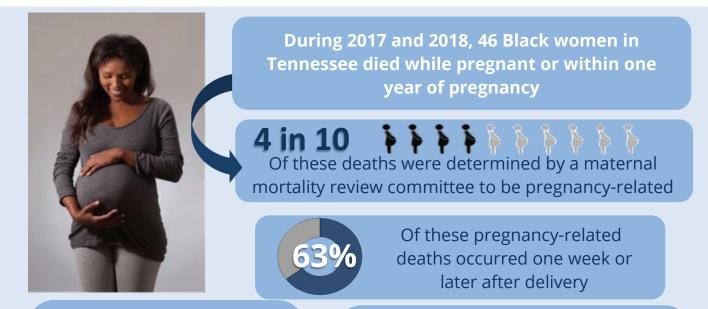
Racial Inequity in Pregnancy-Related Deaths



Black women in Tennessee are **3x** as likely to die from pregnancy complications than White women

Top causes of pregnancy-related deaths among Black women:

- 1. Heart disease*
- 2. Preeclampsia and eclampsia
- 3. Embolism, infection and homicide

100% of pregnancy-related deaths to Black women were determined to be preventable

Prevention Opportunities •



Clinics and Hospitals

Systems

- Provide continuing education for healthcare providers on the following topics: signs and symptoms of preeclampsia; evaluation and current treatment guidelines for cardiac conditions in pregnant and postpartum women
- Develop interpersonal violence screening and care coordination protocols
- Implement a policy for all staff to complete implicit bias training



Healthcare Providers

- Ensure consultation and transfer to the appropriate level of obstetric care for patients with high risk conditions
- Ensure consistent screening, assessment and treatment for high risk conditions
- Utilize a quality measures checklist for cardiac conditions
- Complete implicit bias training

*includes cardiovascular, coronary conditions and cardiomyopathy



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