



# **Pregnancy-Associated Mortality Review (PAMR) Update**

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# Outline

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- ODH PAMR Overview
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# Maternal Mortality Overview

# Definitions

Maternal Mortality Review Committee (MMRC)

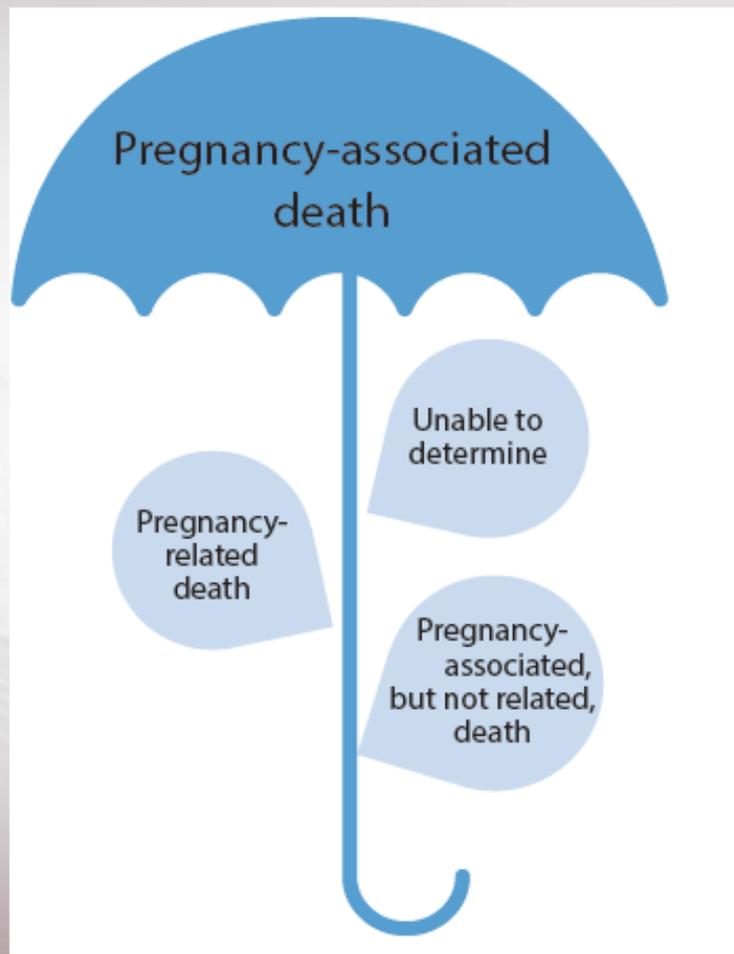
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ODH Pregnancy-Associated Mortality Review  
(PAMR)

# Definitions

## Pregnancy-Related Death

The death of a woman during pregnancy or within one year of pregnancy from a pregnancy complication, a chain of events initiated by pregnancy, or the aggravation of an unrelated condition by the physiologic effects of pregnancy



## Pregnancy-Associated but NOT Related Death

The death of a woman during pregnancy or within one year of pregnancy from a cause that is not related to pregnancy

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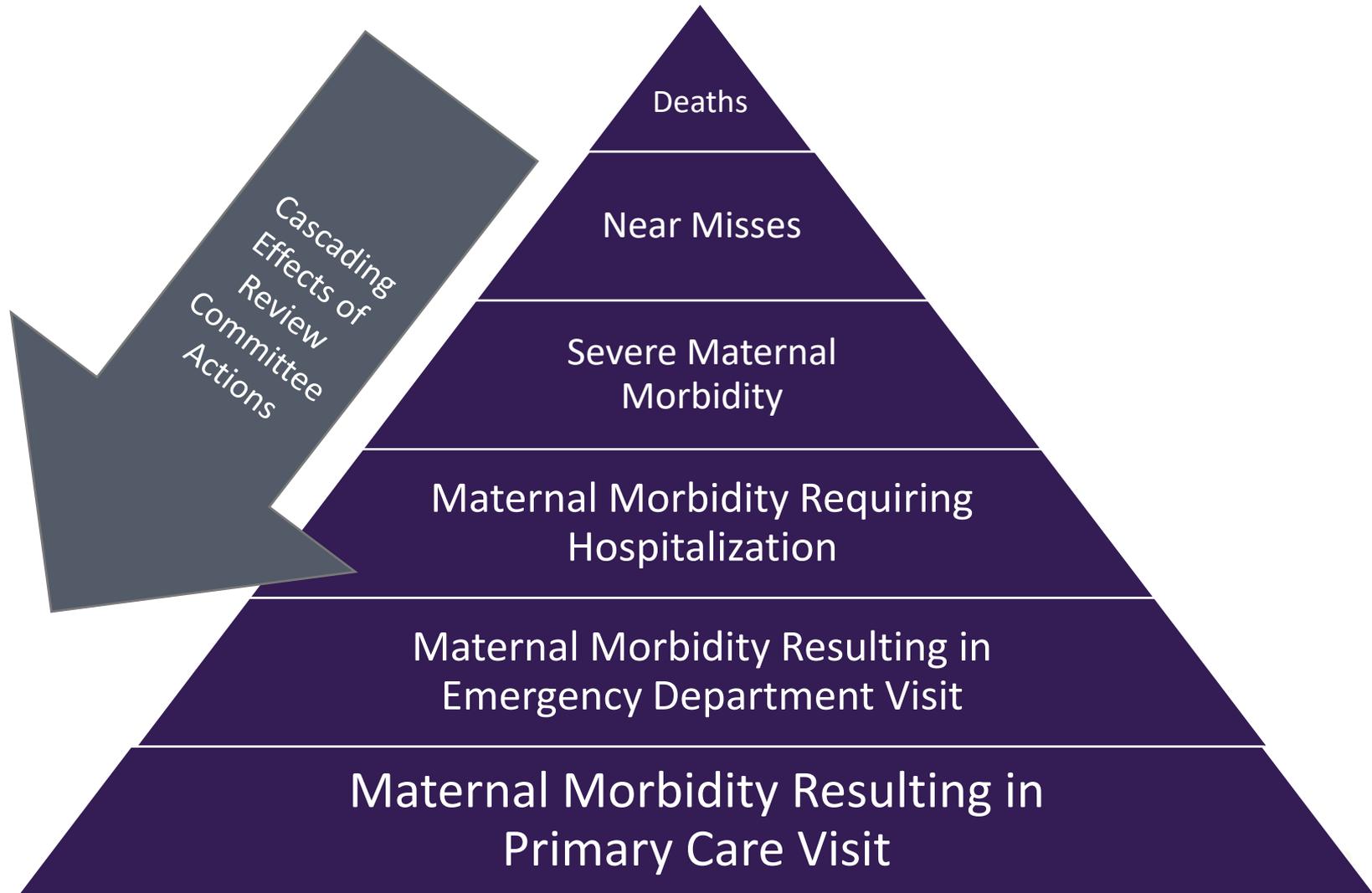
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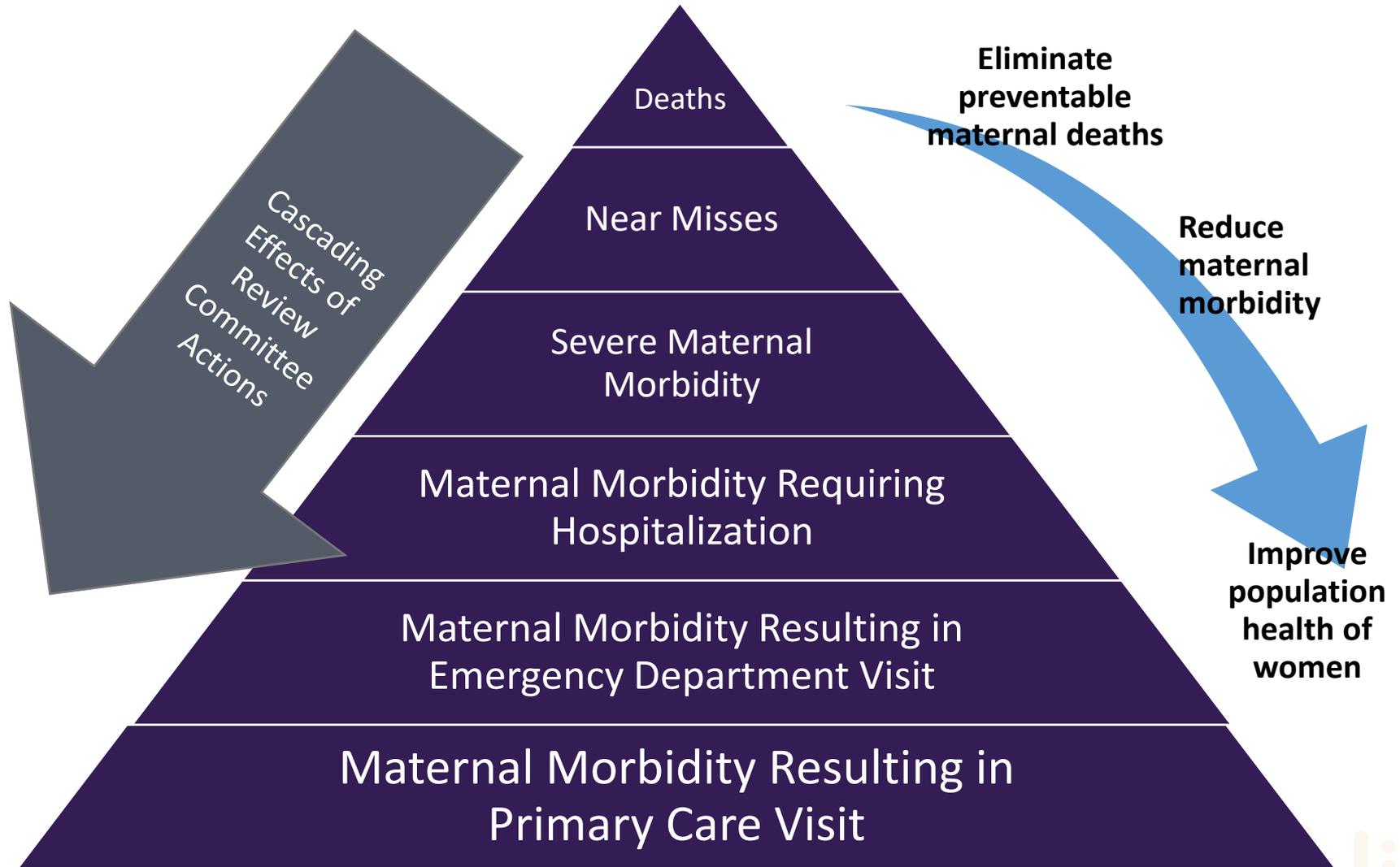
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# MMRC: Six Key Decisions

- Was the death pregnancy-related?
- What was the cause of death?
- Was the death preventable?
- What were the critical contributing factors to the death?
- What are the recommendations and actions that address the contributing factors?
- What is the anticipated impact of these actions, if implemented?





# ODH PAMR

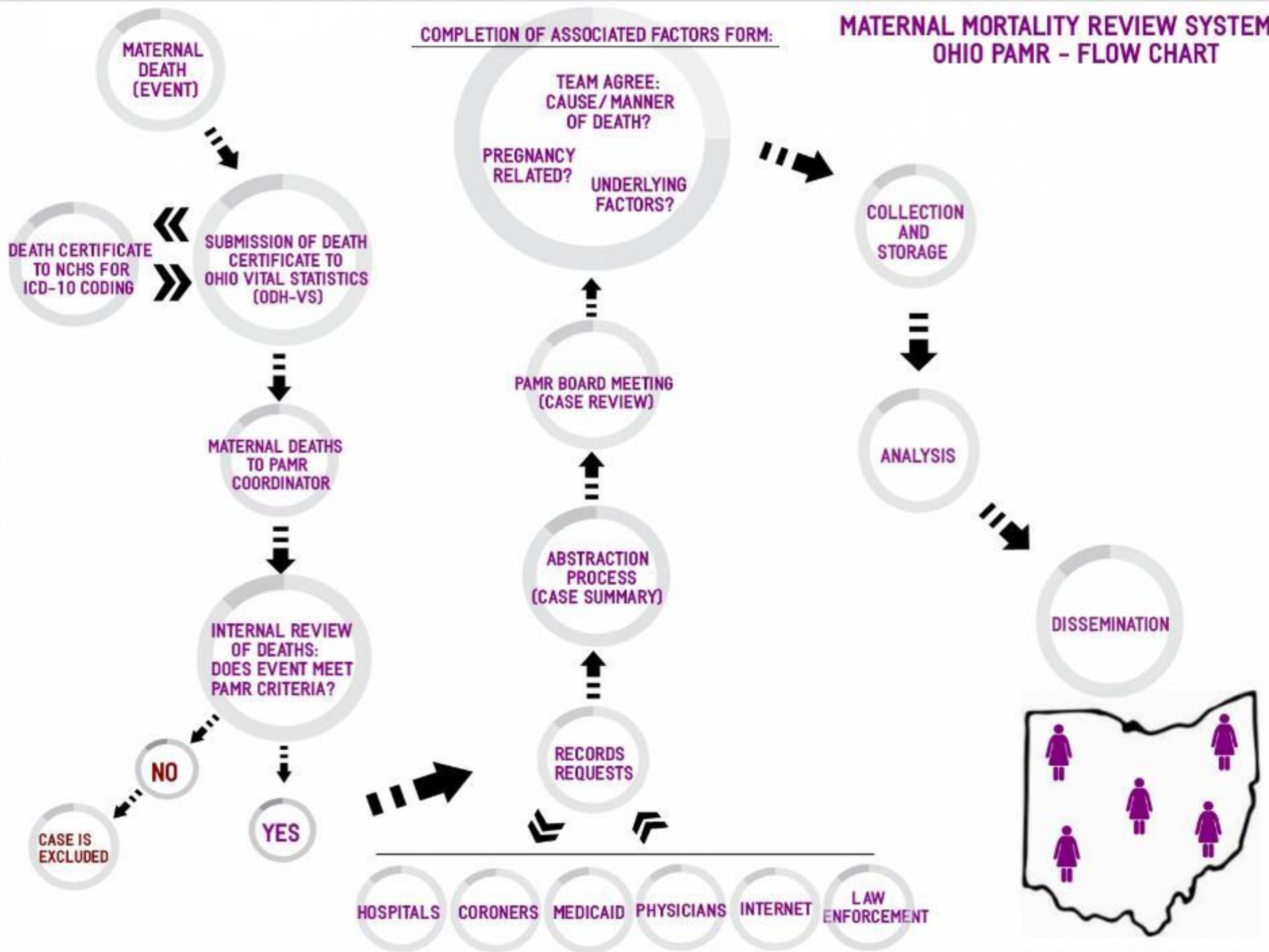
## Objective

- Decrease pregnancy-associated and pregnancy-related mortality and maternal morbidity

## Purposes

- To identify preventability
- To examine circumstances of a woman's death around pregnancy
- To identify factors that contribute to the death
- To provide recommendations and create interventions to improve maternal outcomes

# MATERNAL MORTALITY REVIEW SYSTEM OHIO PAMR - FLOW CHART



# ODH PAMR Review Process

1. VS sends list of deaths to PAMR Coordinator

2. Coordinator requests medical and social services records for all deaths

3. Coordinator abstracts records into MMRIA to create a standardized, de-identified case summary form

4. Case summary form is presented to multidisciplinary committee of experts for review

5. Committee determines if death was pregnancy-related and identifies factors associated with death

6. Data from committee meetings entered into MMRIA to allow analyses of death data

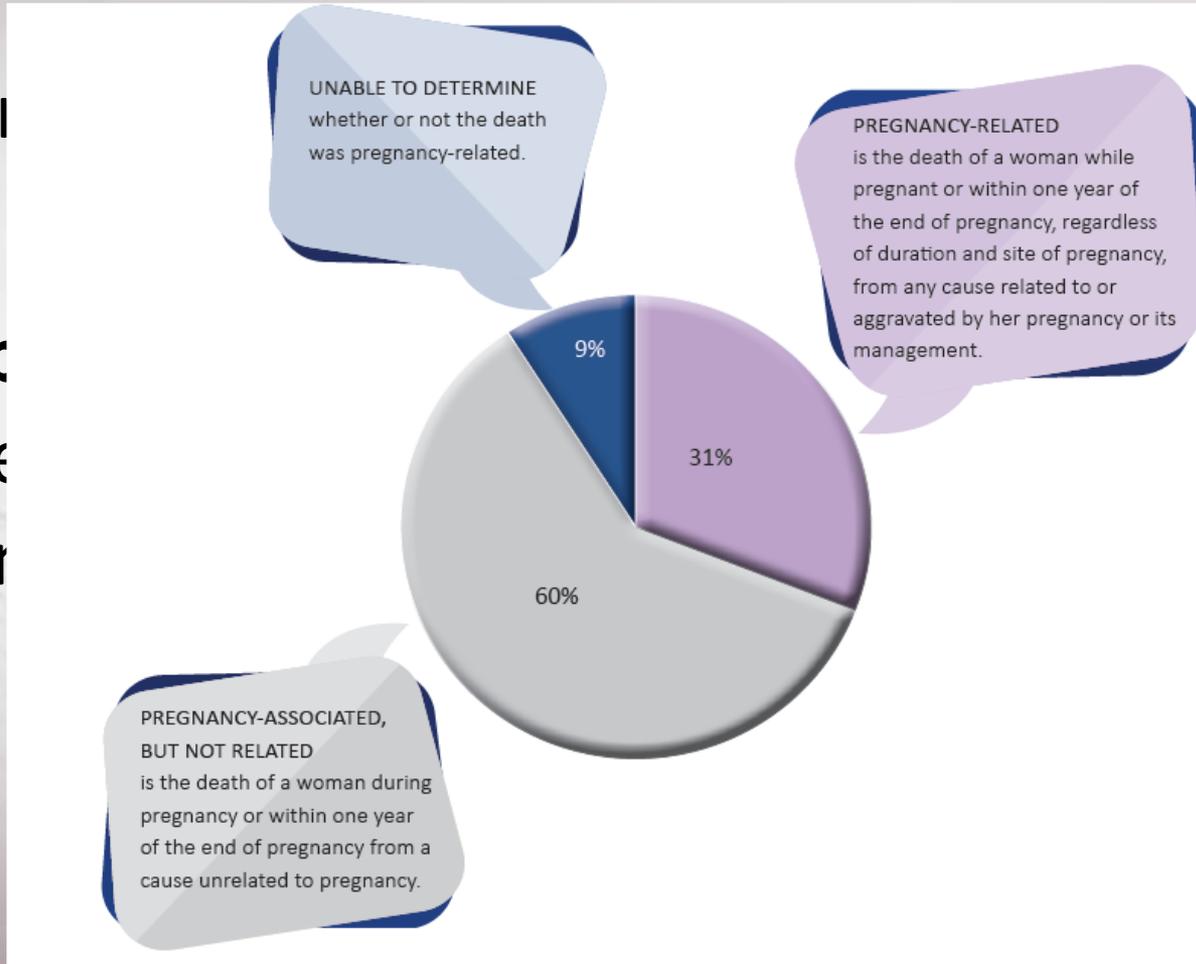
7. Recommends interventions to prevent maternal deaths

# ODH PAMR Data

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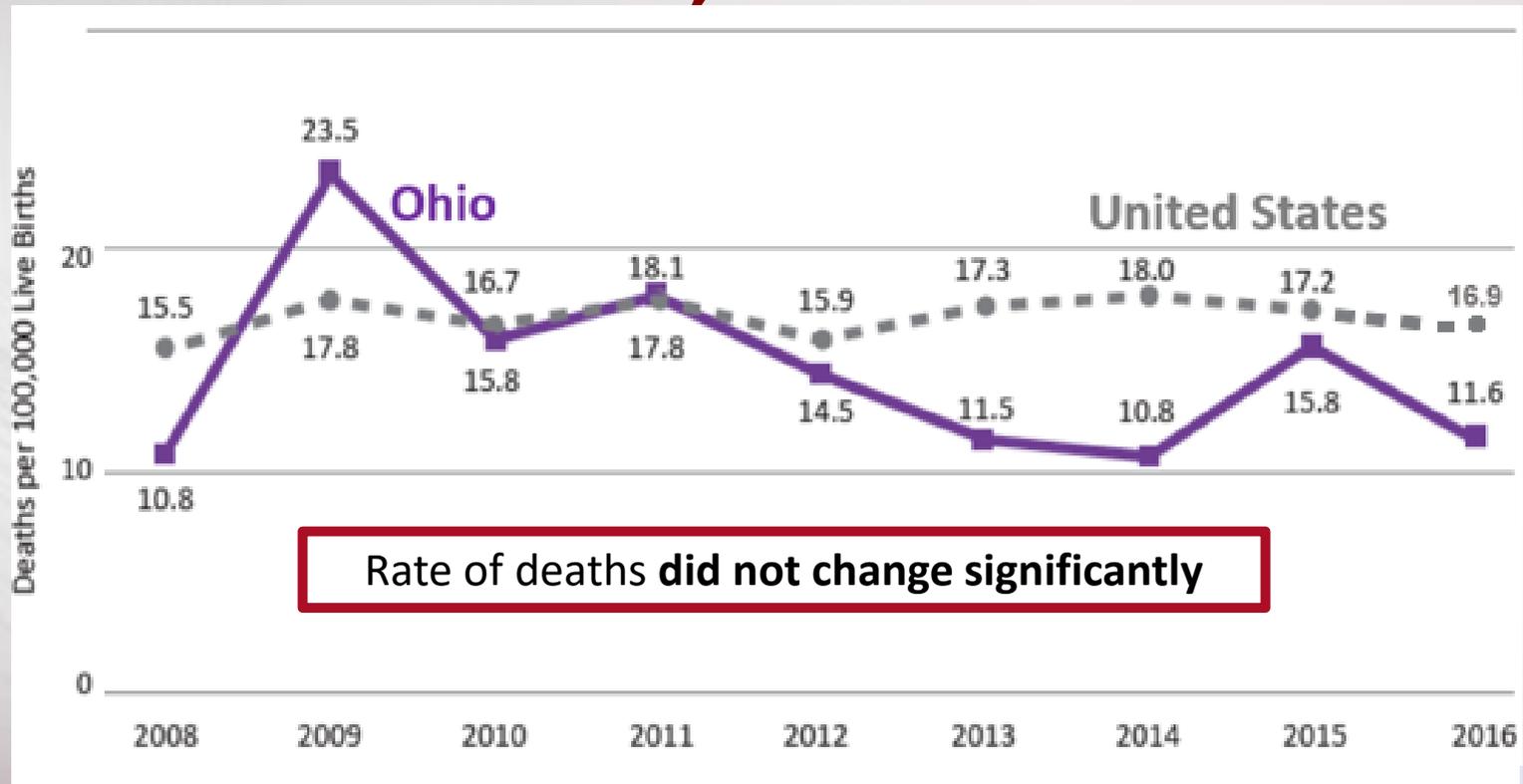
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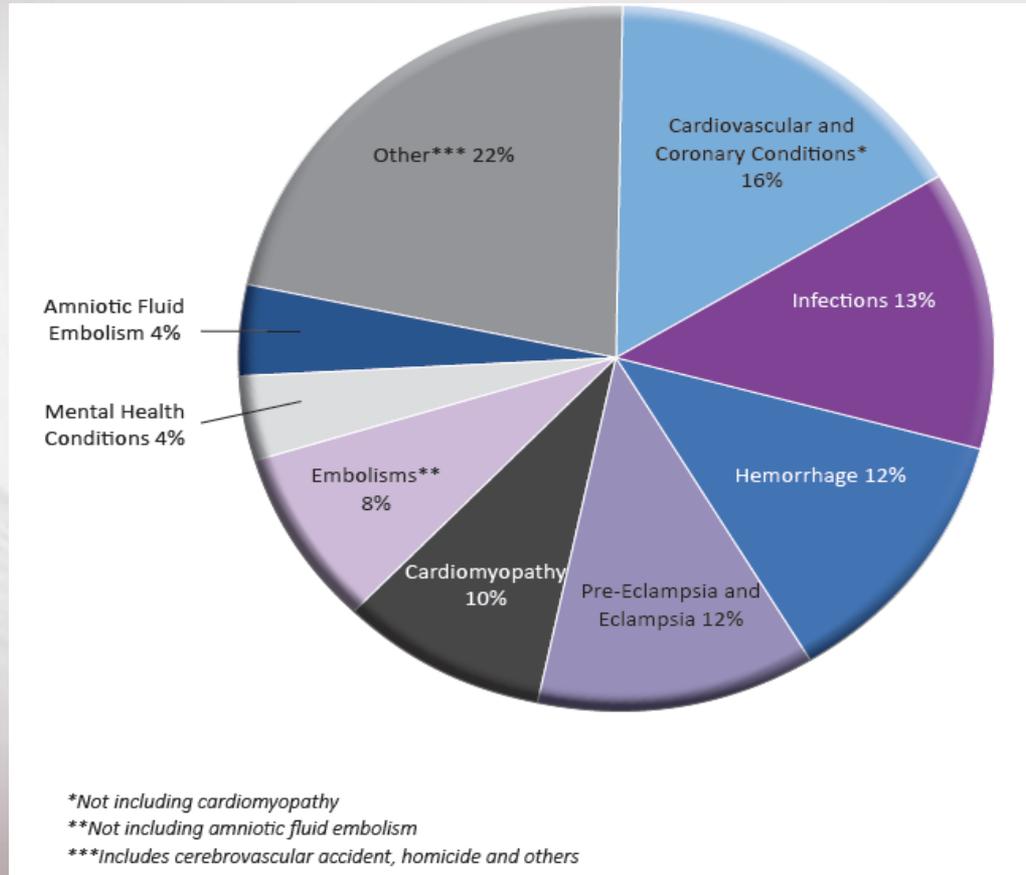
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# Ohio and U.S. Pregnancy-Related Mortality Ratios, 2008-2016

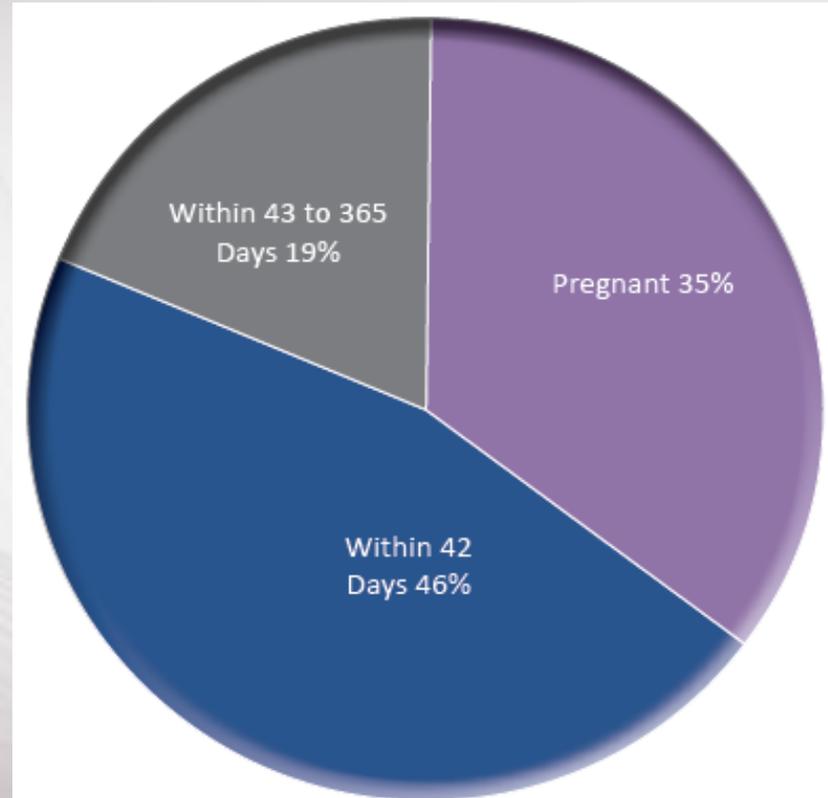


Note: U.S. and Ohio surveillance methods differ. Both include women who died during pregnancy or within one year of pregnancy. However, in contrast to the Ohio PAMR process, the U.S. process is based entirely on vital statistics data submitted to CDC by states; medically trained epidemiologists determine the cause and time of death related to the pregnancy (CDC Pregnancy Mortality Surveillance System [PMSS]).

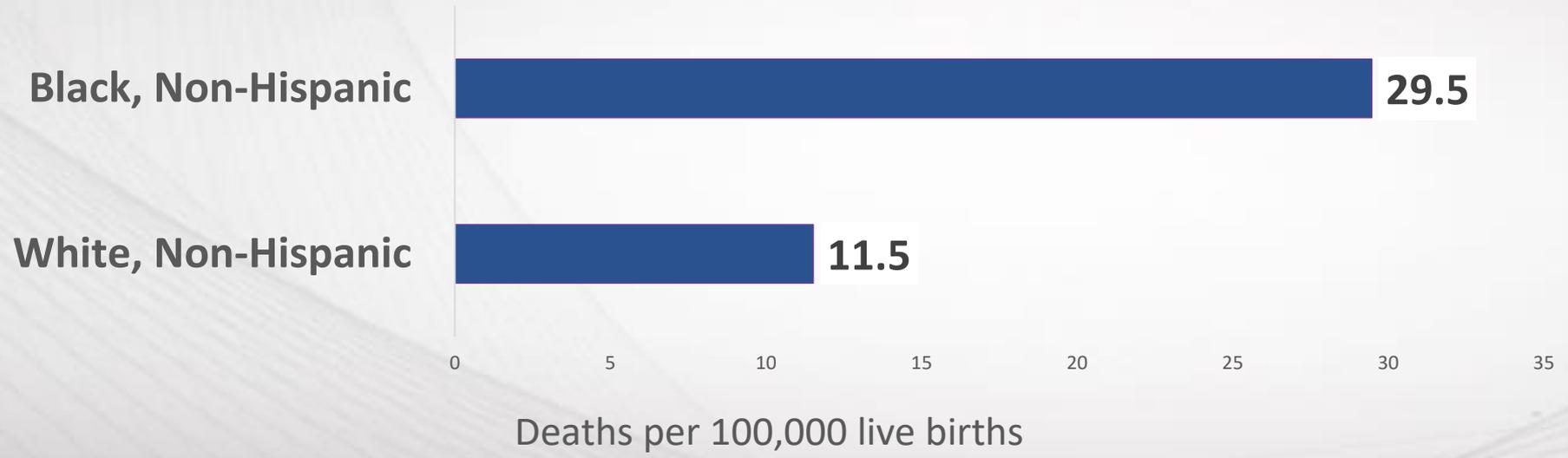
# Underlying Causes of Pregnancy-Related Deaths by Leading Causes, Ohio 2008-2016



# Timing of Pregnancy-Related Death in Relation to Pregnancy, Ohio 2008-2016

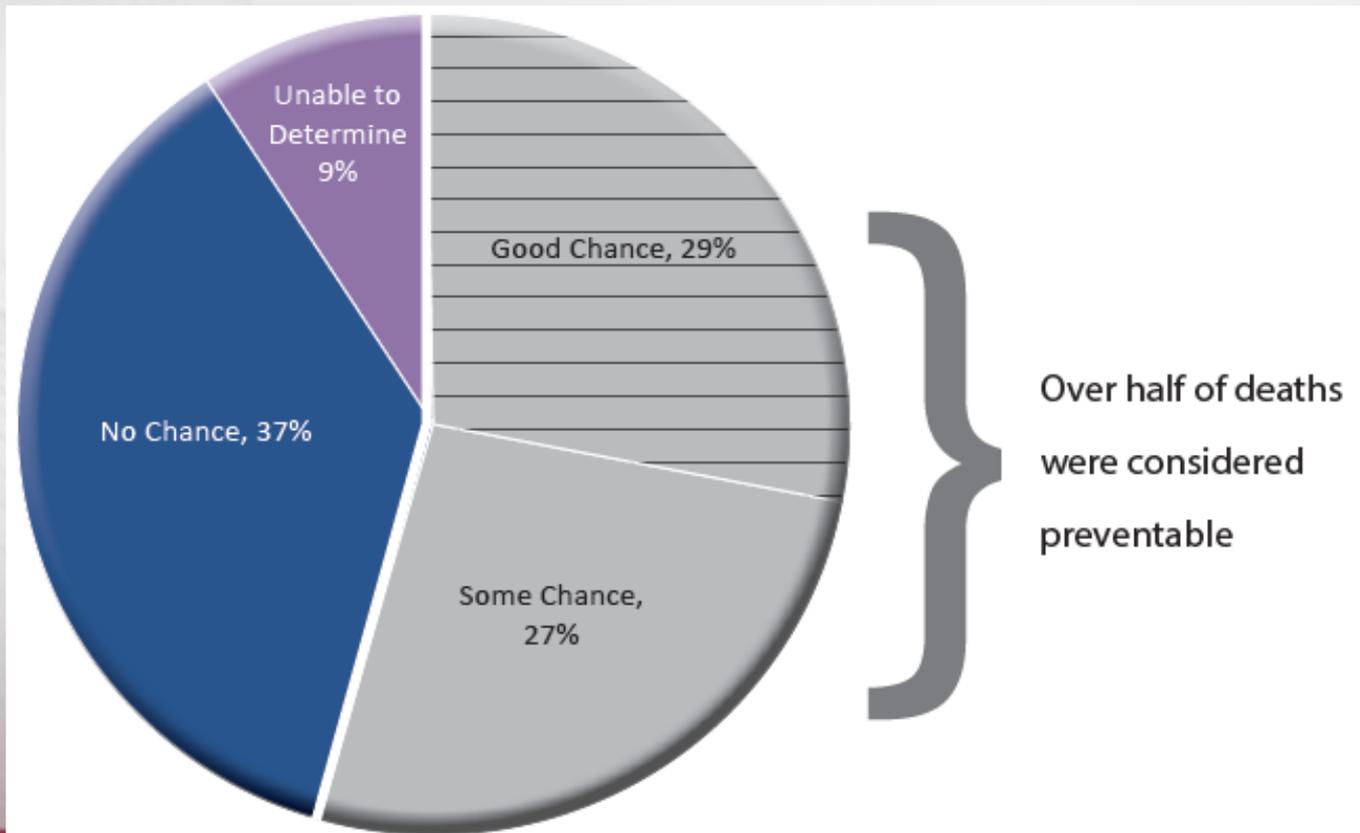


# Disparities in Pregnancy-Related Deaths: by Race



**Black women died at a rate > 2 ½ times that of white women**

# Chance to Alter Outcome Among Pregnancy-Related Deaths (n=86), Ohio 2012-2016



# Preventability by Cause of Death, 2012-2016

Underlying Cause of Death	Preventable %	Preventable number	Total number
Cardiovascular & Coronary Conditions	29	4	14
Pre-eclampsia & Eclampsia	85	11	13
Hemorrhage	64	7	11
Infections	64	7	11
Embolisms (not AF)	56	5	9
Cardiomyopathy	75	6	8
Amniotic Fluid Embolism	20	1	5
Cerebrovascular Accidents	25	1	4
Mental Health Conditions	100	3	3

# Contributing Factors

- Factors identified that contributed to the death
- **Four** factors on average were identified for every pregnancy-related death
- Levels:



*Provider*

*(32%)*



*system of care or facility* (22%)



*patient or family*

*(46%)*

# Contributing Factors: *Provider Level*

- failure to adequately screen or assess risk
- mis-diagnosis
- use of ineffective treatment
- delays in diagnosis, treatment, or follow-up
- failure to refer or seek consultation
- lack of communication between providers
- lack of continuity of care
- inadequate patient education



# Contributing Factors: *Systems or facility Level*

- lack of continuity of care from a system perspective
- lack of or insufficient case coordination or management
- systems barriers to accessing care (e.g., insurance, provider shortage, transportation)
- unavailable facilities
- inadequate, unavailable, or inadequately trained personnel
- inadequate follow-up by personnel
- lack of or poor communication (e.g., between providers)
- lack of standardized policies or procedures
- inadequate or unavailable equipment / technology



# Contributing Factors: *Patient or Family Level*

- chronic disease (e.g., obesity, chronic medical condition)
- lack of knowledge (re: importance of event, follow-up)
- adherence
- mental health conditions
- delay or failure to seek care
- substance use disorder (alcohol, illicit drugs, Rx abuse)
- tobacco
- violence (intimate partner, prior assault)
- social support, isolation, or dysfunctional
- access / financial (lack of \$ resources, poverty, housing)



# ODH PAMR New Activities

# ODH PAMR: Two 5-year Federal Grant Awards

2019-2024



CDC: \$450,000/year

HRSA: ~\$2million/year

# ODH PAMR Recently Received 2 Federal Awards

CDC

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Eliminate Maternal Mortality (ERASE  
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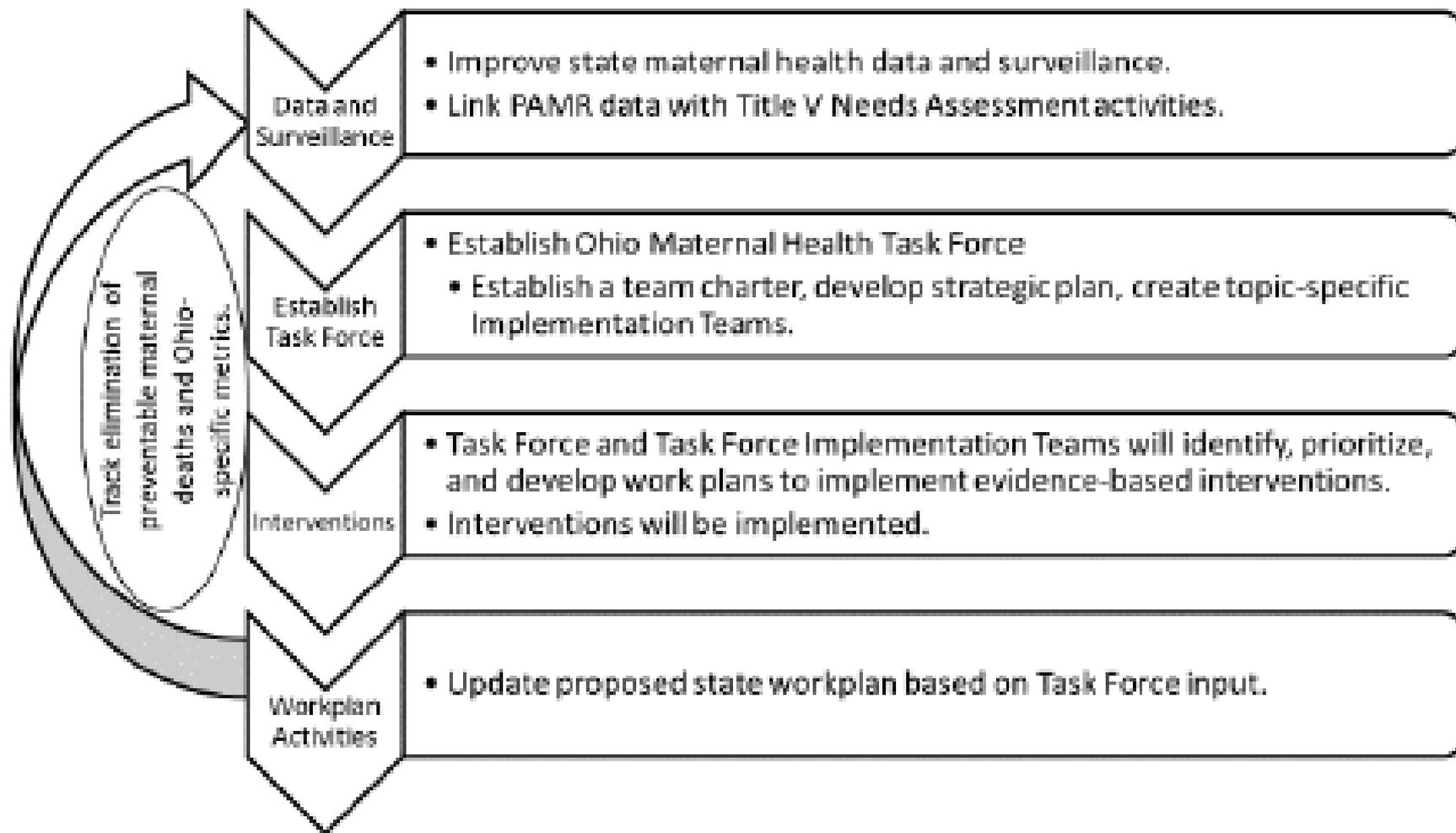
State Maternal Health Innovation Program

Translating recommendations on addressing maternal mortality and SMM from ideas to action by:

- 1) Establishing a state-focused Maternal Health Task Force to create and implement a strategic plan.
- 2) Improving the collection, analysis, and application of state-level data on maternal mortality and SMM.
- 3) Promote and execute innovation in maternal health service delivery.

# Ohio Maternal Health Task Force

**Goal: Create and implement a strategic plan statewide**



# Quality Improvement

- AIM Implementation
  - Submit state AIM application to ACOG
  - Hypertension bundle (statewide)
  - Racial Disparity bundle (community level)
  - *[Tentative]* Cardiovascular bundle (statewide)
- Other QI Activities
  - AWHONN post-birth warning signs (community level)
  - IMPLICIT Network toolkit with pediatric practices (interconception health)

# Promote and Execute Innovation

- Conduct implicit bias training
  - ODH Home Visiting, WIC, among others
- Expand simulation training for obstetric emergencies to emergency medicine staff
- Train OB providers on implementing telehealth encounters
  - Implementation Team on telehealth informs training activities
- Implement LOCATe

# PAMR Grants: Next Steps

- Hire new staff
- Contracts for vendors
- Establish and initiate the Ohio Maternal Health Task Force

**QUESTIONS?**

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# Disparities in Pregnancy-Related Deaths

