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*Closing Remarks*

The case for advancing national and state interventions to address maternal mortality and morbidity

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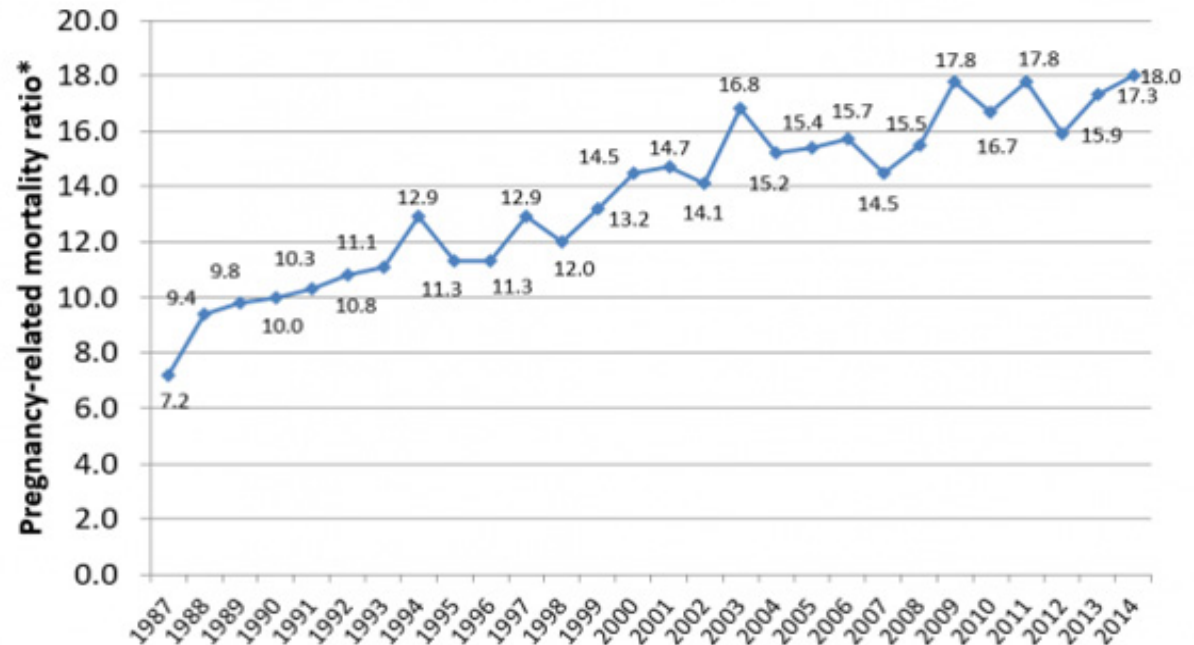
# TREND IN MATERNAL MORTALITY

**Pregnancy-related death has more than doubled over the past 25 years.**

**700 women die from pregnancy-related complications each year**

**50,000 women have life-threatening complications of labor and delivery**

**Trends in pregnancy-related mortality in the United States: 1987–2014**



\*Note: Number of pregnancy-related deaths per 100,000 live births per year.

Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

# INITIATIVES AND INTERVENTIONS TO ADDRESS MATERNAL MORTALITY & MORBIDITY

- Efforts to **improve ways to collect data** on maternal mortality and SMM, research into their causes and prevention, and promotion of proven ways to keep all mothers healthy.
- Efforts to ensure that **all women have quality, affordable health insurance and health care**, including postpartum depression screening, mental health treatment, substance abuse treatment, affordable contraception and long-acting reversible contraception, and access to health care providers who understand and meet their health needs before, during, and after pregnancy.
- Improving the social and economic conditions and **quality of health care** at all stages of a woman's life.





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- Ensuring access to inpatient obstetrical facilities and **qualified obstetrical providers** in rural settings.
- State perinatal quality collaboratives working with hospitals to identify and review cases of SMM and implement hospital-based quality improvement initiatives to **improve care** and promote patient safety.
- Encouraging every state to have a **maternal mortality review committee** that investigates each death of a pregnant woman or new mother to understand causes and recommend interventions for the future.
- And last but not least, we support encouraging the acceleration of policies and programs shown to **provide preventive and supportive care** for women during pregnancy, including group prenatal care.



A photograph of a woman with dark hair in a ponytail, seen from the side, holding a baby. The baby is looking towards the camera. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent purple filter. The text 'THANK YOU' is written in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters on the left side of the image.

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