

Assessment of the OB Patient Presenting to the ED

Cardiac Complications in Pregnancy and Postpartum

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Bucket List

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- Throughout this presentation, the terms “mother” or “maternal” or “she” or “her” are used in reference to the birthing person. Recognition that not all birthing people identify as mothers or women. We believe all birthing people are equally deserving of patient-centered care that helps them attain their full potential and live authentic health lives.

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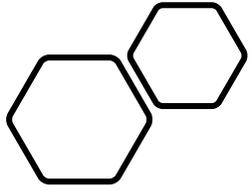
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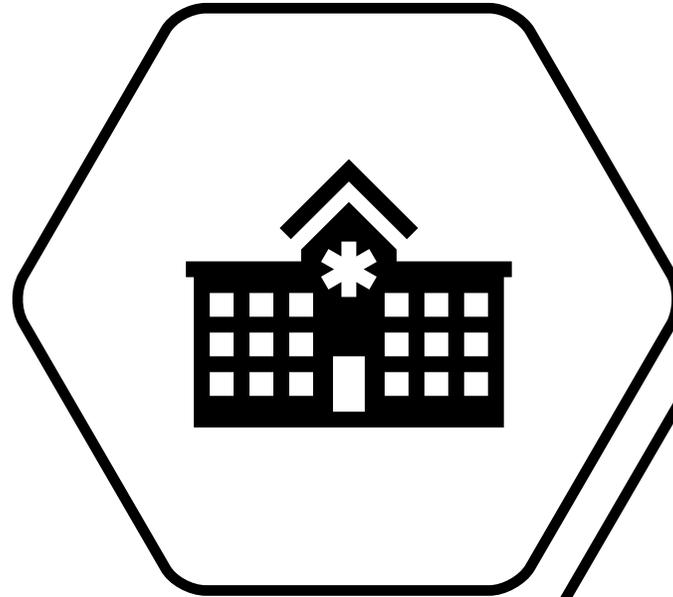
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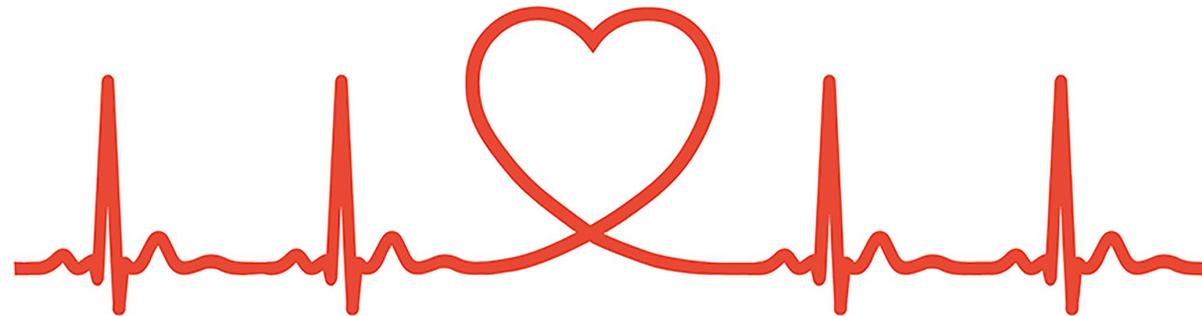


Simulations Visits

- Our Team will start reaching out to facilities to schedule visits



Cardiac Complications in Pregnancy and Postpartum



Objectives

- Discuss why symptoms of cardiac disease may be falsely attributed to the common symptoms in a normal pregnancy
- Review CVD Assessment Algorithm for Pregnant and Postpartum Women
- Describe the clinical uses of BNP in pregnancy
- Discuss why CVD is a leading preventable cause of mortality and morbidity in the obstetrical patient
- Review Cardiac Arrest in Pregnancy In-Hospital ACLS Algorithm

Case Study

- 24 y/o Black Female
- Mildly Obese
- Complaints:
 - Cough
 - Fatigue



Case Study



VS:

98.0

P 130

R 22

BP 140/100

O2 Sat 96%



Lung Sounds

Few scattered crackles



Heart Sound

Irregular – states she has “racing”
heartbeat at times

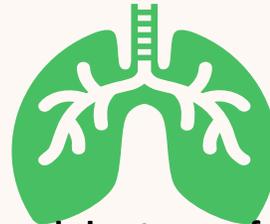
Case Study



While in your ED – Continues to worsen



30 min later:



Increased shortness of breath

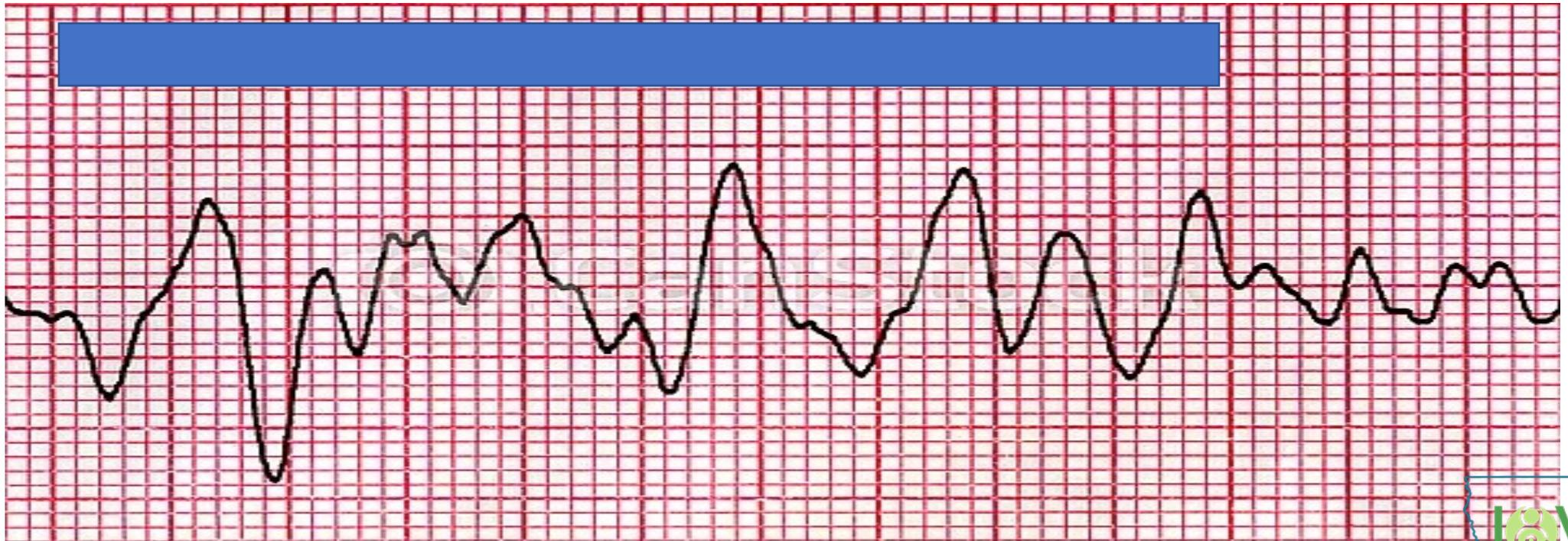
RR 48 and shallow



HR 130's - SVT

Case Study

- 45 minutes later
 - Becomes unresponsive



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Critical Questions

Appendix G: Stop Sign for Patient Information



STOP

Tell us if you
ARE PREGNANT *or*
HAVE BEEN PREGNANT
within the past 6 weeks

Come to the front of the line if you have:

- ▶ Persistent headache
- ▶ Visual change (floaters, spots)
- ▶ History of preeclampsia
- ▶ Shortness of breath
- ▶ History of high blood pressure
- ▶ Chest pain
- ▶ Heavy bleeding
- ▶ Weakness
- ▶ Severe abdominal pain
- ▶ Confusion
- ▶ Seizures
- ▶ Fevers or chills
- ▶ Swelling in hands or face

Improving Health Care Response to Hypertensive Disorders of Pregnancy, a CMQCC Quality Improvement Toolkit, 2021.

[HDP FINAL Appendix G 111621 \(1\).pdf](#)

Every Patient

- Obtain a focused pregnancy and cardiac history in all care settings, including emergency department, urgent care and primary care
- In all care environments assess and document if a patient presenting is pregnancy or has been pregnant within the past year
- Assess if escalating warning signs for an imminent cardiac event are present
- Utilize standardized cardiac risk assessment tools to identify and stratify risk
- Conduct a risk appropriate work-up for cardiac conditions to establish diagnosis and implement the initial management plan
- Screen each person

Background

- Cardiovascular Disease (CVD) complicates 1% of all pregnancies
- Severity has increased
- Postpartum hospitalizations for cardiovascular complications have tripled
- More than 25% of pregnancy-related mortality in the US (2011 to 2013) attributed to CVD or cardiomyopathy
- Approx 25% of these deaths are preventable if recognized earlier in pregnancy

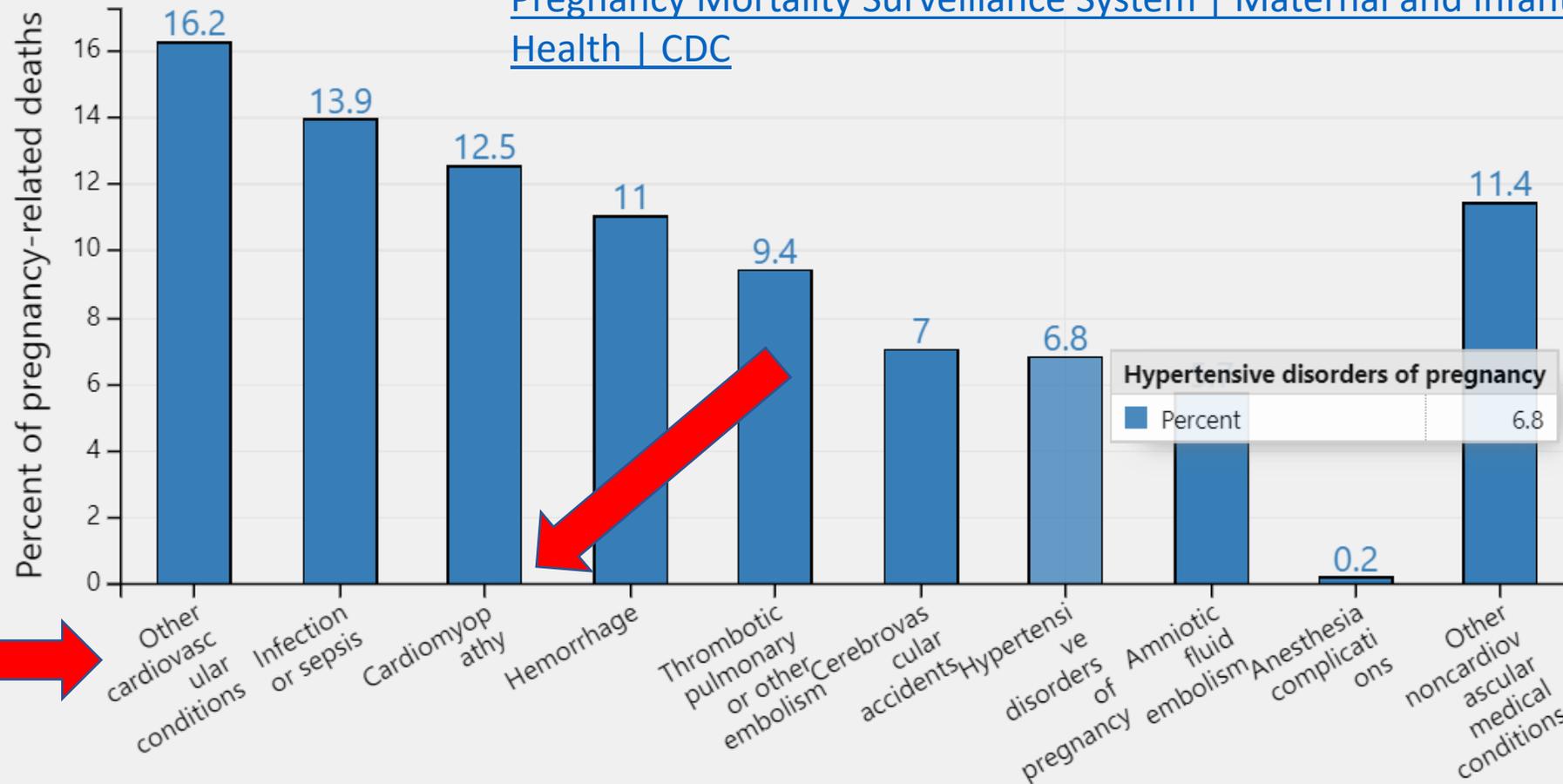
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Causes of Pregnancy-Related Deaths

Causes of pregnancy-related death in the United States: 2016-2018

[Pregnancy Mortality Surveillance System | Maternal and Infant Health | CDC](#)

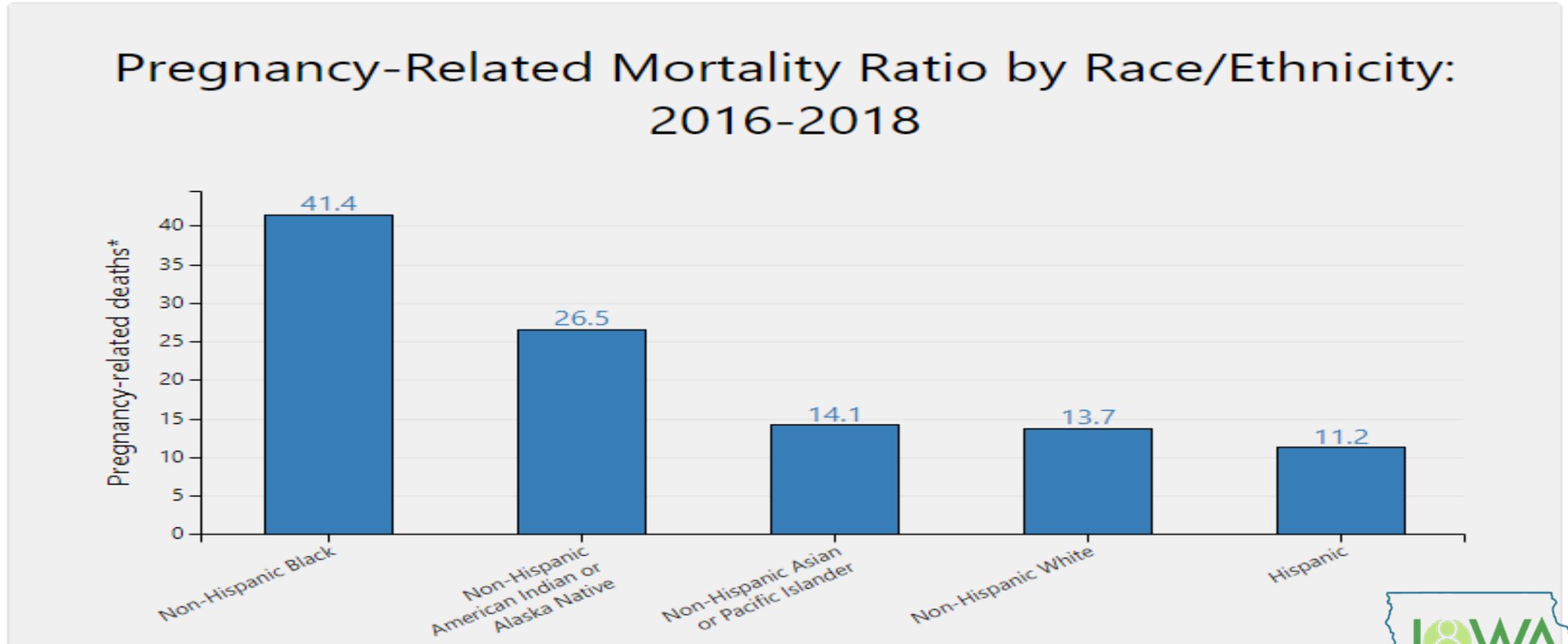


- Only a small fraction of these women had a known diagnosis of CVD prior to death
- Most women who died had presented with symptoms either during pregnancy or after childbirth



Racial Disparities

Pregnancy-Related Death by Race/Ethnicity



Racial Disparities

- Black women:
 - Present at significantly younger ages, and more commonly in postpartum period
 - Receive care less often and later in pregnancy
 - Have higher rates of obesity and hypertensive disorders, often more severe
 - Some risk factor modifiable, but are not easily achieved (health care access, diet, physical activity)

Goland S, Modi K, Hatamizadeh P, Elkayam U. Differences in clinical profile of African-American women with peripartum cardiomyopathy in the United States. *J Card Fail*. 2013 Apr;19(4):214-8. doi: 10.1016/j.cardfail.2013.03.004. PMID: 23582086.



Iowa

Pregnancy-Associated but Unable to Determine Pregnancy Relatedness	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Suicide• Cardiac Arrhythmia caused by cardiomegaly left ventricular hypertrophy• Homicide (Domestic violence)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cardiac Arrest
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- Cardiac Disorders
- Risk factors and symptoms associated with cardiomyopathy were not recognized by healthcare providers.
- Warnings of cardiac symptoms were not included on postpartum discharge instructions when risk factors were present.
- Tobacco cessation not discussed or not documented

Peripartum Cardiomyopathy

- Defined as a reduced ejection fraction of less than 45% presenting near the end of pregnancy or in the few months after delivery in a woman with no history of structural heart disease
- The cause of peripartum cardiomyopathy (PPCM) remains unknown
- 37% of those diagnosed with PPCM had some type of hypertension during pregnancy (preeclampsia, gestational or chronic hypertension)
- Likely an underestimate, as hypertensive disorders often are used as exclusion criteria when diagnosing PPCM

Halliday BP, de Marvao A, Thilaganathan B. Peripartum cardiomyopathy and pre-eclampsia: two tips of the same iceberg. *Eur J Heart Fail.* 2021 Dec;23(12):2070-2072. doi: 10.1002/ejhf.2300. Epub 2021 Aug 26. PMID: 34263509.





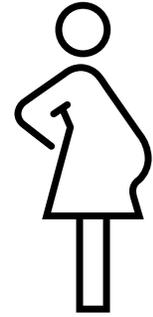
- Pregnancy is like a stress test for rest of your life
 - Diabetes
 - Hypertension
 - CVD

Pregnancy Pathophysiology

- Blood volume increases ~ 40% - 50 % with peak at 32 weeks
 - 45% in plasmas volume and 30% red cell mass (relative anemia)
 - 1600 ml – singleton
- ↓ albumin/oncotic pressure
- ↑ cardiac output (30 – 50%)
 - Maternal posture affects cardiac output after 20 weeks
 - Increased 6 – 7 l/min
 - Increase peaks by 30 weeks
 - Increased 2 -3 weeks post partum
- Increased stroke volume and heart rate = increased cardiac output
- Heart increases in size and is displaced upward
- Plasma volume increases mor than RBC volume creating a physiologic anemia
- Pregnancy is a hypercoagulable state



Pregnancy Pathophysiology



- Placenta – low vascular resistance
- Stroke volume – climbs dramatically and peaks at 30 weeks
- 2nd trimester – often seek consultation – stress of CV system
 - Palpitation
 - Shortness of breath
- Peripartum cardiomyopathy –80 to 90 % within one month of delivery

Acquired heart disease in pregnancy

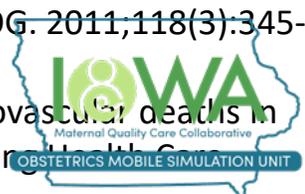
- Rheumatic disease is now uncommon in the US but common in the developing world and among immigrant populations
- Pregnancy makes this worse
- Scarlet Fever

[\(133\) Cardiac Disease in Pregnancy - CRASH! Medical Review Series - YouTube](#)

Recognition

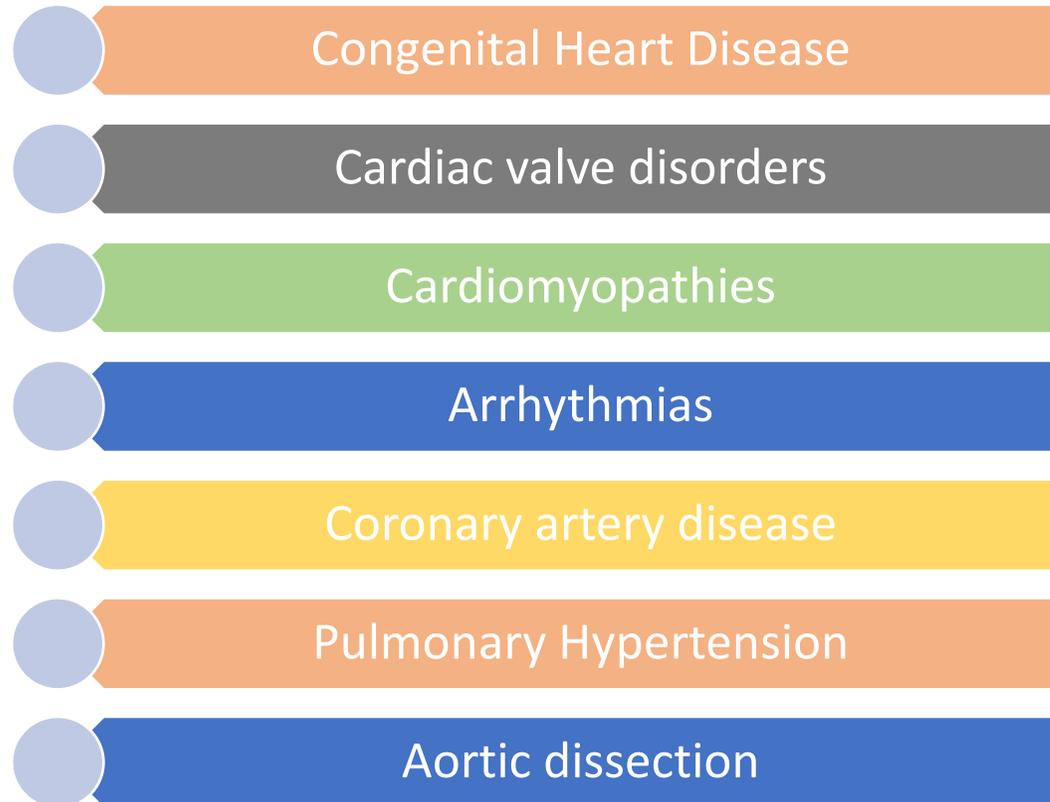
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Cardiac Conditions

- Disorders of the cardiovascular system which may impact maternal health



Risk Factors

Age \geq 40 years

African American

Pre-pregnancy obesity (BMI \geq 35)

Pre-existing diabetes

Hypertension

Substance use

- Nicotine, cocaine, alcohol, methamphetamines

History of chemotherapy

Maternal Early Warning Criteria

The Maternal Early Warning Criteria	
Measure	Value
Systolic Blood Pressure (mm Hg)	<90 or >160
Diastolic Blood Pressure (mm Hg)	>100
Heart rate (beats per minute)	<50 or >120
Respiratory rate (breaths per min)	<10 or >30
Oxygen saturation on room air, at sea level %	<95
Oliguria, mL/hr for ≥ 2 hrs	<35
Maternal agitation, confusion, or unresponsiveness	
Woman with preeclampsia reporting a non-remitting headache or shortness of breath	

Vital Signs

Resting
HR \geq 110
bpm

Systolic
BP \geq 140
mmHg

RR \geq 24

Oxygen
sat \leq
96%

Symptoms

Suggestive of Heart Failure

- Dyspnea
- Mild orthopnea
- Tachypnea
- Asthma unresponsive to therapy

Suggestive of arrhythmia

- Palpitations
- Dizziness/syncope

Physical Exam

- Rapid or irregular heart rate may be abnormal (a minor degree of tachycardia is common in normal pregnancy)
- Rales are not a normal finding
- A soft crescendo-decrescendo systolic murmur over the aortic or pulmonic valve indicative in increased flow is normal
- A diastolic or loud systolic murmur, or holosystolic murmur is not normal
- Dependent edema is to be expected late in pregnancy, but is not a prominent symptom in early in pregnancy

JVD



- Noninvasive
- Key symptom of heart failure, and other heart and circulatory problems
- Not an assessment that is common when assessing a pregnant person

BNP

- B Type Natriuretic Peptide
- Neurohormone secreted by the cardiac ventricles in response to ventricular volume expansion and pressure overload
- Routinely used in ED's to differentiate cardiac vs pulmonary etiology of dyspnea
- BNP – when released – meant to get rid of water
- Relaxes vascular smooth muscle
- Inhibits renin-angiotensin-aldosterone system
- Increases natriuresis and diuresis



Clinical Uses of BNP in Pregnancy

Diagnosis of heart failure

- In women with dilated CMP, higher BNP predicts adverse cardiovascular outcomes
- Higher predictive value than X-ray

Asymptomatic left ventricular function

- Useful to evaluate shortness of breath

Predictor of cardiovascular outcome

- In pregnant women with congenital heart disease, higher BNP levels are associated with poor outcomes

BNP

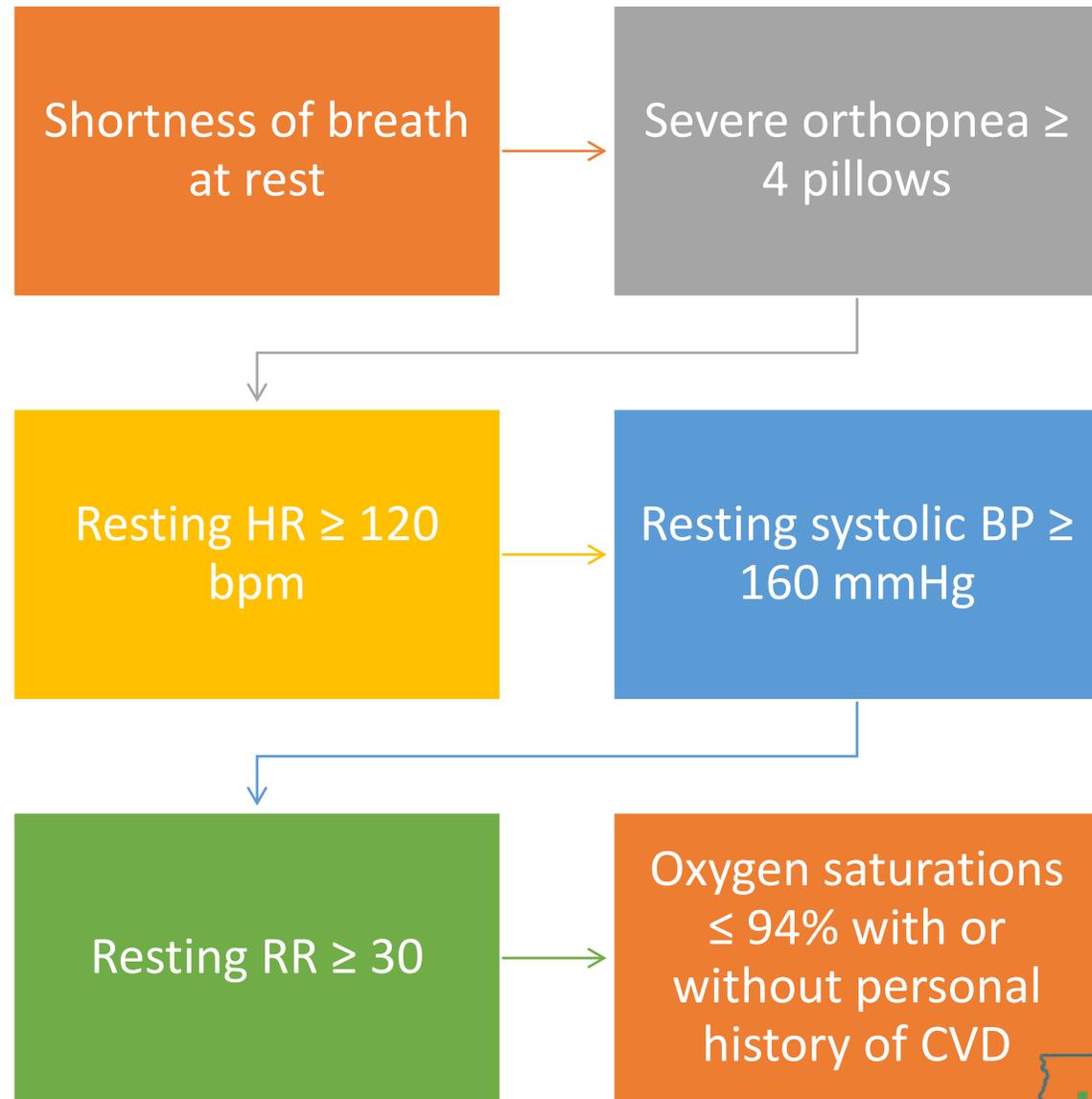
- Normal level < 100 pg/ml
- 100 – 400 dependent on other symptoms and findings of heart failure
- > 400 indicative of heart failure



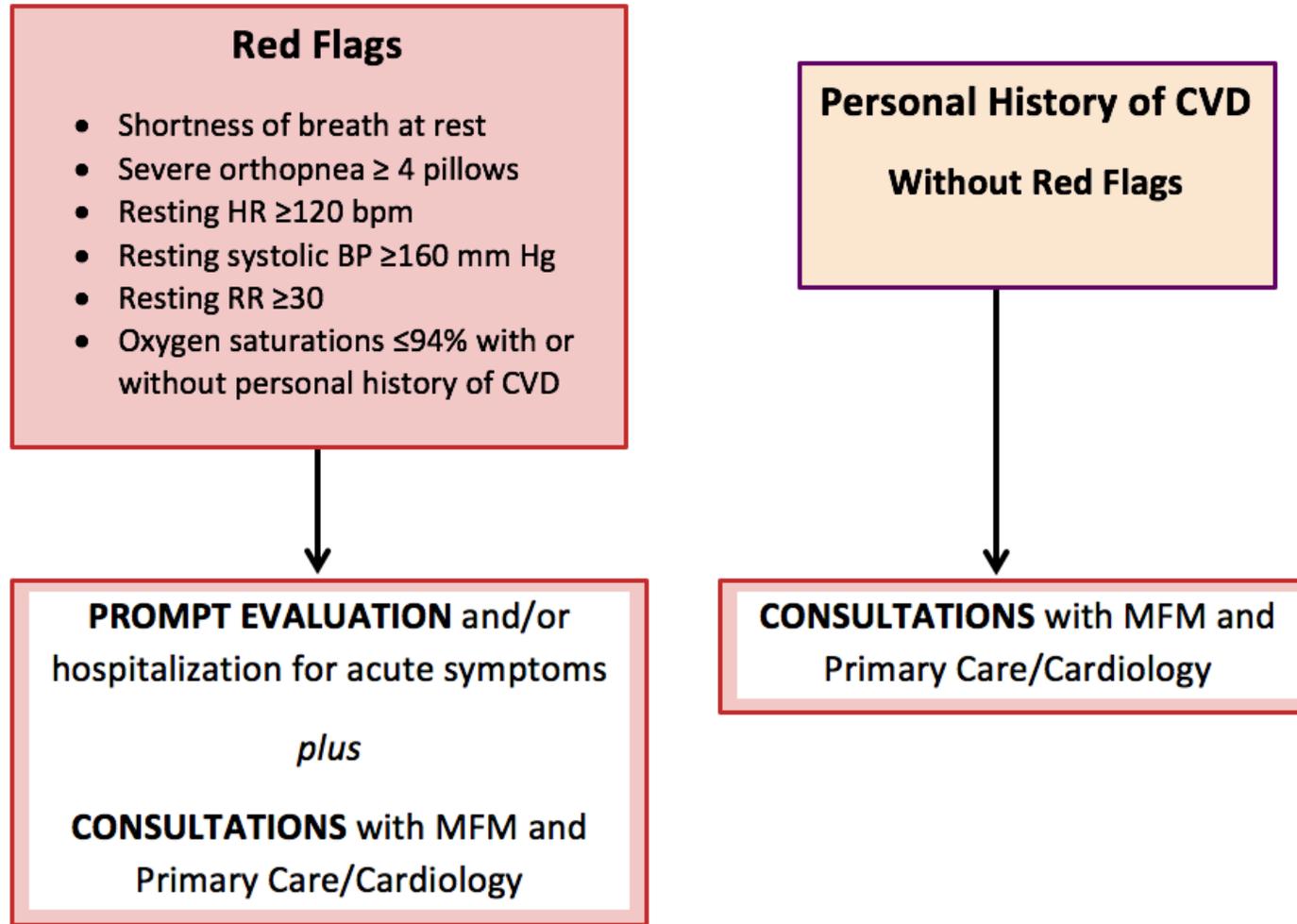
CVD Algorithm for Pregnant and Postpartum Women

Red Flags

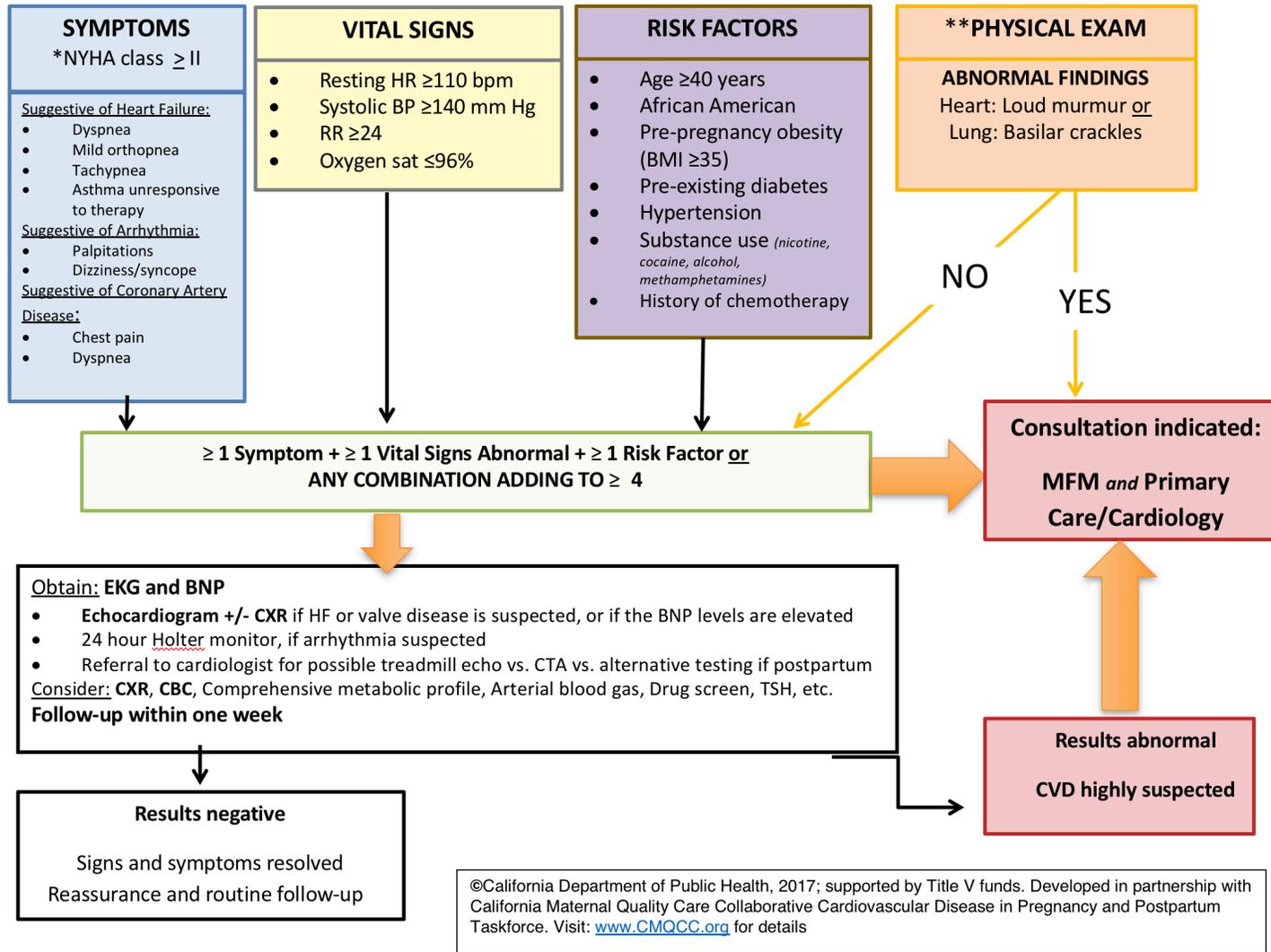
Red Flags – Prompt Evaluation



CVD Assessment Algorithm For Pregnant and Postpartum Women



(No Red Flags and/or no personal history of CVD, and hemodynamically stable)



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Key Points

- First Presentation of CVD may be during pregnancy or early postpartum
- The highest risk period for CVD worsening is between 24-28 weeks or postpartum
- CVD symptoms or vital sign abnormalities should not be ignored in pregnant
- Symptoms related to physiologic changes of pregnancy should be improving in the postpartum period
- ANY visits to the ED for dyspnea should raise suspicion for cardiovascular disease
- Postpartum dyspnea or new onset cough in concerning or CVD

Key Points

- New onset asthma is rare in adults
- Bilateral crackles on lung examination are most likely associated with congestive heart failure
- Improvement of dyspnea with bronchodilators does not confirm the diagnosis of asthma as CHF may also improve with bronchodilators
- Likewise a lack of response to bronchodilators should prompt the entertainment of a diagnosis other than asthma

Postpartum Presentations to the ED, PCP or OB Provider

- Symptoms of cardiac disease may be falsely attributed to the common discomforts of pregnancy
 - Shortness of breath
 - Fatigue
- Pre-existing cardiovascular disease and/or new onset peripartum cardiomyopathy may initially be present during pregnancy or in the post-partum period



CA-PAMR Findings

Timing of Diagnosis and Death

2002-2006

■ Timing of CVD Diagnosis (n=64)



- Preexisting (prior to pregnancy)
- Prenatal period
- At labor and delivery
- Postpartum period
- Postmortem

[Improving Health Care Response to Cardiovascular Disease in Pregnancy and Postpartum Toolkit Teaching Slideset for Professionals | California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative \(cmqcc.org\)](#)

■ Timing of Death

- 30% of all CVD deaths were >42 days from birth/fetal demise vs. 7.3% of non CVD pregnancy-related deaths
- Driven by Cardiomyopathy deaths, with 42.9% deaths >42 days

Questions to ask upon presentation

- Shortness of Breath
 - Worsened level of exercise tolerance
 - Difficulty performing activities of daily living unexpected fatigue
 - Symptoms that are deteriorating – especially chest pain, palpitations, or dizziness
 - New onset coughing or wheezing
 - Leg edema and if it is improving or deteriorating
 - Inability to lay flat – if this is a change, how many pillows used to sleep
 - Failure to lose weight or unusual weight gain and how much
 - A history of cardiac or pulmonary conditions
 - A history of substance use/tobacco use
 - Has been seen by other providers or in other Emergency Departments since giving birth

Señales & Síntomas de enfermedad del corazón durante el embarazo y posparto

En los Estados Unidos, las enfermedades del corazón son la principal causa de muerte en las mujeres que están embarazadas o que han dado a luz en los últimos 5 meses (posparto).

¡Preste atención a los siguientes síntomas hacia el final del embarazo y hasta 5 meses después de dar a luz:



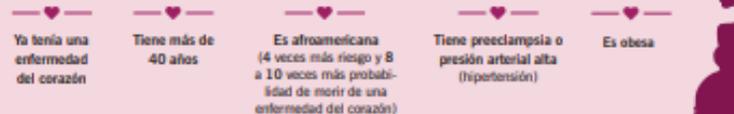
¡YA! Aunque algunos de estos síntomas son comunes al final del embarazo, también pueden ser una señal de una enfermedad del corazón, especialmente si son nuevos y no desaparecen después de tener un tratamiento.

Si usted tiene cualquiera de los síntomas anteriores y éstos no desaparecen:

- Comuníquese con su obstetra, partera, médico general o proveedor de atención médica principal.
- Describa claramente sus síntomas y dígame lo mal que se siente.
- Si sus síntomas aparecen después del parto, asegúrese que su médico sepa que usted dio a luz hace poco.
- Si su médico u otro proveedor de atención médica le dice que sus síntomas son normales, pregúntele cuáles síntomas requiere que usted le llame de nuevo o vuelva a su consultorio.

Vaya a la sala de emergencias si tiene un dolor de pecho persistente, mucha dificultad para respirar, o se siente extremadamente enfermo por alguna otra razón. De ser posible, trate de que alguien le acompañe.

Cualquier mujer puede desarrollar una enfermedad del corazón durante el embarazo o el posparto, pero usted corre un riesgo más alto si:



Conclusión

- Confíe en sus instintos si siente que algo anda mal.
- Cuando consulte a su proveedor de atención médica, vaya con su pareja, amigo o amiga o algún familiar que le pueda apoyar y ayudarlo a explicar a su médico que estos síntomas no son normales para usted.
- Busque una segunda opinión si siente que su proveedor de atención médica no le escucha o que no toma en serio sus síntomas.

Obtenga apoyo e información en el internet: www.myheartsisters.com | www.womenheart.org | www.womenheart.org



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Signs & Symptoms of Heart Disease During Pregnancy and Postpartum

Heart disease is the leading cause of death among women in the U.S. who are pregnant or gave birth in the last 5 months (postpartum).

During Pregnancy and Postpartum

Watch for the following symptoms up to five months postpartum:



While some of these symptoms are common in late pregnancy, they may be a sign of heart disease especially if they are severe and do not go away after treatment.

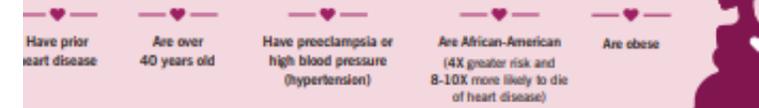
If you have any of these symptoms and they don't go away:

- Contact your OB, midwife, family medicine doctor, or your primary care provider.
- Describe your symptoms clearly and explain how sick you feel.
- If your symptoms arise postpartum, be sure to tell the provider that you recently had a baby.
- If your provider says your symptoms are normal, ask what symptoms should cause you to call or come back.

Go to the Emergency Department

If you have persistent chest pain or severe shortness of breath, or otherwise feel extremely sick. If possible, take someone with you.

Any woman can develop heart disease in pregnancy or postpartum, but you are at higher risk if you:



Bottom line

- Trust your instincts when you feel something is wrong.
- When you see a healthcare provider, bring your partner, friend or family member who can support you and help explain these symptoms are not normal for you.
- Seek a second opinion if you don't feel listened to or your symptoms are not taken seriously.

Get online support and information: www.myheartsisters.com | www.womenheart.org



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DID YOU HAVE COMPLICATIONS DURING PREGNANCY?

♥ You may be at a higher risk for heart disease over your lifetime

Which pregnancy complications can increase your risk for heart disease as you age?



HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE

5-10% of all pregnant women



GESTATIONAL DIABETES

7-14% of all pregnancies



PRETERM BIRTH

11.5% of babies were born preterm in 2012.

Can include:

- ♥ Gestational hypertension
- ♥ Preeclampsia (once known as Pregnancy Induced Hypertension (PIH) and toxemia)
- ♥ Eclampsia
- ♥ HELLP syndrome



If you had **PREECLAMPSIA**, you have **2x** the risk of **stroke, heart muscle damage, or blood clot** and **4x** the risk of developing **high blood pressure** for the rest of your life!



Mothers who had gestational diabetes are more likely to have the condition again in a future pregnancy.



If you had **GESTATIONAL DIABETES**, you are **50%** more likely to develop **Type 2 diabetes** within 5 years, putting you at higher risk for heart disease.



Babies born before 37 completed weeks of pregnancy are preterm, or premature.



Women with **PRETERM BIRTH AND PREECLAMPSIA** have an **8-10x** higher chance of **death** from heart disease.

If you had complications in pregnancy, you can lower your risk:

New Mothers



See your health care provider 3-6 months after birth to check your overall physical health. Discuss your pregnancy and any complications you experienced.



Get a copy of your pregnancy and post-delivery medical records to share with your providers for the rest of your life. Don't wait - records may be destroyed.



Breastfeed as long as possible. Women whose total lifetime breastfeeding is 6-12 months were 30% less likely to develop heart disease (and it's good for baby too).

If you had one of these complications, speak with your provider when planning your next pregnancy to optimize your health.



REMEMBER!

It's a **MYTH** that **ALL** pregnancy related high blood pressure and gestational diabetes complications go away after the baby is born!

Get more information and stay heart healthy.
www.cmqcc.org

Mothers With Kids Over One Year



Get annual checkups and be screened for heart disease. At this visit, your provider should check your overall physical condition.



Ask your provider what your test results mean and how you can lower your heart disease risk.



These screening numbers show desirable results.

Blood Pressure	< 120/80 mm Hg	Fasting Blood Glucose	< 100 mg/dL
Total Cholesterol	< 200 mg/dL	Body Mass Index	< 30 kg/m ²



Try a mobile app to automatically retrieve and store your medical records, so you always have them handy.



Eat healthy! A diet low in salt, fat, cholesterol and sugar can help you lower your risk for obesity, diabetes and heart disease.



Maintain a healthy weight. Body Mass Index (BMI) is an estimate of body fat based on height and weight. Less than 25 is healthy.



Get active for 30 minutes a day, or as recommended by your provider.



If you smoke, make a plan to quit. Your provider may have resources to support you.



Take medications as directed. Sometimes a healthy diet and exercise is not enough to lower your risk for heart disease, so your provider may prescribe medications to help.



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¿TUVO COMPLICACIONES DURANTE SU EMBARAZO?

♥ Usted puede correr mayor riesgo de enfermedades del corazón por el resto de su vida

¿Cuáles son las complicaciones del embarazo que pueden aumentar el riesgo de enfermedades del corazón con el paso de los años?



PRESIÓN ARTERIAL ALTA

5-10% de todas las mujeres embarazadas



DIABETES GESTACIONAL

7-14% de todos los embarazos



NACIMIENTO PREMATURO

11.5% de todos los bebés nacieron prematuros en el 2012

Puede incluir:

- ♥ Hipertensión gestacional
- ♥ Preeclampsia (antiguamente conocida como hipertensión inducida por el embarazo o toxemia)
- ♥ Eclampsia
- ♥ Síndrome HELLP (por sus siglas en inglés) que incluye hemólisis, enzimas hepáticas elevadas y un conteo bajo de plaquetas.



Si tuvo **PREECLAMPSIA**, tiene 2 veces más riesgo de tener un ataque al corazón, daño en los músculos del corazón o un coágulo de sangre, y 4 veces más riesgo de desarrollar presión arterial alta por el resto de su vida.



Las madres que tuvieron diabetes gestacional tienen más probabilidad de volver a tenerla en un futuro embarazo.



Si usted tuvo **DIABETES GESTACIONAL**, tiene 50% más probabilidad de desarrollar diabetes tipo 2 dentro de 5 años, lo que aumenta su riesgo de enfermedades del corazón.



Los bebés que nacen antes de las 37 semanas completas de embarazo son prematuros.



Las mujeres con **PARTO PREMATURO Y PREECLAMPSIA** tienen de 8-10 veces más probabilidad de morir por enfermedades del corazón.

Si tuvo alguna complicación en su embarazo, usted puede disminuir su riesgo:

Nuevas mamás



Consulte con su proveedor de atención médica de 3 a 6 meses después del parto para que le evalúe su salud física general. Cuéntele sobre su embarazo y cualquier complicación que haya tenido.



Obtenga una copia de los registros médicos de su embarazo y partos para poder compartirlos con sus proveedores el resto de su vida. No espere para hacerlo, ya que pueden destruir los registros.



Amamante el mayor tiempo posible. Las mujeres que han amamantado por un total de 6 a 12 meses de toda su vida tienen 30% menos probabilidad de desarrollar enfermedades del corazón (y también es bueno para el bebé).

Si usted tuvo una de estas complicaciones, consulte con su proveedor de atención médica al planear su siguiente embarazo para mantenerse lo más saludable posible.



¡RECUERDE!

Es un **MITO** que **TODA** presión arterial alta relacionada con el embarazo y **TODAS** las complicaciones de la diabetes gestacional desaparecen después de que nace el bebé.

Obtenga más información y mantenga su corazón sano.
www.cmqcc.org (en inglés)

Mamás con niños mayores de un año



Hágase un chequeo anual y pruebas de detección para las enfermedades del corazón. En su visita anual, su proveedor debe evaluarle su condición física en general.



Pregúntele a su proveedor qué significan los resultados de sus pruebas y cómo puede reducir su riesgo de las enfermedades del corazón.

Estos son los resultados deseados de las pruebas de detección.

Presión arterial	< 120/80 mm Hg	Glucosa en la sangre	< 100 mg/dL
Cholesterol total	< 200 mg/dL	Índice de masa corporal	< 25 kg/m ²



Pruebe una aplicación móvil que pueda automáticamente recuperar y almacenar sus registros médicos para que siempre los tenga a la mano.



¡Como sano! Una dieta baja en sal, grasa, colesterol y azúcar puede ayudar a reducir el riesgo de obesidad, diabetes y enfermedades del corazón.



Mantenga un peso saludable. El índice de masa corporal (IMC) es un cálculo de la grasa corporal que se basa en la estatura y el peso. La saludable es tener un índice menor de 25.



Manténgase activo por 30 minutos al día o lo que le recomiende su proveedor.



Si fuma, haga un plan para dejar de fumar. Su proveedor puede tener recursos para ayudarlo.



Tome los medicamentos siguiendo las indicaciones. A veces, no es suficiente seguir una dieta saludable y hacer ejercicio para reducir el riesgo de las enfermedades del corazón. Por eso, pídale a su proveedor le recete medicamentos que le pueden ayudar.



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Perimortem C-Sections





<https://www.proacsl.com/training/video/asystole>

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- 2 potential patients
 - Best hope for fetal survivor is maternal survival
 - At 20 weeks the size of the uterus begins to adversely affect the attempted resuscitation



Medications



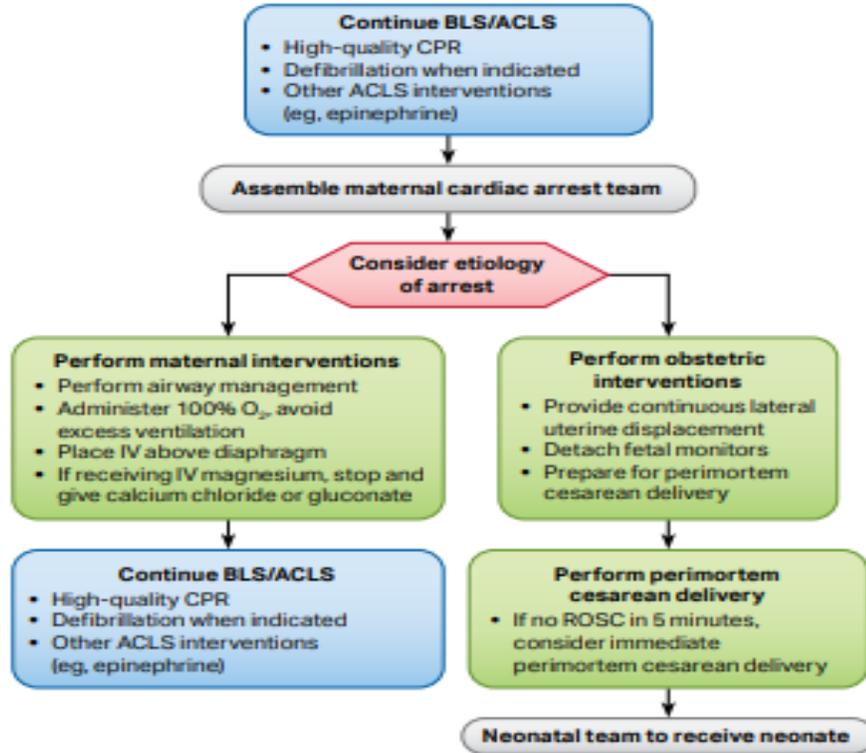
- Treatment during pregnancy is the same as in non pregnant patients
- **Exception – amiodarone, long half life and should be avoided**
- Most antiarrhythmic drugs except adenosine, cross the placenta
- Can give Lidocaine

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AAFP – ALSO



Cardiac Arrest in Pregnancy In-Hospital ACLS Algorithm



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Maternal Cardiac Arrest

- Team planning should be done in collaboration with the obstetric, neonatal, emergency, anesthesiology, intensive care, and cardiac arrest services.
- Priorities for pregnant women in cardiac arrest should include provision of high-quality CPR and relief of aortocaval compression with lateral uterine displacement.
- The goal of perimortem cesarean delivery is to improve maternal and fetal outcomes.
- Ideally, perform perimortem cesarean delivery in 5 minutes, depending on provider resources and skill sets.

Advanced Airway

- In pregnancy, a difficult airway is common. Use the most experienced provider.
- Provide endotracheal intubation or supraglottic advanced airway.
- Perform waveform capnography or capnometry to confirm and monitor ET tube placement.
- Once advanced airway is in place, give 1 breath every 6 seconds (10 breaths/min) with continuous chest compressions.

Potential Etiology of Maternal Cardiac Arrest

- A** Anesthetic complications
- B** Bleeding
- C** Cardiovascular
- D** Drugs
- E** Embolic
- F** Fever
- G** General nonobstetric causes of cardiac arrest (H's and T's)
- H** Hypertension



Uterine Displacement

- One person so provide uterine displacement
- Left Lateral
- One or two handed method
- Relieve compression of inferior vena cava and the aorta by shifting the gravid uterus left and upward off the maternal vessels



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Chest Compressions

Lateral

Left lateral

- Relieve possible compression of the inferior vena cava
- Uterine obstruction of venous return can produce hypotension and could precipitate arrest in the critically ill pt

Move up

Move up a bit – remember heart enlarges during pregnancy

Check

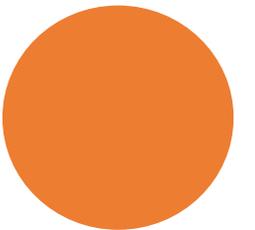
Check Femoral pulse to see if compressions adequate

Intubation

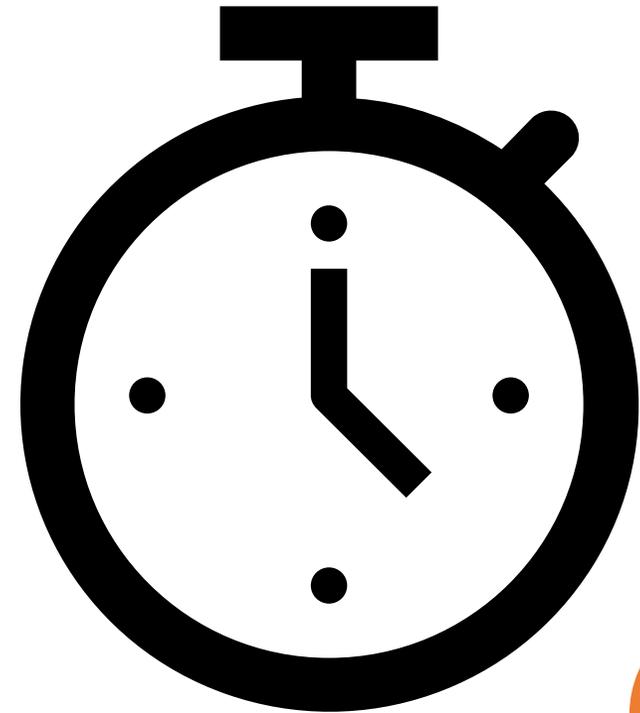
- Advance airway sooner
- Trachea is more narrow
- Smaller tube – 6.0
- Increased secretions
- Lungs are higher – listen higher
- ETCO₂ recommended

Perimortem C-Section

- Goal is to improve maternal and fetal outcomes
- Goal – 5 minutes !



- At 4 minutes with no ROSC
- 5 minutes



Perimortem C-Sections

- Taking Care of Mom is Taking Care of Baby
- Consider GA – 20 wks or > and singleton
 - 20 – 23 weeks mom benefits
 - 24 and greater both benefit
- Provider –Who can do C-Section?
- No Prep Indicated
- No need to go to OR
 - Scalpel
 - Provider
 - Gloves



Maternal Code

- [UT Nashville OBGYN Residents: Management of Maternal Code - Bing video](#)

References and Resources

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