*, MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep 48:849–857, 1999.)

In the last 15 years,
US has seen rises in:

Maternal Mortality:
Up 50-70%



Trends in Severe Maternal Morbidity in the United States: 1998-2011



Most recent US rates of SMM are 1.9-2.0%

cdc.gov

Search: severe maternal morbidity

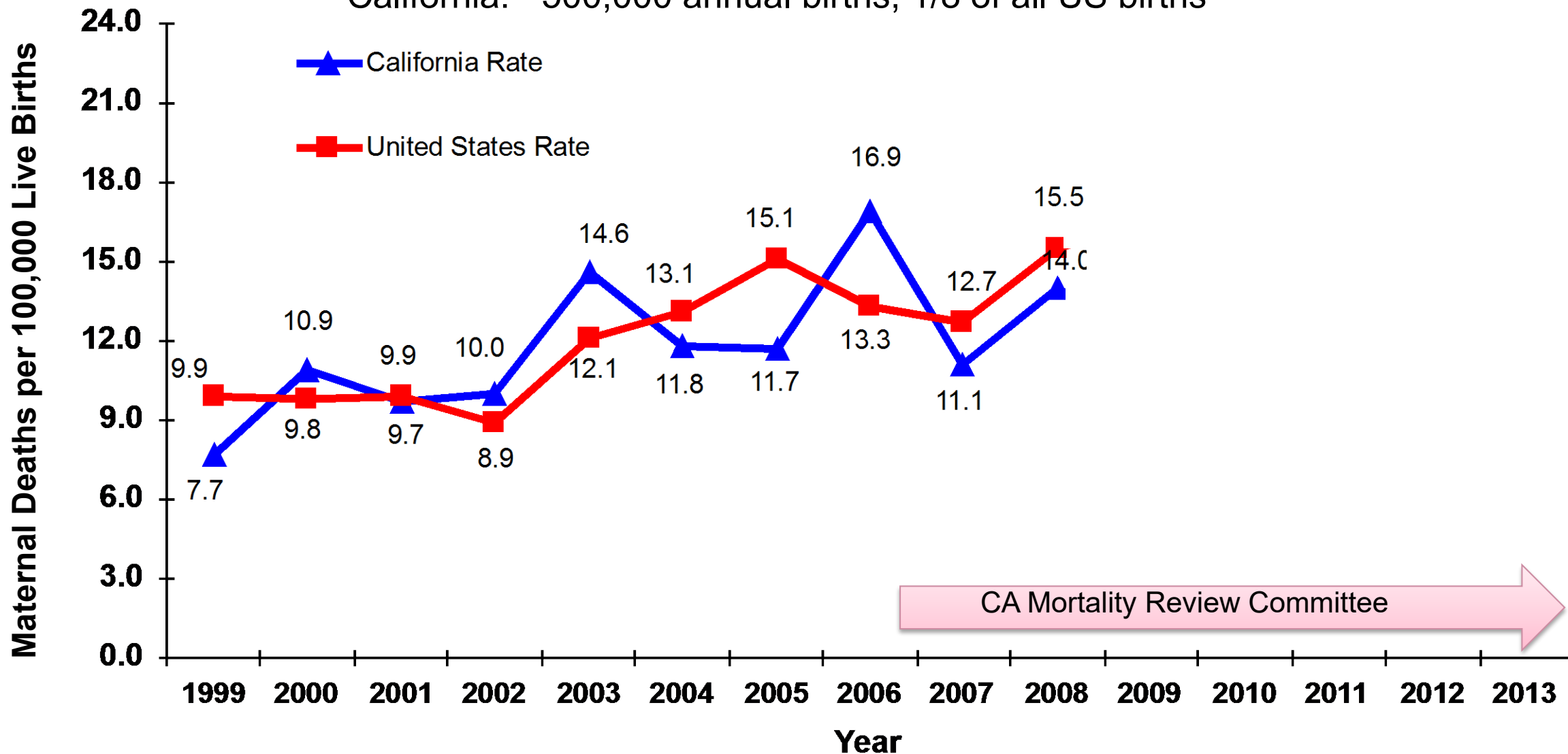
Maternal Mortality and Severe Morbidity

Approximate distributions, compiled from multiple studies

Cause	Mortality (1-2 per 10,000)
VTE	~10%
Infection	10-15%
Hemorrhage	10-15%
Preeclampsia	10-15%
Cardiac Disease	25-30%

Maternal Mortality Rate, California and United States; 1999-2013

California: ~500,000 annual births, 1/8 of all US births



Pregnancy-Related Mortality in California

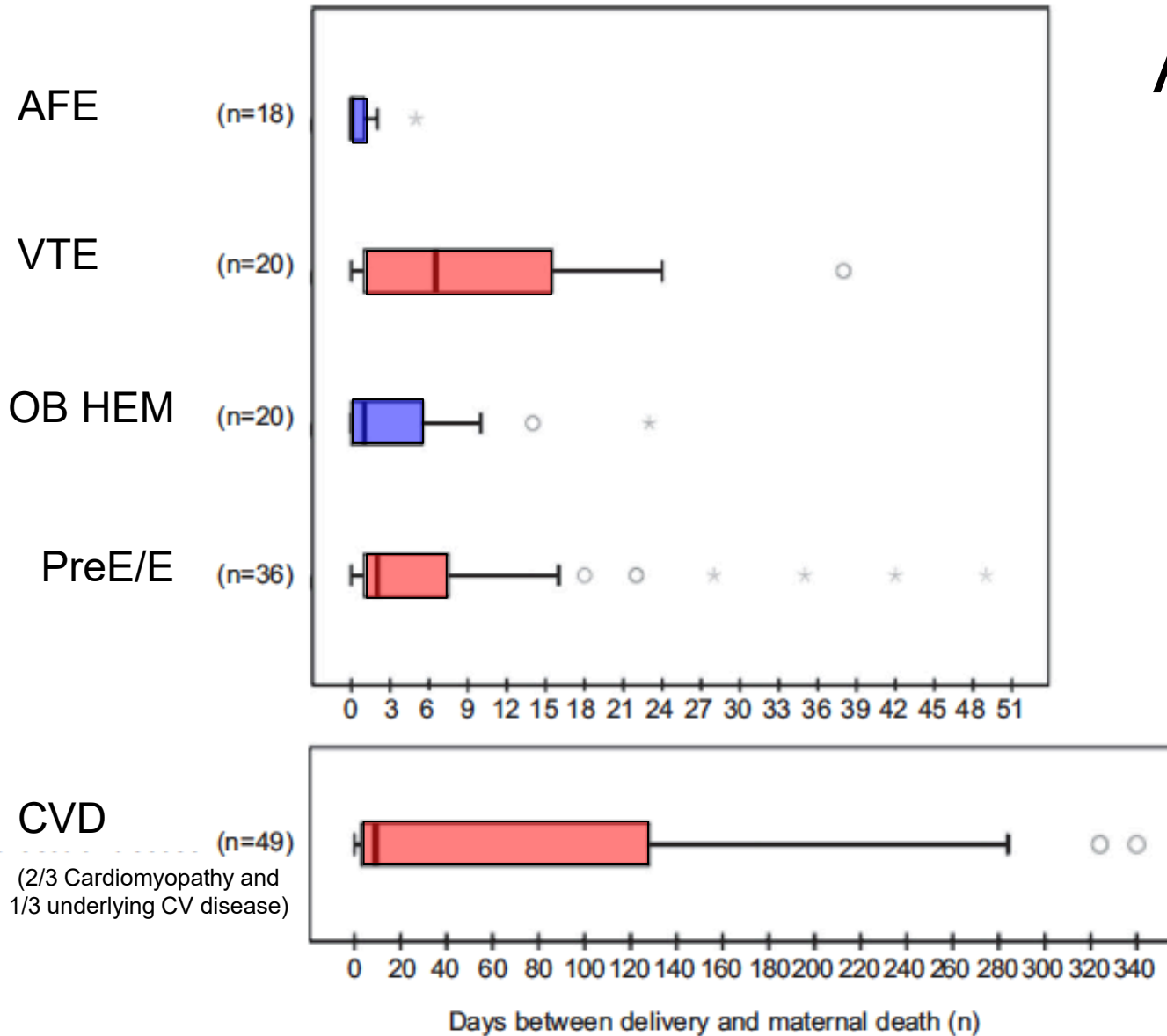
Causes, Characteristics, and Improvement Opportunities

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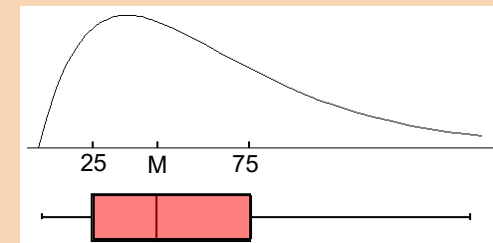
- Pregnancy-related mortality should not be considered a single clinical entity.
- The five leading causes exhibit different characteristics, degrees of preventability, and contributing factors, with the greatest improvement opportunities identified for hemorrhage and preeclampsia.



Timing of Death Among Major Causes of Maternal Mortality



Box and Whiskers for a Skewed Distribution (Mean, 25th, 75thtiles)



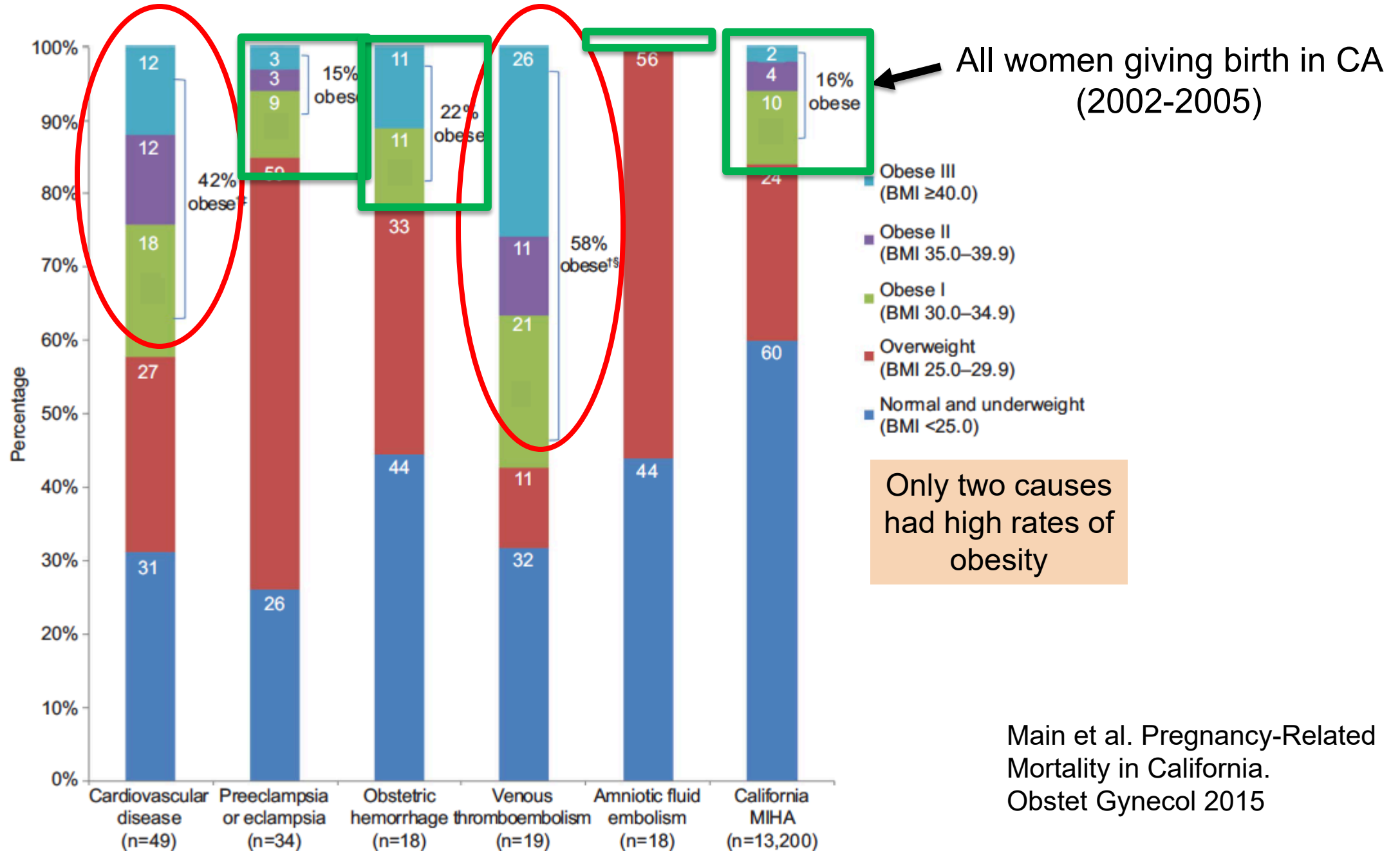
Main et al. Pregnancy-Related Mortality in California. Obstet Gynecol 2015



What states aren't doing to save new mothers' lives

The U.S. maternal death rate is among the highest in the developed world. Eighteen states haven't studied these deaths and others tend to blame moms.

Pre-pregnancy BMI Among Major Causes of Death



Assessments of Preventability

Cause of Death	North Carolina “Preventable” (CDC)	California “Good or strong chance to alter the outcome”	United Kingdom “Substandard care that had a major contribution”
Hemorrhage	93%	70%	44%
Preeclampsia	60%	60%	64%
Sepsis / Infection	43%	50%	46%
DVT / VTE	17%	50%	33%
Cardiomyopathy	22%	29%	25%
AFE	0%	0%	15%

Key Provider QI Opportunities: Hemorrhage and Preeclampsia

- California Pregnancy Associated Mortality Reviews

- Missed triggers/risk factors: abnormal vital signs, pain, altered mental status
- Underutilization of resources—did not have a plan!
- Difficulties getting physician to the bedside
- “Location of care” issues involving Postpartum, ED and PACU

Present in >95% of cases

- University of Illinois Regional Perinatal Network

- Failure to identify
- Incomplete or incorrect

Present in >90% of cases

Obstetric Hemorrhage and Preeclampsia: Summary

- Most common **preventable** causes of maternal mortality
- Far and away the most common causes of Severe Maternal Morbidity
- High rates of provider “quality improvement opportunities”





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

Alison Young, USA TODAY
1:54 p.m. PDT July 27, 2018

Maternal Safety Bundles

What are they?

- “Checklist” of items and practices for every birthing site
- Not a national protocol !!
- Facilities will modify content based on local resources

Uniform Structure:

- **Readiness**
 - ↳ Every unit—prepare and educate
- **Recognition & Prevention**
 - ↳ Every patient—before event
- **Response**
 - ↳ Every Event—team approach
- **Reporting/Systems Learning**
 - ↳ Every unit—systems improvement

The infographic is titled "PATIENT SAFETY BUNDLE" and "Obstetric Hemorrhage". It is from the "COUNCIL ON PATIENT SAFETY IN WOMEN'S HEALTH CARE" with the tagline "safe health care for every woman".

READINESS

Every unit

- Hemorrhage cart with supplies, checklist, and instruction cards for intrauterine balloons and compressions stitches
- Immediate access to hemorrhage medications (kit or equivalent)
- Establish a response team - who to call when help is needed (blood bank, advanced gynecologic surgery, other support and tertiary services)
- Establish massive and emergency release transfusion protocols (type-O negative/uncrossmatched)
- Unit education on protocols, unit-based drills (with post-drill debriefs)

RECOGNITION & PREVENTION

Every patient

- Assessment of hemorrhage risk (prenatal, on admission, and at other appropriate times)
- Measurement of cumulative blood loss (formal, as quantitative as possible)
- Active management of the 3rd stage of labor (department-wide protocol)

RESPONSE

Every hemorrhage

- Unit-standard, stage-based, obstetric hemorrhage emergency management plan with checklists
- Support program for patients, families, and staff for all significant hemorrhages

REPORTING/SYSTEMS LEARNING

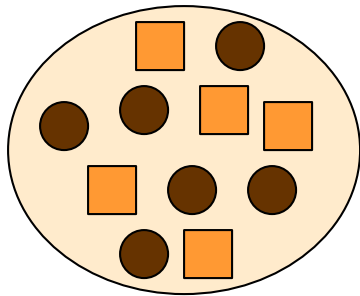
Every unit

- Establish a culture of huddles for high risk patients and post-event debriefs to identify successes and opportunities
- Multidisciplinary review of serious hemorrhages for systems issues
- Monitor outcomes and process metrics in perinatal quality improvement (QI) committee

Available (with resource links) at:
safehealthcareforeverywoman.org

Improvement Tools: What are the Differences?

Medications/
Procedures

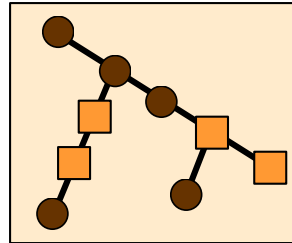


“Soup”

● Meds:
Oxy, Ergo, Prost,
TXA, Blood

■ Procs:
D&C, Balloon,
B-Lynch, IR,
NASG, Hyst

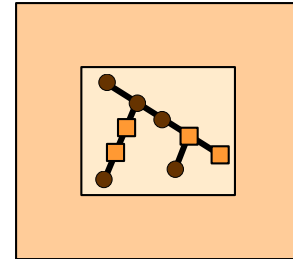
Protocol/
Guideline



“Directions”

A start, but
not nearly
enough to
lead change
by itself

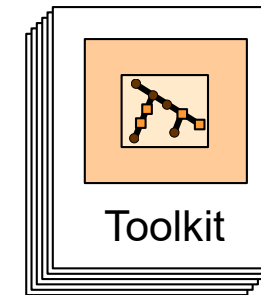
Safety
Bundle



“Support Services”

1. **Make it easy**
Hem Cart,
Order sets, Posters
2. **Communications**
Risk Assess, QBL,
Situation Awareness
3. **Teamwork**
Drills, Broad Engage.
4. **System Learning**
Debriefs, Case Reviews

QI
Toolkit

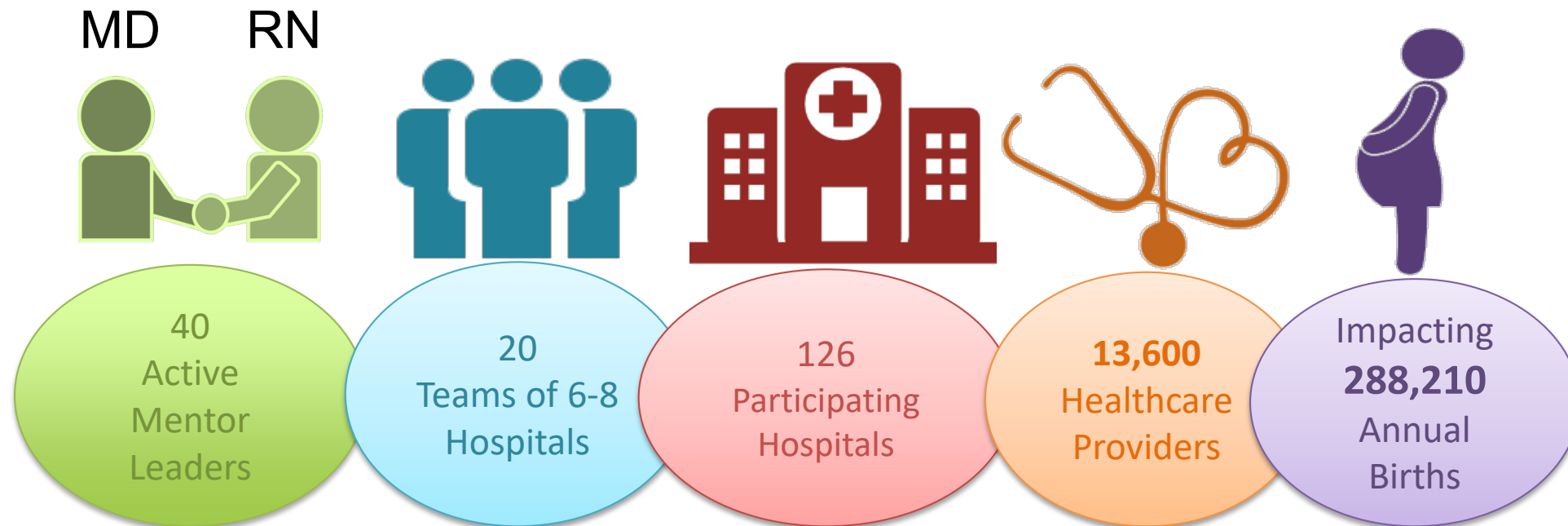


“How-To Guide”

Implementation
resources,
advice,
examples

QI Implementation Model

Modified IHI Breakthrough Series Learning Collaborative with addition of Mentors



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GOAL: *is to ensure that 100% of hospitals with maternity services in California are ready to respond to the two most common obstetric emergencies by implementing patient safety bundles for postpartum hemorrhage and preeclampsia.*

Reduction in Severe Maternal Morbidity From HEM With a Large (99) Hospital Quality Collaborative (>300,000 patients)

California Hospitals with CMQCC Rapid-Cycle Maternal Data Center	Hospitals (N)	Baseline SMM-HEM Rate (per 100 HEM cases)	Post Intervention SMM-HEM Rate (per 100 HEM cases)	Percent Reduction in SMM-HEM	Significance (p value)
Hospitals in CMQCC CPMS Collaborative*	99	22.7	18.0	20.8%	<0.0001
---Without Prior HEM Collaborative Experience*	74	22.7	19.2	15.4%	<0.0001
---With Prior HEM Collaborative Experience*	25	22.7	16.2	28.6%	<0.0001
Comparison Group: Hospitals not in Collaborative and no prior CMQCC HEM Collaborative Experience	48	28.6	28.2	1.2%	0.7713

CA-PAMR Final Cause of Death Among Preeclampsia Cases, (n=25)

Final Cause of Death	Number	%	Rate/100,000
Stroke	16	64.0%	1.0
<i>Hemorrhagic</i>	14	(87.5%)	
<i>Thrombotic</i>	2	(12.5%)	
Hepatic (liver) Failure	4	16.0%	.25
Cardiac Failure	2	8.0%	
Hemorrhage/DIC	1	4.0%	
Multi-organ failure	1	4.0%	
ARDS	1	4.0%	

Preventing Stroke from Preeclampsia

Blood Pressure Comparisons: Baseline and Pre-stroke

Measure	Pregnancy Baseline (mm Hg)	Pre-stroke (mm Hg)
Mean systolic BP	110.9 \pm 10.7 (n=25)	175.4 \pm 9.7 (n=24)
Systolic BP range	90-136	159-198
Systolic BP % \geq 160	0	95.8 (n=27/28)
Mean diastolic BP	67.4 \pm 6.5 (n=25)	98.0 \pm 9.0 (n=24)
Diastolic BP range	58-80	81-113
Diastolic BP % \geq 110	0	12.5 (n=3)
Diastolic BP 5 \geq 105	0	20.8 (n=5)

Adapted from Martin JN, Thigpen BD, Moore RC, Rose CH, Cushman J, May. Stroke and Severe Preeclampsia and Eclampsia: A Paradigm Shift Focusing on Systolic Blood Pressure, OG 2005;105-246.

“Treat the Damn Blood Pressure!”

Controlling blood pressure
is the key intervention
to prevent deaths due to stroke
in women with preeclampsia.

Over the last decade, the UK has focused QI efforts on aggressive treatment of both systolic and diastolic blood pressure and has demonstrated a reduction in deaths.

Ask Your Doctor or Midwife

Preeclampsia

What Is It?
Preeclampsia is a serious disease related to high blood pressure. It can happen to any pregnant woman.

Risks to You	Risks to Your Baby
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seizures • Stroke • Organ damage • Death 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Premature birth • Death

Signs of Preeclampsia

 Stomach pain	 Headaches
 Feeling nauseous; throwing up	 Seeing spots
 Swelling in your hands and face	 Gaining more than 5 pounds in a week

What Should You Do?
Call your doctor right away. Finding preeclampsia early is important for you and your baby.

For more information go to www.preeclampsia.org
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1. Discharge Education

This and many other patient education materials in English and Spanish can be ordered from

www.preeclampsia.org/market-place

2. Early PP Monitoring and Follow-up

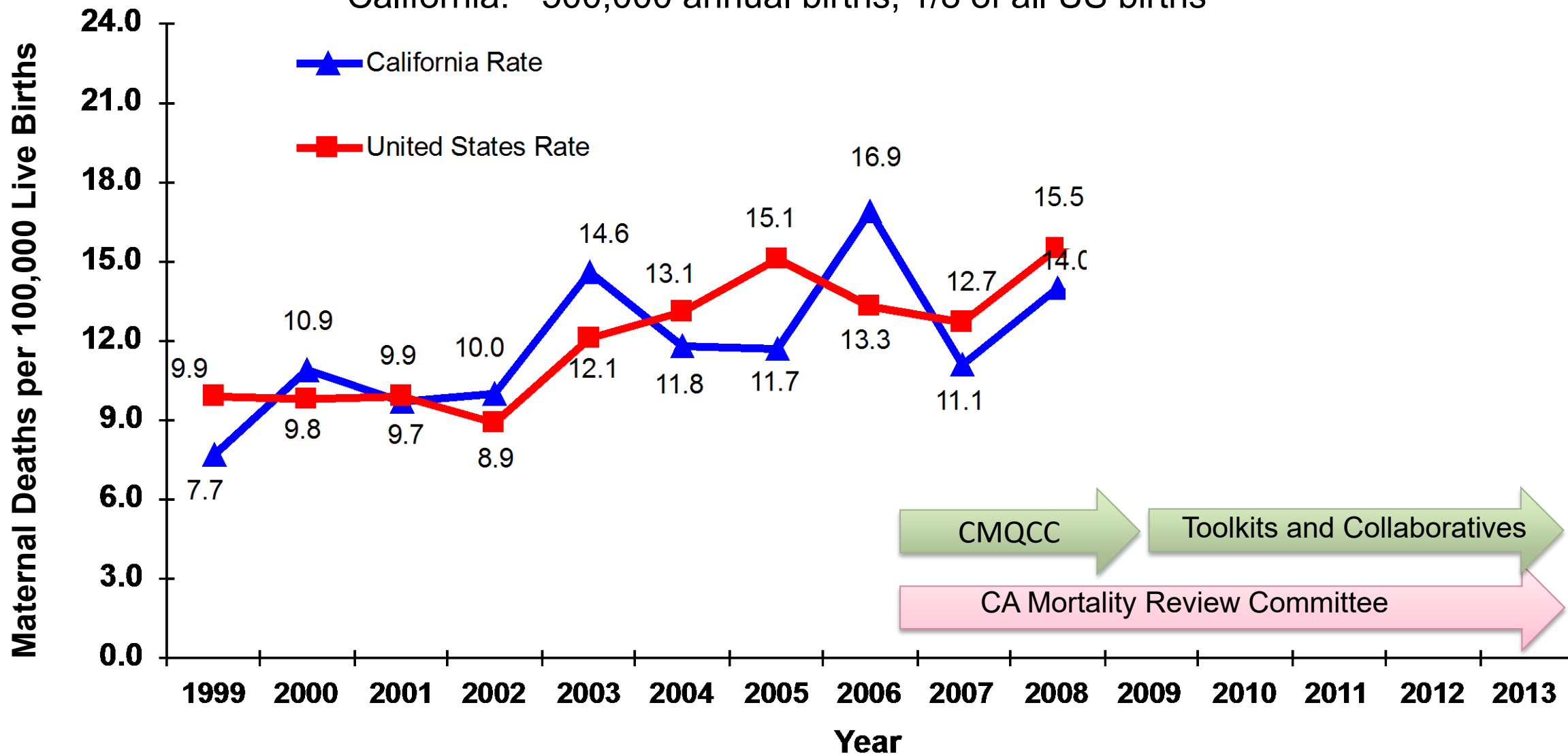
3. Listen to the patient!!

Preeclampsia Collaborative Success

- **Dignity Health: Early treatment of severe HTN decreases SMM and eclampsia (Shields, AJOG 2017)**
 - Adoption of CMQCC toolkit at 23 hospitals
 - Focused on early recognition and treatment of sBP, MgSO₄, PP follow up
 - Eclampsia decreased by 43%, SMM decreased by 29%
 - Intensive monitoring of HTN treatment metrics necessary to cause change (in practice and outcome)
- **Illinois (ILPQC): Treatment of Severe Hypertension**
 - 102 Participating hospitals:
 - Timely treatment (<60min) rose from 14% to 71%
 - SMM among HTN patients fell from 15% to 9% (42% fall)

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Key Steps for Improving Care “At Scale”

- Linking public health surveillance to actions
- Mobilizing a broad range of public and private partners
- Developing a rapid-cycle Maternal Data Center to support and sustain QI projects
- Implementing a series of data-driven large-scale quality improvement projects

CMQCC's Key Stakeholders/ Partners

State Agencies

- CA Department of Public Health, MCAH
- Regional Perinatal Programs of California (RPPC)
- DHCS: Medi-Cal
- Office of Vital Records
- Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD)
- Covered California

Membership Associations

- Hospital Quality Institute (HQI)/ California Hospital Association (CHA)
- Pacific Business Group on Health (PBGH)
- Integrated Healthcare Association (IHA)

Key Medical and Nursing Leaders

- UC, Kaiser (N&S), Sutter, Sharp, Dignity Health, Scripps, Providence, Public hospitals

Professional Groups (California sections of national organizations)

- American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ACOG)
- Association of Women's Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses (AWHONN)
- American College of Nurse Midwives (ACNM)
- American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP)

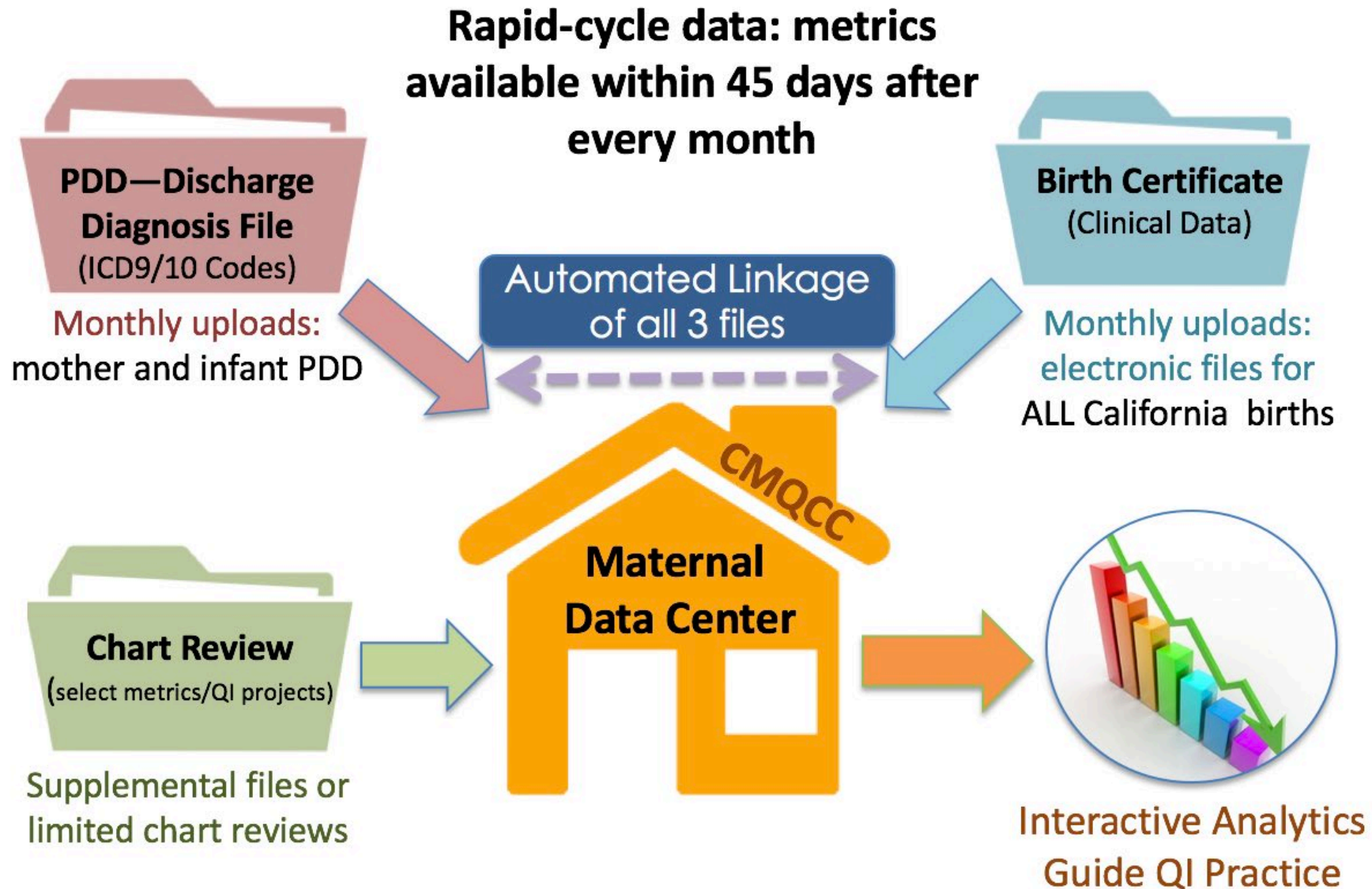
Public and Consumer Groups

- Consumers' Union
- March of Dimes (MOD)
- California HealthCare Foundation (CHCF)
- Cal Hospital Compare
- Amniotic Fluid Embolism Foundation

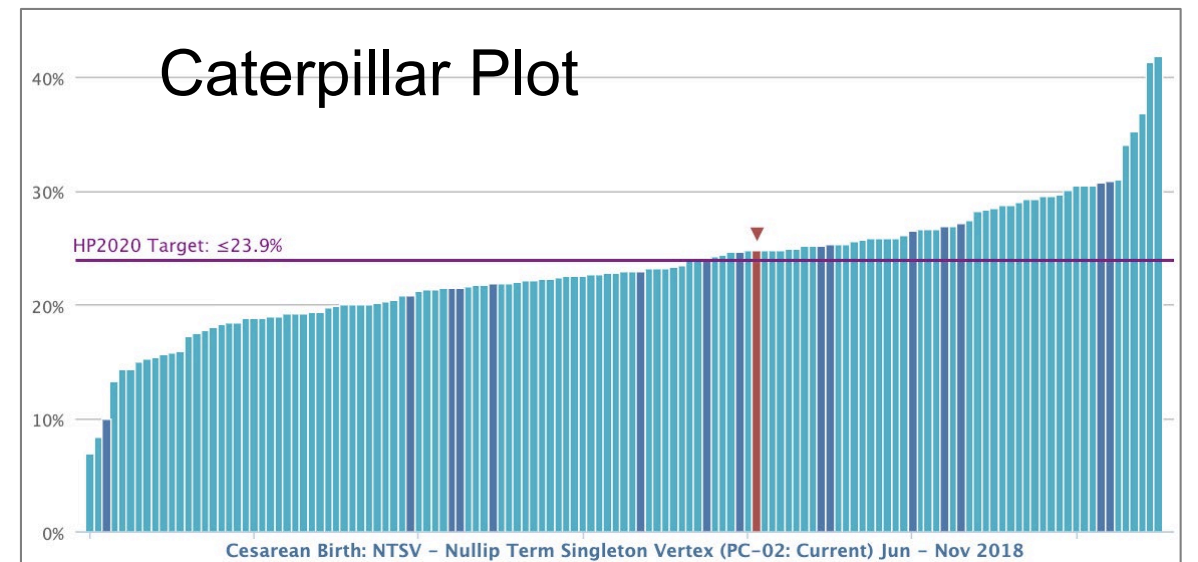
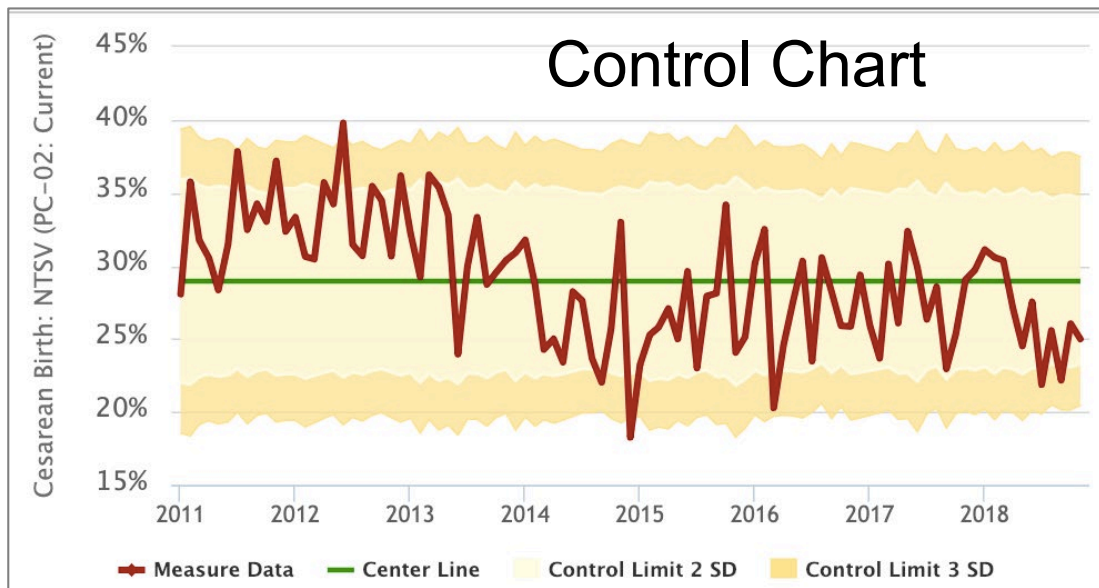
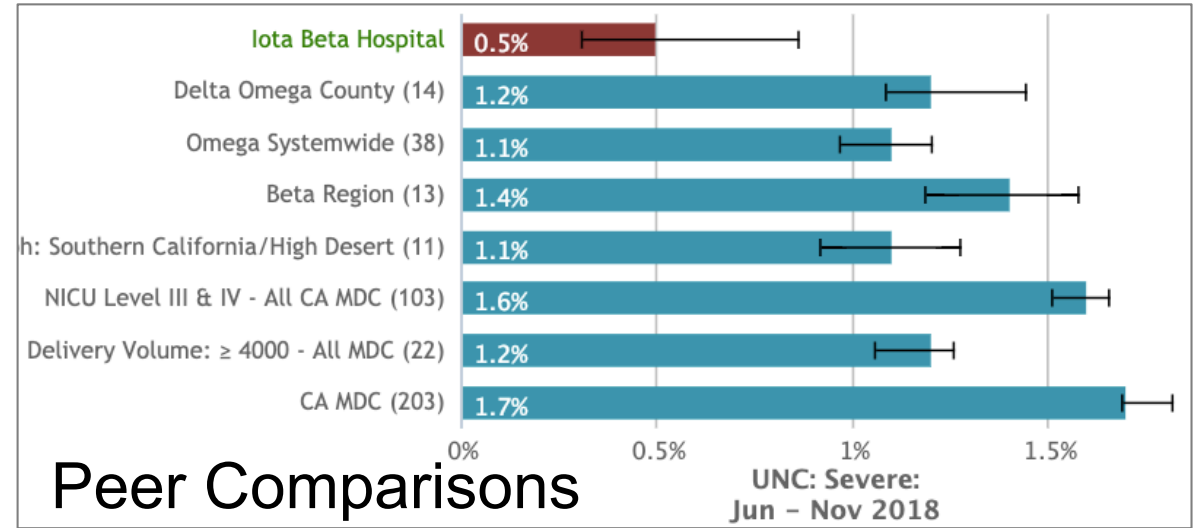
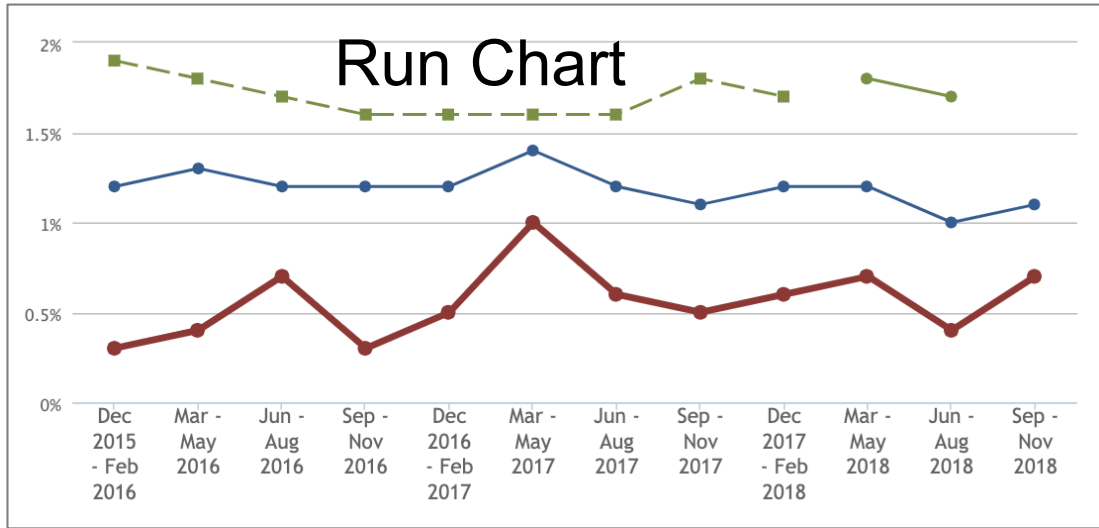
Health Plans

- Commercial and Managed Medi-Cal Plans

CMQCC Maternal Data Center



Using Rapid-Cycle Data to Drive QI: Examples



California Quality Improvement Projects

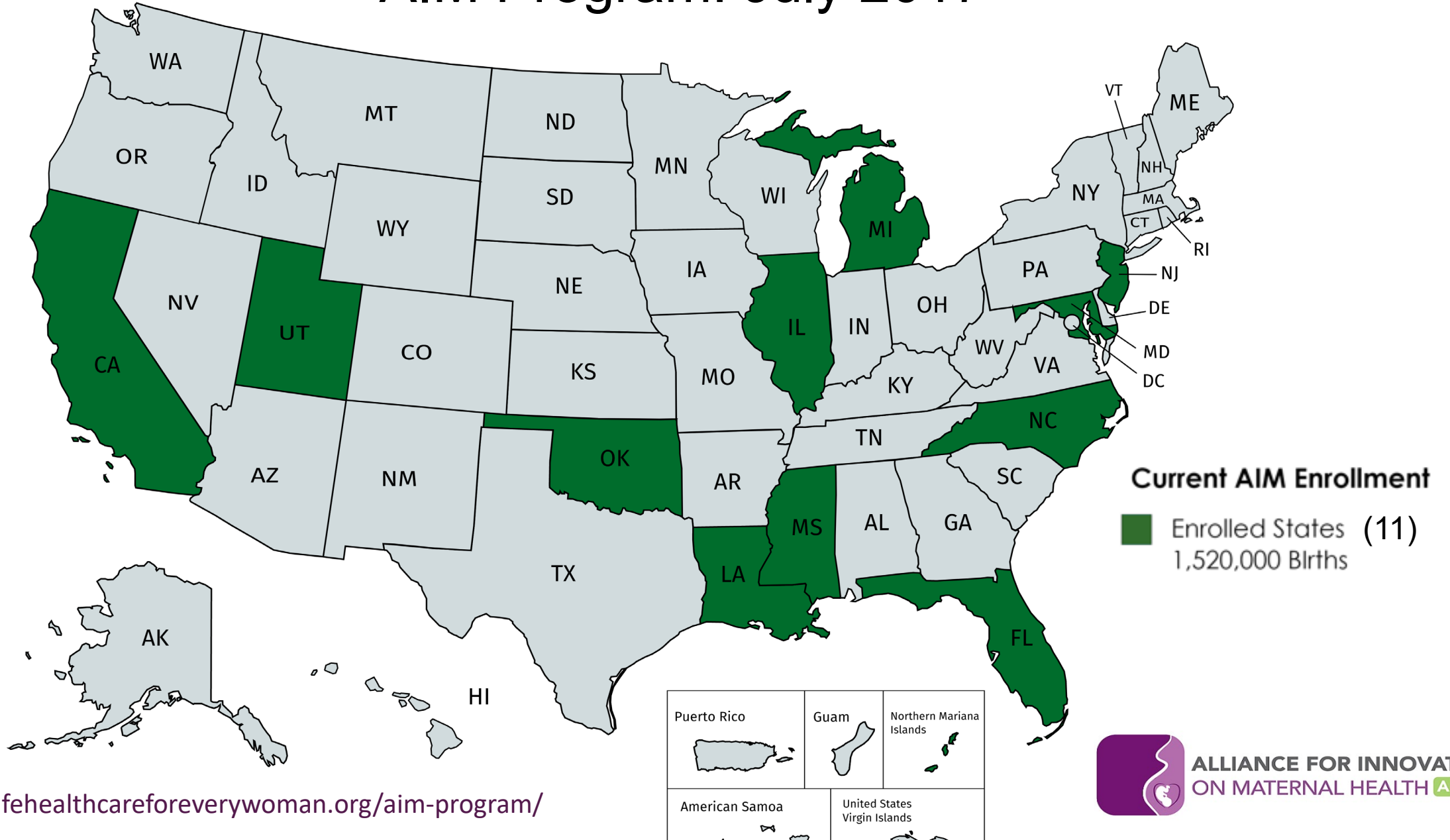
Years	Projects
2006	California Pregnancy-Associated Mortality Review established
2008	CMQCC/CDPH OB Hemorrhage Task Force
2009-10	CMQCC Hemorrhage QI collaboratives I and II
2010-11	CMQCC/CDPH Preeclampsia Task Force and QI collaborative
2011	Release of CDPH Maternal Mortality report and education campaign
2011-14	HEN/CMQCC/CHA-HQI QI collaborative focused on Hemorrhage and Preeclampsia
2015-16	CMQCC/Merck for Mothers QI collaborative for Reduction of Hemorrhage and Hypertension severe morbidity
2016-19	CMQCC QI collaboratives (3 cohorts) for Supporting Vaginal Birth and Reducing Primary Cesarean Delivery



AIM is a Collaborative of Collaboratives

- Engagement of national organizations
- Developing educational and QI resources
- Facilitating sharing of ideas and materials
- Collaborative learning
- Benchmarking
- Group impact

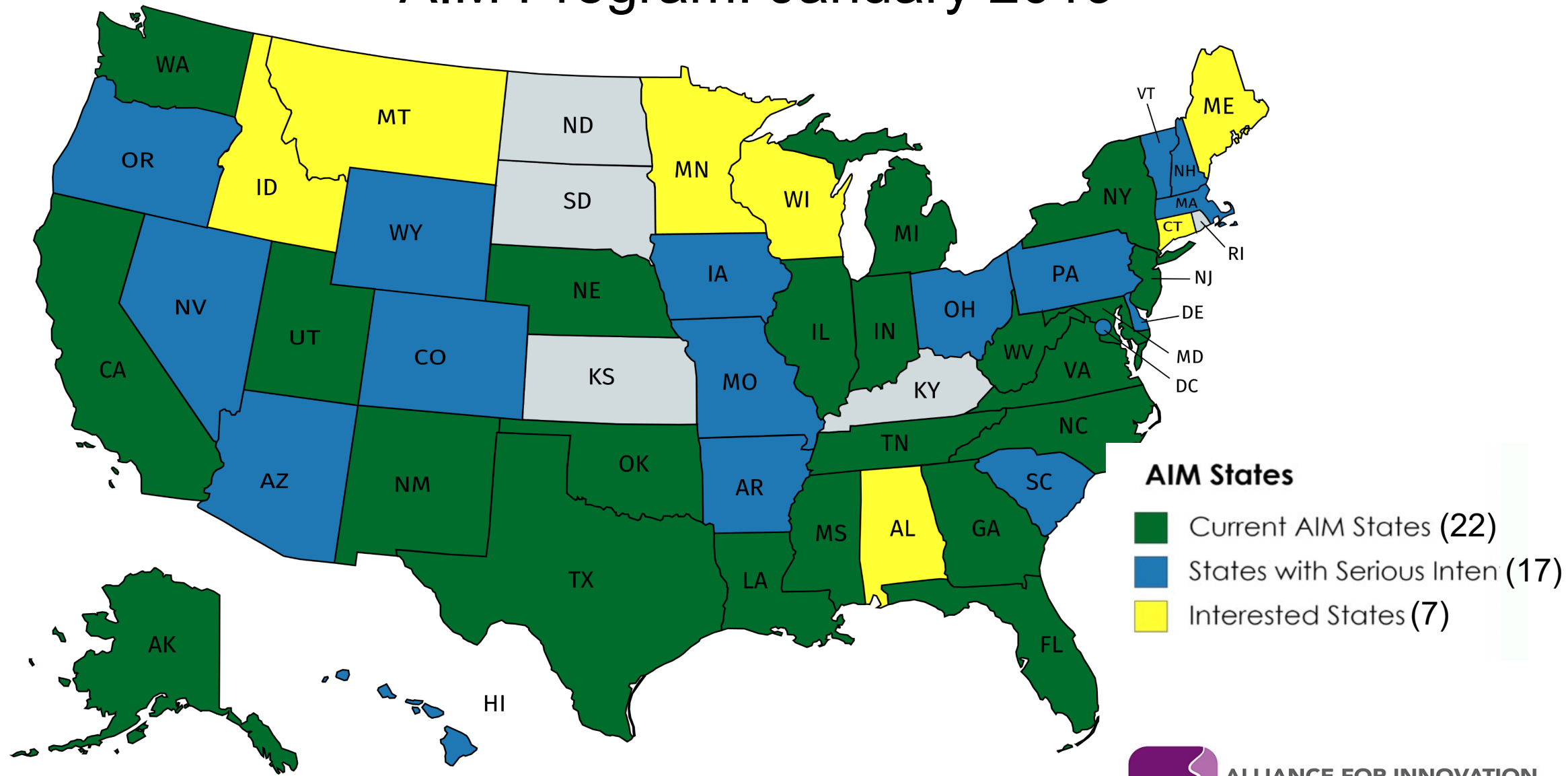
AIM Program: July 2017



<https://safehealthcareforeverywoman.org/aim-program/>



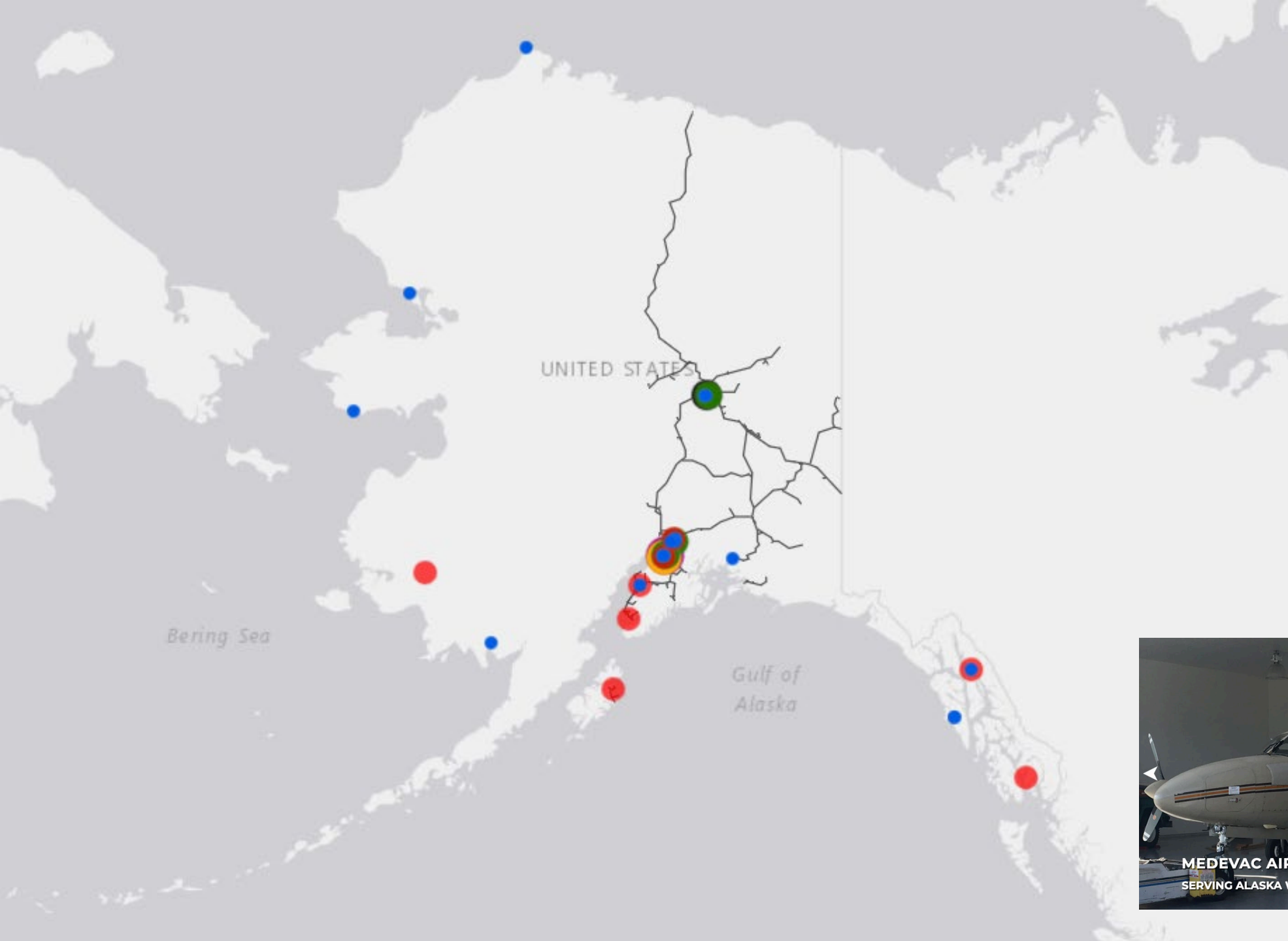
AIM Program: January 2019



AIM States

- Current AIM States (22)
- States with Serious Inten (17)
- Interested States (7)





LEGEND

2013-2017 Average Births

2013-2017 Average Annual Births

- > 2,000 – 2,885
- > 1,500 – 2,000
- > 1,000 – 1,500
- > 500 – 1,000
- > 100 – 500
- 10 – 100

Roads





NNPQC

National Network of Perinatal Quality Collaboratives



Coordinating Center (2017-)

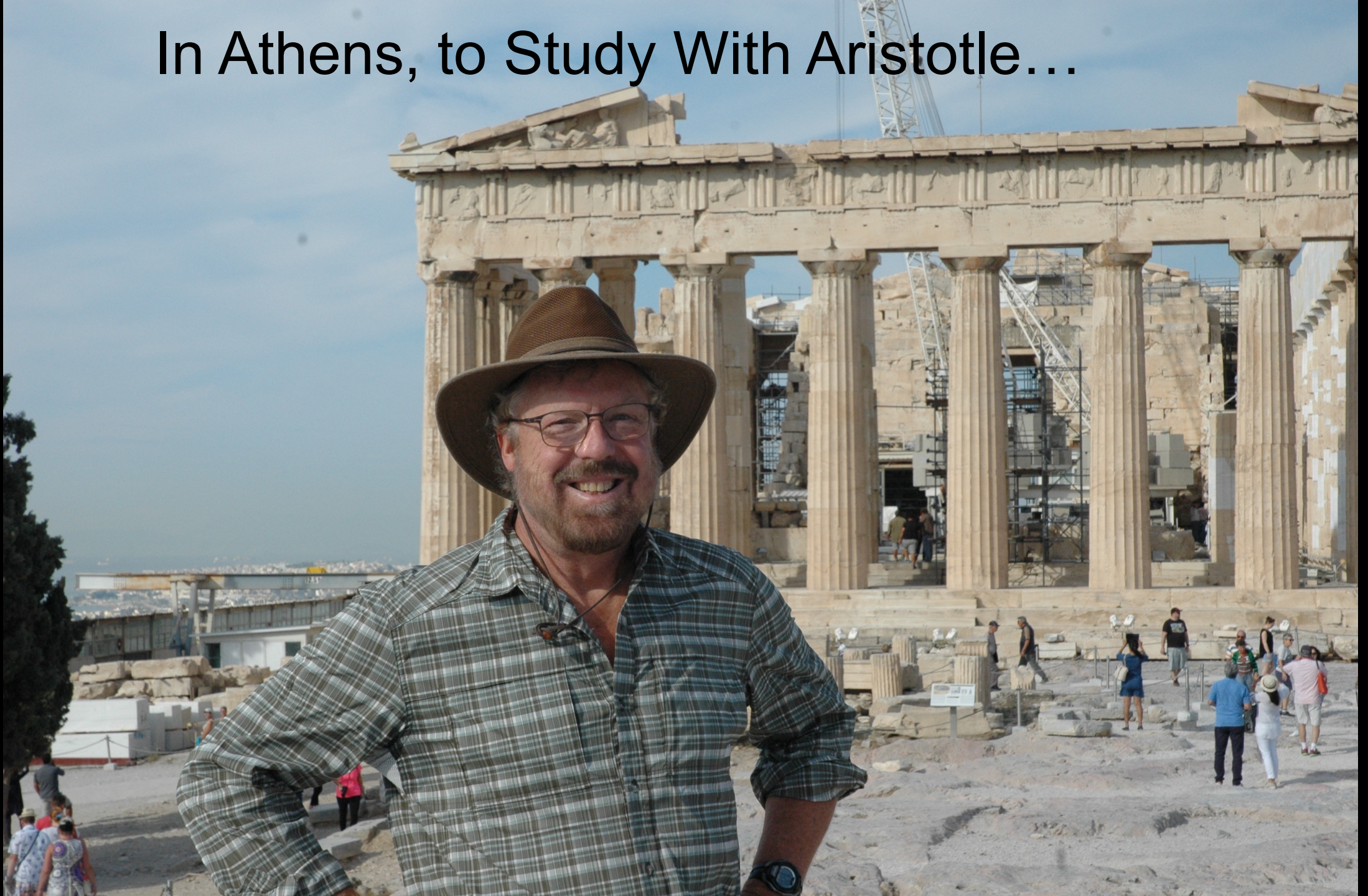
- Provide resources and expertise to nationwide state-based PQCs with the goal of deepening and accelerating improvement efforts for maternal and infant health outcomes.
- 13 state PQC grantees
- 2nd annual meeting
- AIM is a formal partner

Change Happens Locally

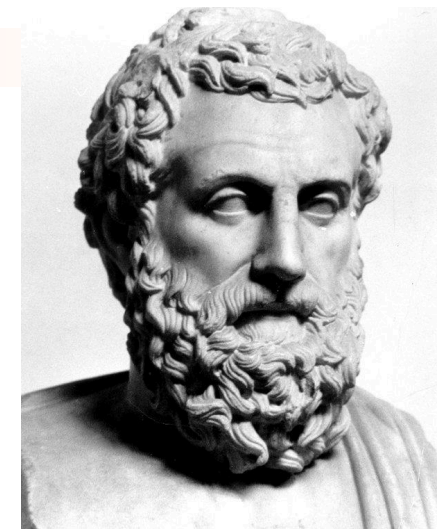
Bundles, Toolkits, Collaboratives...

*But How Do I Convince
People To Change?*

In Athens, to Study With Aristotle...



How to Be Persuasive



- Aristotle's: 3 Frames for Every Argument
 - Logos** is an appeal to logic: “statistics show few deaths”, “greater teamwork”, “reduced complications”
 - Ethos** is an appeal to ethics: “patients deserve the best care”, “safety must come first”, “we strive for patient-centered care”
 - Pathos** is an appeal to emotion: patient stories are critical, “it could have happened to any of us”, “we will all be patients”
- Vast majority of us went into our profession to help people
- Also good idea to share “WIFM” with everyone

The Last Person You'd Expect to Die in Childbirth

ProPublica, May 16, 2017

Nina Martin



Like 33



The death of a neonatal nurse in the hospital where she worked illustrates a profound disparity: The healthcare system focuses on babies but often ignores their mothers.

If Americans Love Moms, Why Do We Let Them Die?



Nicholas Kristof

JULY 29, 2017



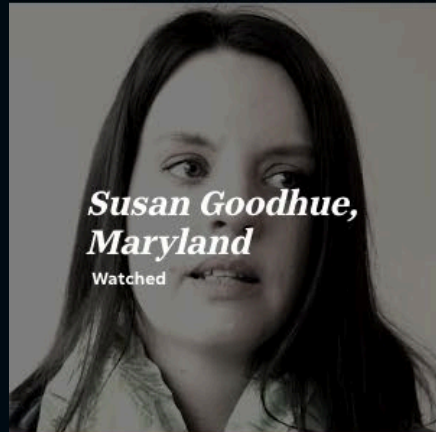
Kendria Washington gets an ultrasound from Dr. Lisa Hollier at the Center for Children and Women in Houston. In Texas, women die from pregnancy at a rate almost unrivaled in the industrialized world.

Google: USA
Today Maternal
Mortality

'I am one of the 50,000'

Every year, 50,000 women in the U.S. suffer injuries or severe complications related to childbirth. Many are lucky to survive. They want you to hear their stories.

USA TODAY Investigations



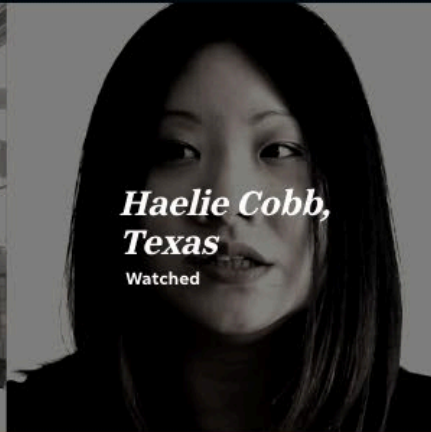
**Susan Goodhue,
Maryland**

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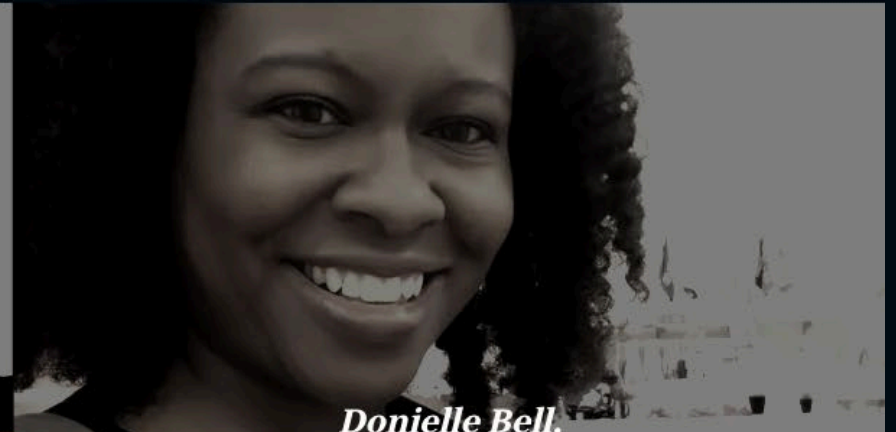
**Rachel Yencha,
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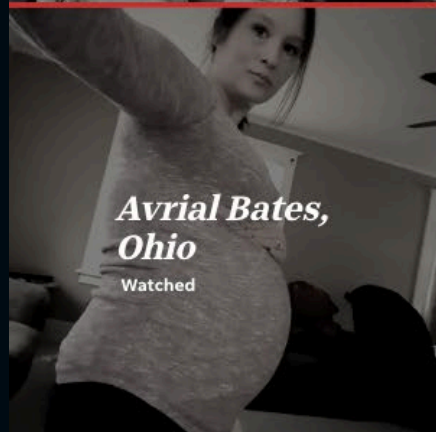
**Haelie Cobb,
Texas**

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**Donielle Bell,
Georgia**

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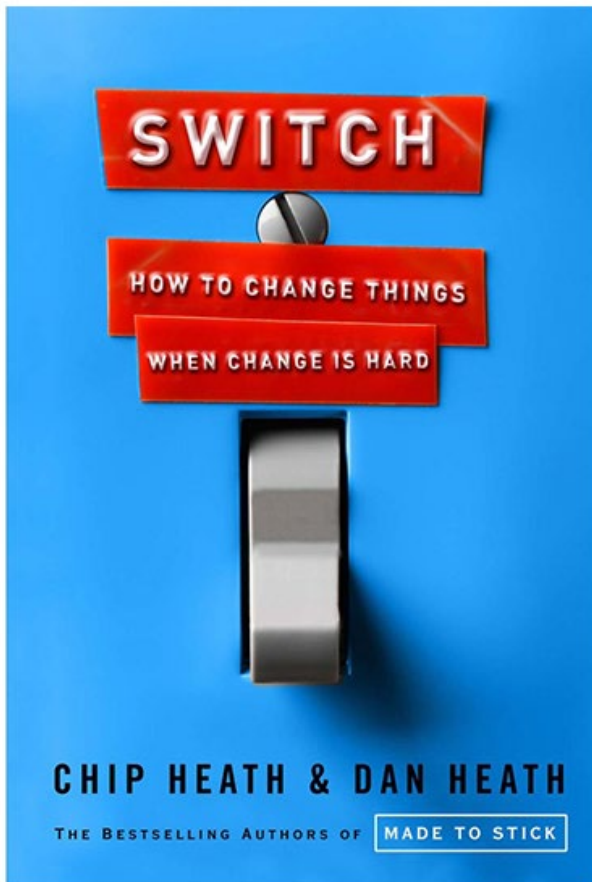
**Avrial Bates,
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**“I assumed that all hospitals, if they
deliver babies, that they are
prepared for things to go wrong.”**

— Rachel Yencha, Ohio

Two Key References for Leading Change



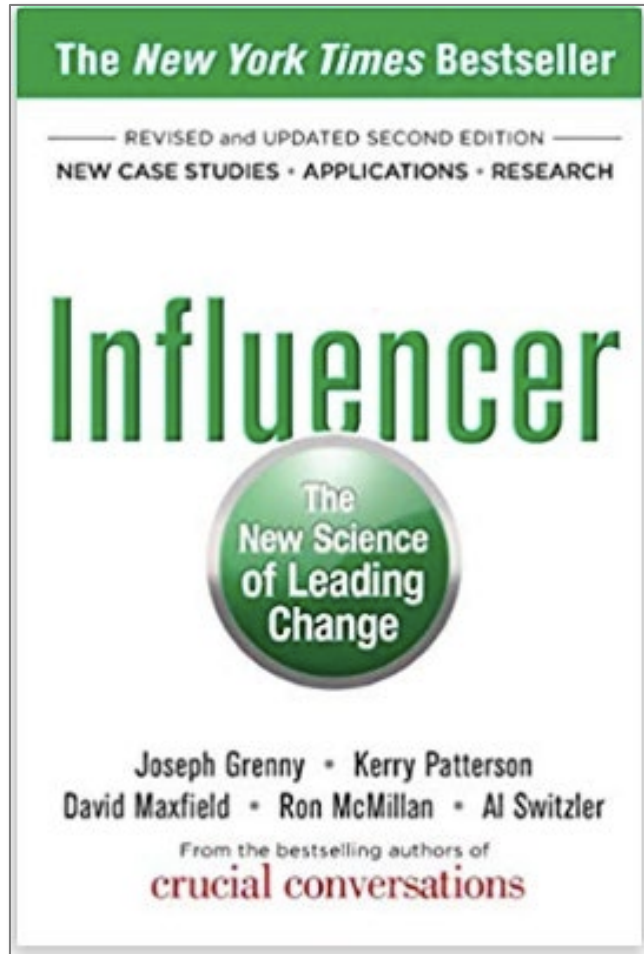
- Everyone has two parts: **the emotional side--the Elephant and the rational side--the Rider,** have to appeal to both
- Rider has a terrible weakness- the Rider loves to contemplate and analyze, and, making matters worse, **his analysis is almost always directed at problems rather than at bright spots.**



Switch: Rider and the Elephant

- What may look like laziness is often exhaustion. Trying to persuade the Elephant is exhausting for both.
- When change works, it's because leaders are speaking to the Elephant as well as to the Rider.

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The Influencer Change Model is about changing behaviors by changing motivation and ability across personal, social, and structural dimensions

Six Sources of Influence

	Motivation	Ability
Personal	1 Make the Undesirable Desirable	2 Over Invest in Skill Building
Social	3 Harness Peer Pressure	4 Find Strength in Numbers
Structural	5 Design Rewards and Demand Accountability	6 Change the Environment

All Washed Up! – YouTube Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=osUwukXSd0k>

(or just google: “all washed up video”)



All Washed Up! - YouTube

YouTube · VitalSmarts Video

Fourteen-year-old scientist Hyrum Grenny cracks the code on how to get kids to wash their hands, and in doing so teaches us the principles of the Influencer Model. (It is adorable)

Best 6 minutes of QI education you will ever get!



OB QI Academy

CMQCC Leads:

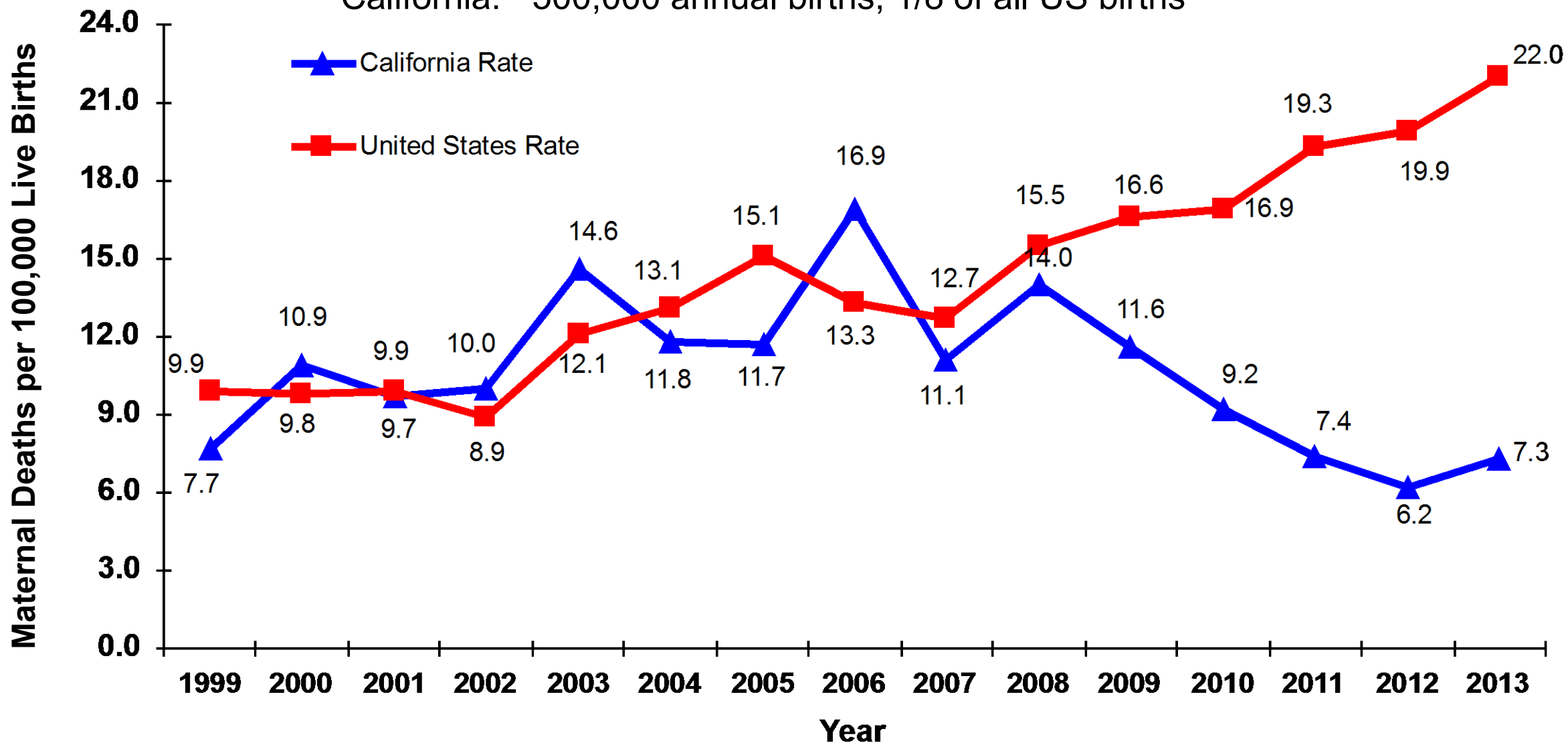
Terri Deeds, RN, MSN

Melissa Rosenstein, MD, MS

- **Goal:** facilitate the development of OB QI leaders
- Learning QI concepts and applying to QI project
- Year long program (one full day—then monthly calls)
- Hospital multi-disciplinary teams
- New cohort every 6 months
- CEU/MOC credit for participation in the program

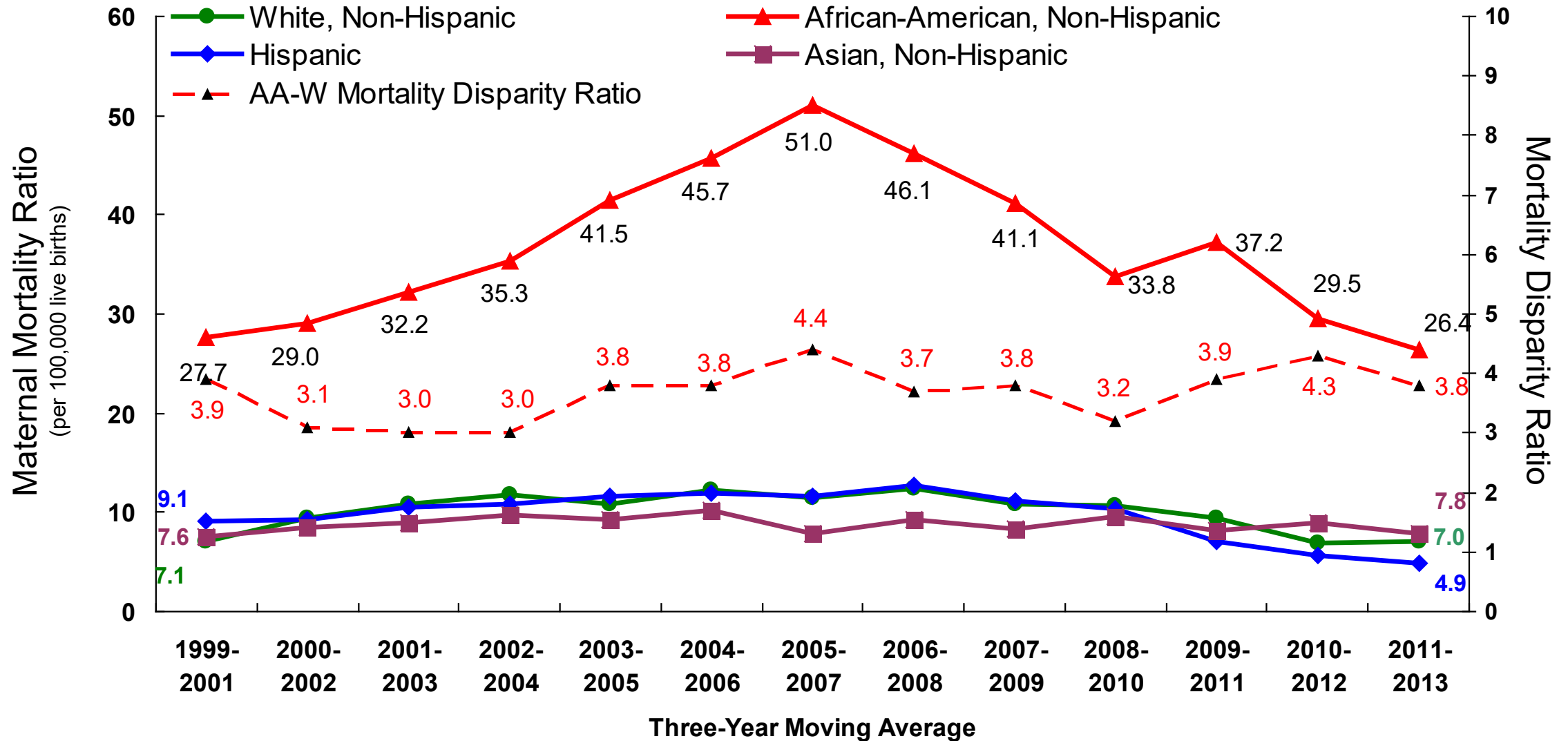
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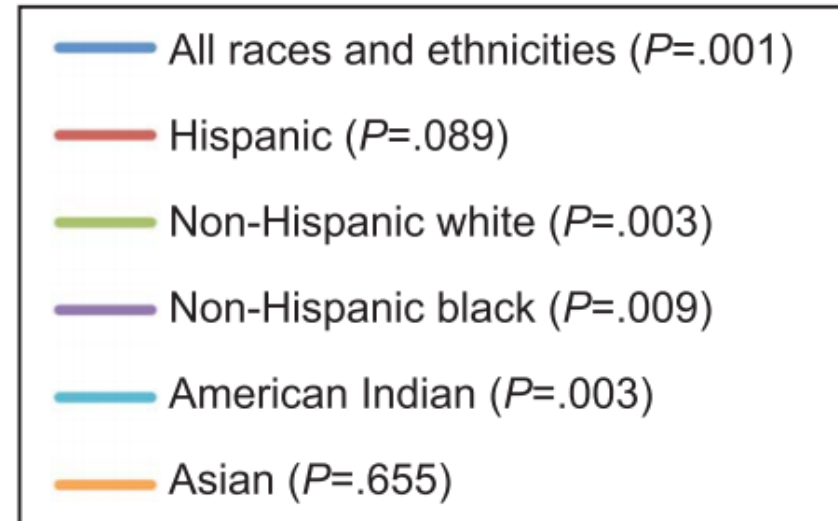
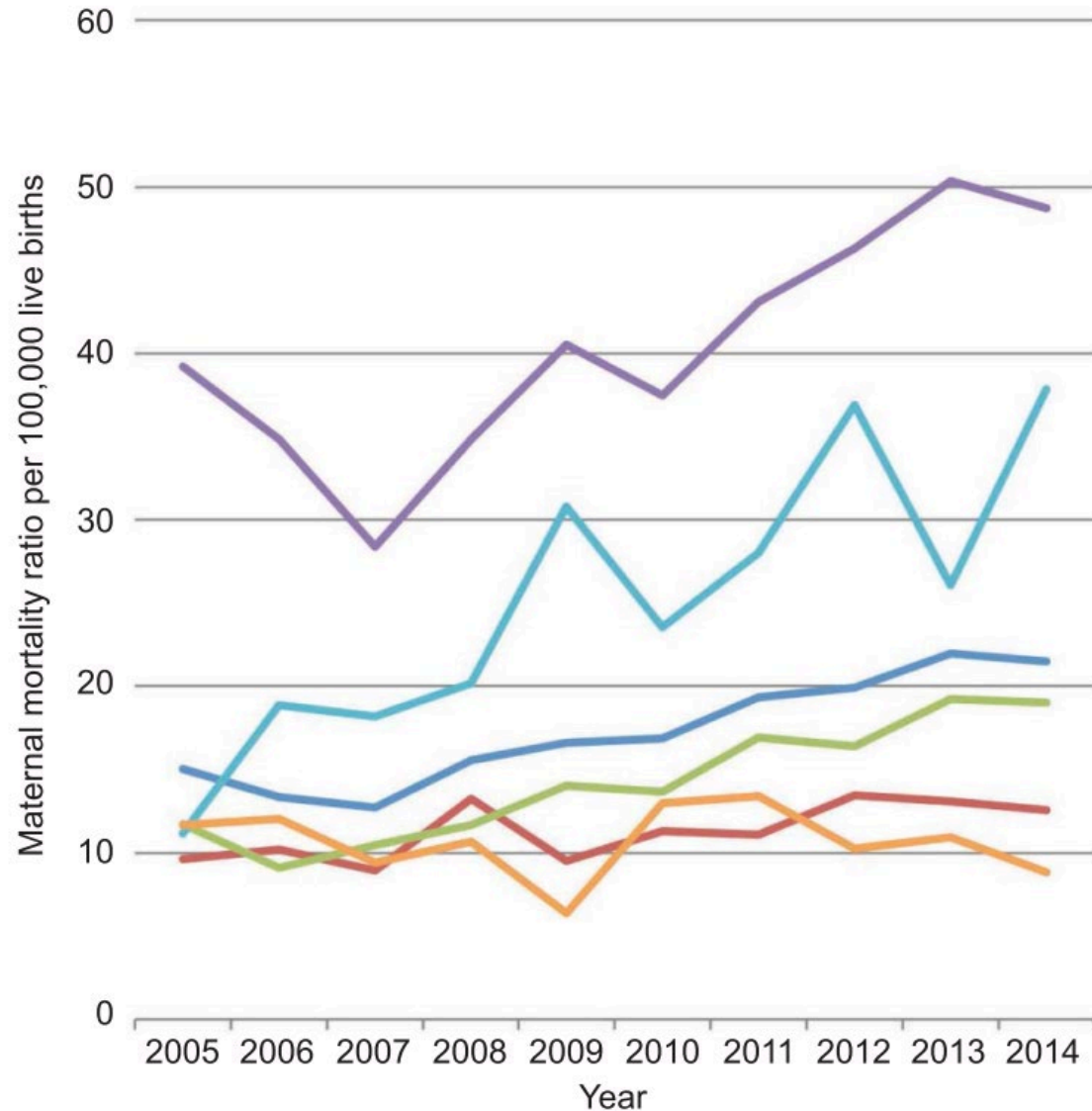


Maternal Mortality Rate, By Race/Ethnicity Three-Year Moving Averages; 1999-2013

California Only Data



U.S. Maternal Mortality by Race/Ethnicity



Moaddab A et al. Obstet Gynecol
2018;131:707-12.

Why do Black Women do so much worse?

Usual explanation by doctors and nurses is that black women have more obesity, more hypertension, more diabetes, and more social disadvantages...

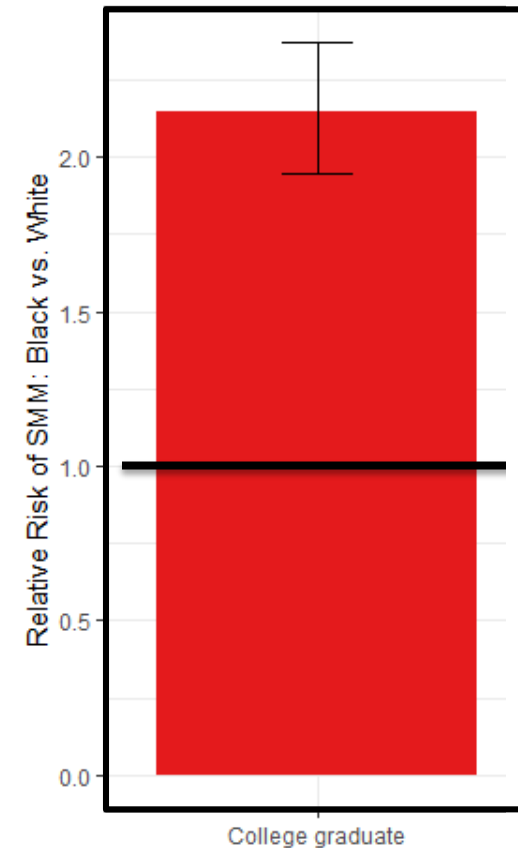
What If We Looked At B:W Disparity In SMM Only Among College Graduates?

And adjusted for age, BMI and other clinical and demographic risk factors...

Black-White disparity in SMM is highest among college graduates
(**2.2x higher than whites**) →

Looking At Absolute Rates:

- SMM rate in Black women with college degrees: **2.4%**
- SMM rate in White women without high school diplomas: **1.6%**



Educational Attainment

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Nothing Protects Black Women From Dying in Pregnancy and Childbirth

Not education. Not income. Not even being an expert on racial disparities in health care.

by **Nina Martin**, ProPublica, and **Renee Montagne**, NPR News, Dec. 7, 2017, 8 a.m. EST



Soleil Irving "just lights up a room when she smiles," Wanda Irving, her grandmother, says. (Sheila Pree Bright for ProPublica)

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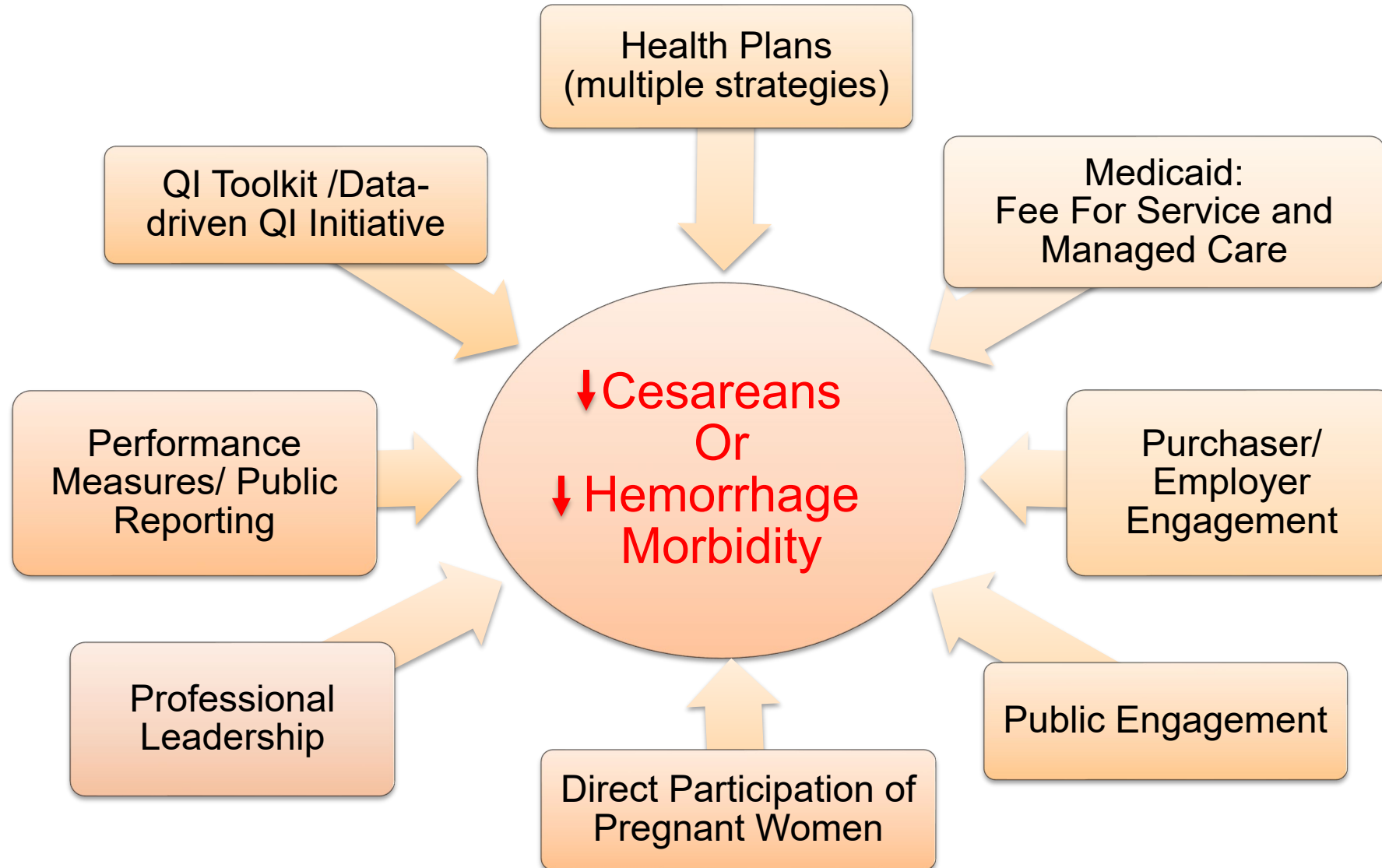
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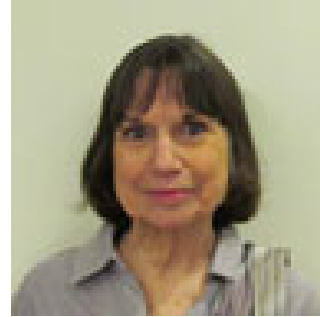
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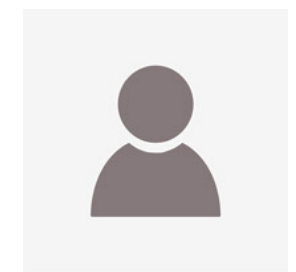
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