



Maternal Mortality

Looking through a Race Lens



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According to the CDC...

- More than 80% of pregnancy-related deaths in the U.S. are preventable
- Black women are three times more likely to die from a pregnancy-related cause than White women.
 - variation in quality healthcare
 - underlying chronic conditions
 - structural racism
 - implicit bias

Racism

- Black birthing people are more likely to die due to pregnancy complications regardless of education or socioeconomic status
- Black birthing people death are reduced by:
 - Physical proximity to care
 - Care providers that are also black
 - Longer appointments/more time with providers
 - Increased care for mental health

Community Healthcare

- Tandem is a community birth center and gynecology clinic
- Midwifery model of care (longer appointment times, whole-person care, more postpartum visits)
- Trauma-informed staff

