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Addressing Maternal Mortality

WORST MATERNAL MORTALITY

The United States has the worst maternal mortality in the developed world... and it's rising!¹

United States	
United Kingdom	9.2
Portugal	9.0
Germany	9.0
France 7	.8
Canada 7.3	
Netherlands 6.7	
Spain 5.6	
Australia 5.5	
Ireland 4.7	



26.4 deaths per 100,000 live births

DISPARITY ACROSS THE COUNTRY (Deaths per 100,000 live births)

Top 3 Healthiest States²

California	4.5
Massachusetts	6.1
Nevada	6.2

Bottom 3 Healthiest States

Indiana	41.4
Louisiana	44.8
Georgia	46.2



>60% CHANCE OF PREVENTION³



63% of pregnancy-related deaths are preventable.

UNDERLYING CLINICAL FACTORS⁴



Delayed response



Poor recognition of severity



Failure to seek help

EARLY WARNING SYSTEM ENDORSEMENT



21 OBSTETRIC SOCIETIES have endorsed maternal early warning systems (EWS) to combat the high rate of mortality in the U.S.



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