



Department
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New York State – Addressing Maternal Mortality

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Presentation Objectives

Summarize Governor Cuomo's Comprehensive Initiatives to Target Maternal Mortality (MM) and Reduce Racial Disparities

- Overview of Governor Cuomo's multipronged initiatives
- Taskforce on maternal mortality and disparate racial outcomes
- Updates on additional initiatives

Maternal Mortality in the U.S. and in NYS

- 2015: US ranked 46th in the world in maternal mortality

Trends in maternal mortality: 1990-2015 | WHO, UNICEF, UNFPA, World Bank Group and the United Nations Population Division;

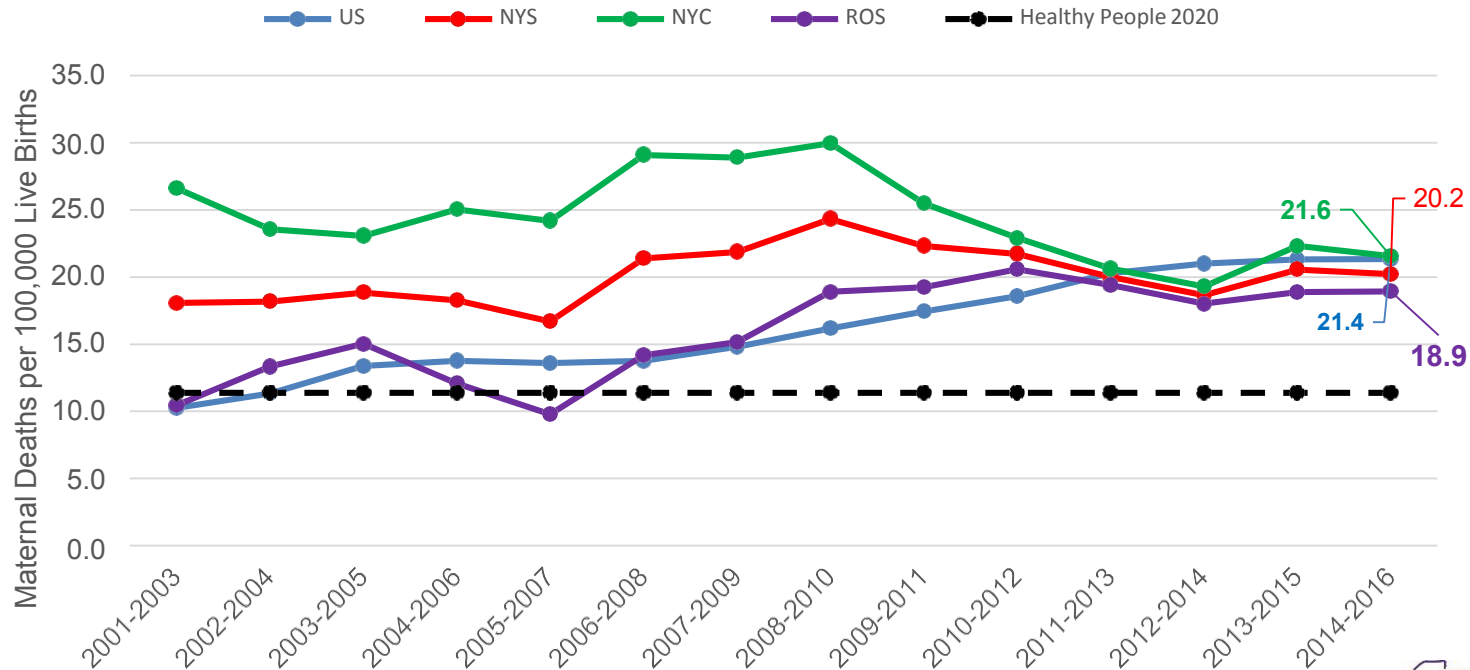
Available from: <https://www.who.int/reproductivehealth/publications/monitoring/maternal-mortality-2015/en/>

- 2016: NY ranked 30th with a rate of 20.9 deaths per 100,000 live births

Explore Maternal Mortality in New York | 2016 Health of Women and Children Report. 2017;

Available from: http://www.americashealthrankings.org/explore/2016-health-of-women-and-children-report/measure/maternal_mortality/state/NY.

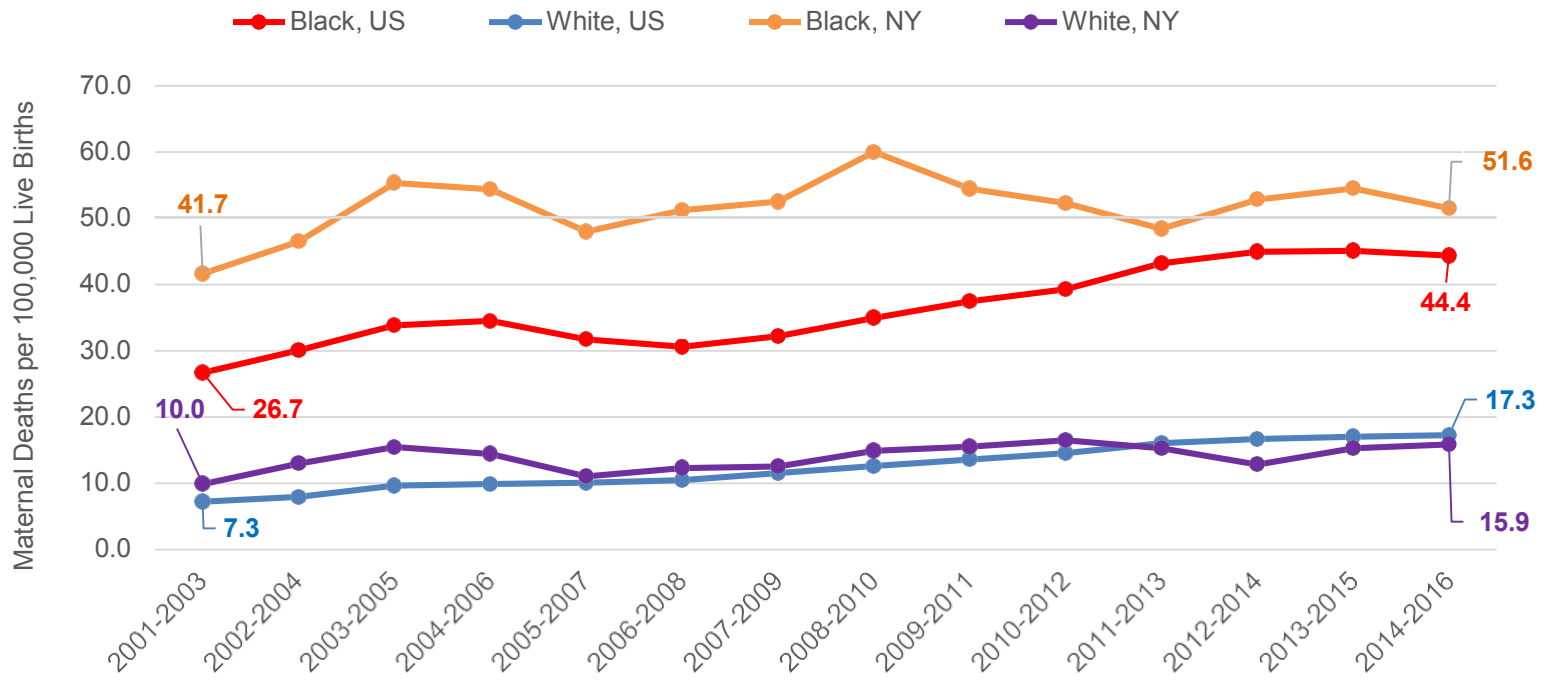
Trends in Maternal Mortality In the U.S. and in NYS as Reported in Vital Records*



*Causes of death from death records A34, O00-O95, O98-O99.

Data Source: National Data from CDC Wonder database and NY data from NYS Vital Statistics.

Trends in Maternal Mortality by Race in the U.S and in NYS as Reported in Vital Records*



*Causes of death from death records A34, O00-O95,O98-O99.
 Data Source: National Data from CDC Wonder database and NY data from NYS Vital Statistics



Governor Cuomo's Comprehensive Initiative to Target Maternal Mortality and Reduce Racial Disparities

Governor Cuomo announced a comprehensive initiative to target maternal mortality and reduce racial disparities in health outcomes:

- Establish Taskforce on Maternal Mortality and Disparate Racial Outcomes
- Direct the Department to establish a Maternal Mortality Review Board
- Launch the Best Practice Summit with Hospitals and Obstetricians-Gynecologists
- Establish a Medicaid Doula Pilot
- Support CenteringPregnancy Demonstration Projects
- Require Continuing Medical Education and Curriculum Development
- Expand the New York State Perinatal Quality Collaborative
- Conduct Listening Sessions
- Promote Well Women Care

The NYS Taskforce on Maternal Mortality and Disparate Racial Outcomes

Key stakeholders came together to reduce maternal mortality and racial disparities:

- Convened by Secretary to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor and the New York City Public Advocate
- Comprised of
 - Appointees from the NYS Senate and Assembly
 - Obstetricians, hospital representatives, doulas
 - Other stakeholders and members of the community

Goal:

- Promote equity in maternal health outcomes within at-risk populations in NYS to
 - Reduce racial disparities
 - Reduce preventable maternal mortality and morbidity
 - Provide recommendations to the Governor

The NYS Taskforce on Maternal Mortality and Disparate Racial Outcomes

Activities: Met three times between June and December 2018

- Heard from State and national experts on maternal mortality in the US and in NYS
- Discussed implicit bias and the impact of racism on black maternal health outcomes
- Taskforce members submitted proposals to the Governor on ways to reduce disparities and preventable maternal mortality and morbidity
- Taskforce members ranked the proposals and advanced with ten recommendations

Top 10 Taskforce Recommendations

1. Establish a Statewide Maternal Mortality Review Board (MMRB) in Statute
2. Establish a Pilot Grant Program for Hospitals to Administer Staff-Wide Training on Implicit Bias
3. Establish a Robust Data Repository and Develop a Perinatal Dashboard that includes Disparities
4. Provide Equitable Reimbursement to Midwives
5. Expand and Enhance Community Health Worker (CHW) Services in NYS
6. Create a SUNY Scholarship Program for Midwives to Address Needed Diversity
7. Create Competency-Based Curricula for Providers as well as Medical and Nursing Schools
8. Establish an Educational Loan Forgiveness Program for Obstetric Healthcare Providers that Represent Populations Disproportionately Impacted by Maternal Mortality and Morbidity
9. Convene a Statewide Expert Work Group to Optimize Postpartum Care in NYS
10. Promote Universal Birth Preparedness and Postpartum Continuity of Care for Women in Facilities Most Frequently Providing Maternal Care for Black Women

NYS Maternal Mortality Review Initiative (MMR)

Add MMRB Review of Cases to Current Method

- NYSDOH and ACOG working collaboratively to develop process

Complete Assessment of:

- Causes of death
- Factors leading to death
- Preventability
- Opportunities for intervention

Translate Trends and Issues into Action

- Collaborate to develop Issue Briefs, Grand Rounds
- Quality Improvement project
- Issue maternal mortality report

Pregnancy Related Death

Pregnancy
Associated but
Not Related
Death



Updates on Governor Cuomo's Maternal Mortality Initiatives

The NYS Perinatal Quality Collaborative expanded its focus to include obstetric hemorrhage, a leading cause of maternal morbidity and mortality statewide, through the NYS Obstetric Hemorrhage Project. Eighty-six birthing hospitals are participating with the NYSDOH on the project which seeks to translate evidence-based guidelines to clinical practice to reduce maternal mortality and morbidity.

Commissioner Dr. Howard Zucker sponsored seven community listening sessions across NYS - in Albany, Bronx, Brooklyn, Buffalo, Harlem, Queens and Syracuse. Participants included recently and currently pregnant women and families, the majority of whom were African-American. Common themes emerged which were incorporated into the taskforce's recommendations.

November 1, 2018 - ACOG District II, HANYS, and GNYHA jointly hosted a Symposium on Racial Disparities and Implicit Bias in Obstetrical Care at the New York State Health Foundation in NYC to identify concrete strategies to reduce racial disparities in health outcomes.

Updates on Governor Cuomo's Maternal Mortality Initiatives (Cont'd)

The SUNY Office of Academic Health and Hospital Affairs formed a workgroup of SUNY maternal fetal medicine experts that generated recommendations for undergraduate, graduate and continuing medical education curricula on maternal mortality/morbidity and disparate racial outcomes.

March 1, 2019 - the NYSDOH launched a pilot of NYS' Medicaid program to cover doula services beginning in Erie County and parts of Kings County.

May 23, 2019 - the NYSDOH hosted a webinar with clinics participating in the CenteringPregnancy model of prenatal care on improving birth outcomes.

Enacted 2019-2020 Budget

Resources in the Enacted Budget

Taskforce recommendations \$8 M over two (2) years:

- Statewide education and training to reduce implicit bias
- Expand Access to Community Health Workers
- Convene the Maternal Mortality Review Board
- Create a data warehouse
- Engage with ACOG on an expert workgroup on postpartum care
- Up to \$5 million for regional perinatal centers to expand telehealth

Questions & Discussion