

DIAGNOSTIC EXCELLENCE: Cardiovascular Risk Assessment in Pregnancy

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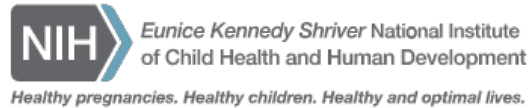


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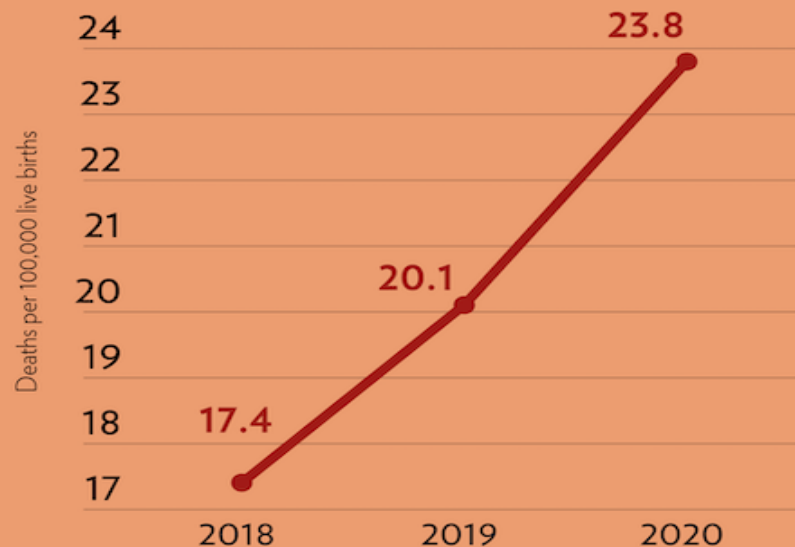
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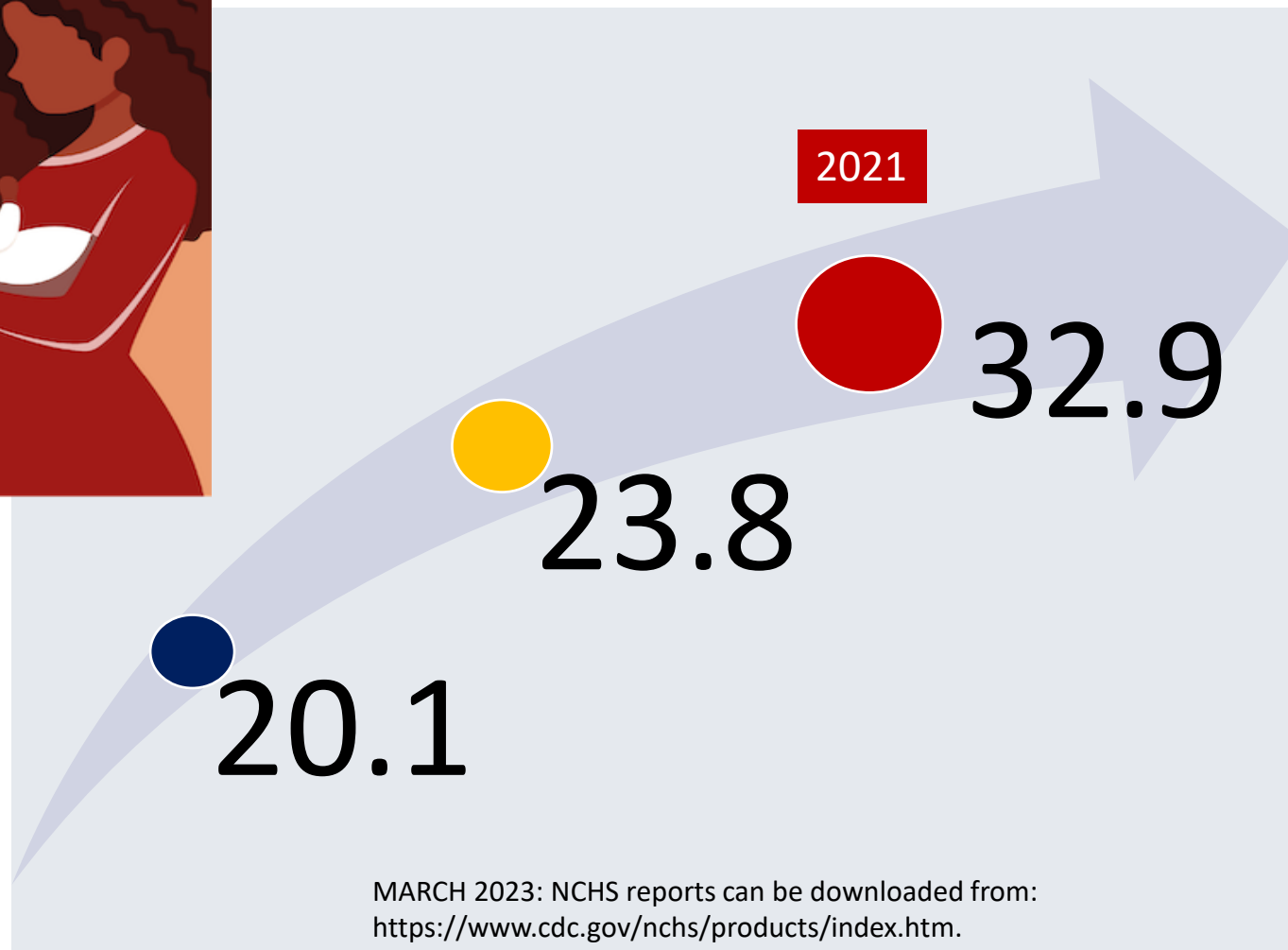
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The U.S. Maternal Mortality Rate Continues to Increase Substantially

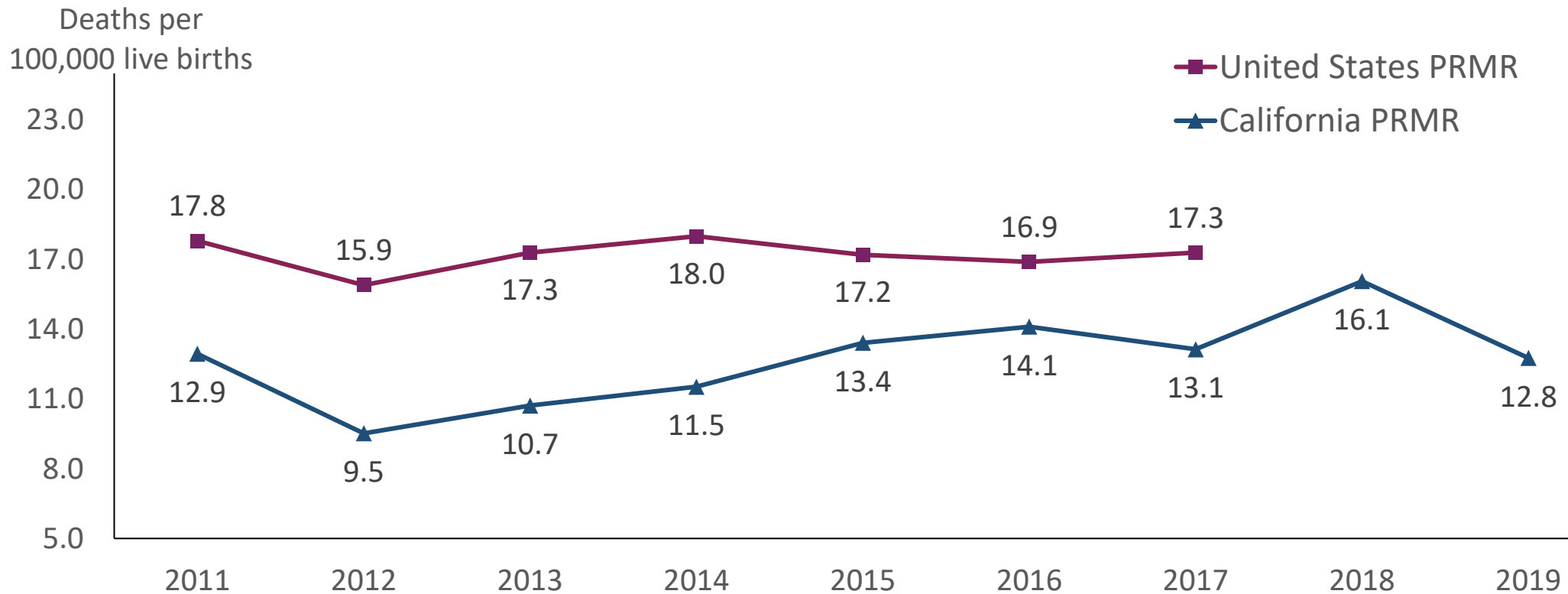


Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/hestat/maternal-mortality/2020/maternal-mortality-rates-2020.htm>



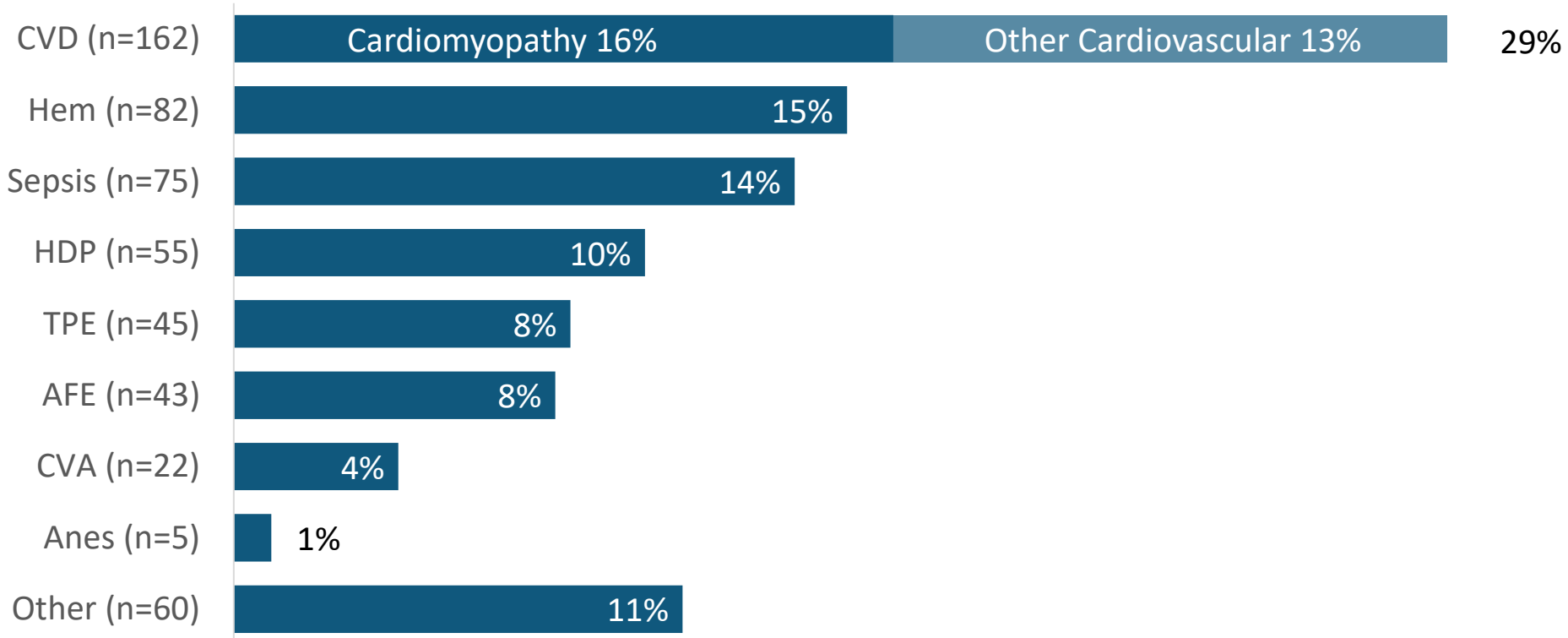
MARCH 2023: NCHS reports can be downloaded from:
<https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/products/index.htm>.

Pregnancy-Related Mortality Ratio in U.S. and California 2011-2019



Pregnancy-related mortality ratio (PRMR) = Number of pregnancy-related deaths per 100,000 live births, up to one year after the end of pregnancy. Pregnancy-relatedness determinations were made through a structured expert committee case review process. Data on U.S. PRMR are published by CDC Pregnancy Mortality Surveillance System (accessed at [Pregnancy Mortality Surveillance System | Maternal and Infant Health | CDC](#) on January 19, 2022).

Pregnancy-Related Deaths by Cause California 2011-2019



Pregnancy-related deaths include deaths within a year of pregnancy from causes related to or aggravated by the pregnancy or its management, as determined by expert committee review. Abbreviations: CVD = Cardiovascular disease; Sepsis = Sepsis or infection; Hem = Hemorrhage; HDP = Hypertensive disorders of pregnancy; AFE = Amniotic fluid embolism; TPE = Thrombotic pulmonary embolism; CVA = Cerebrovascular accident; Anes = Anesthesia complications; Other = Other medical condition(s). *Note: Deaths with undetermined cause were excluded from analysis (n=2).*

Timing of Diagnosis and Death

Timing of CVD Diagnosis (n=64)



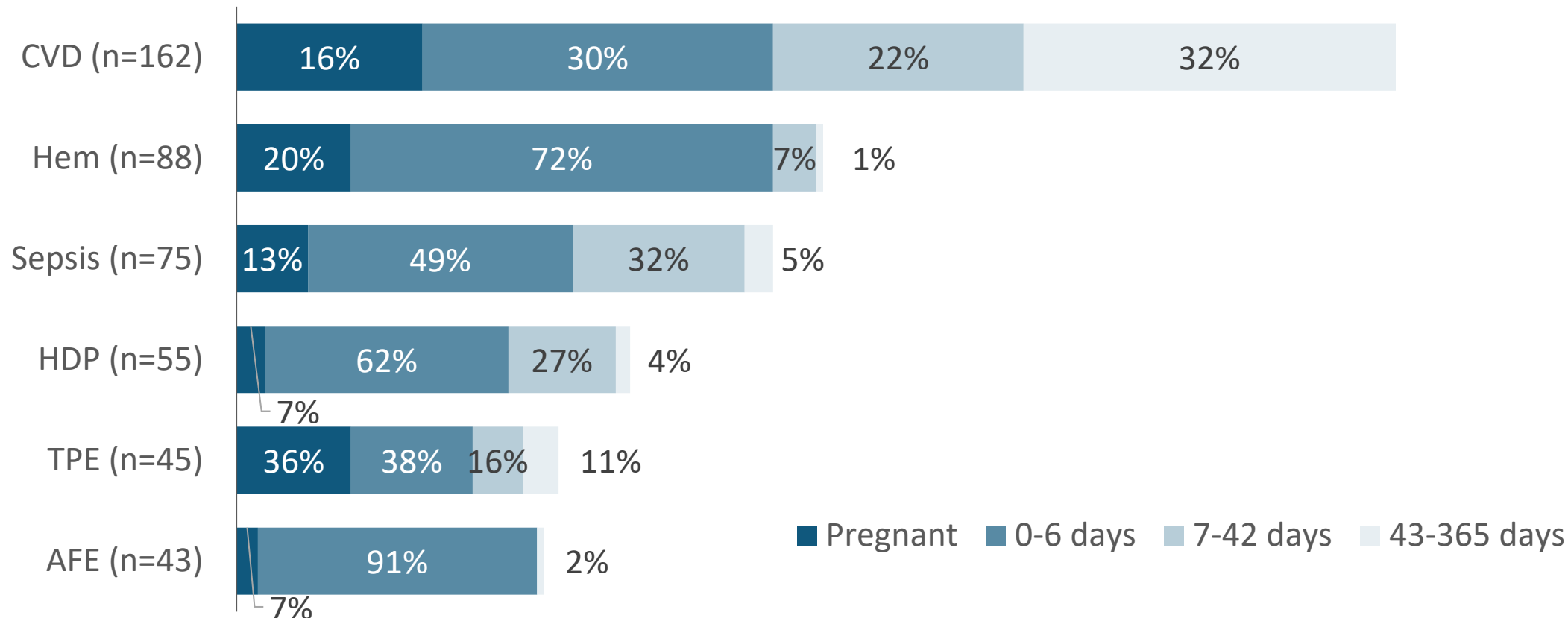
- ☐ Preexisting (prior to pregnancy)
- ☒ Prenatal period
- ☒ At labor and delivery
- ☒ Postpartum period
- ☒ Postmortem

Timing of Death

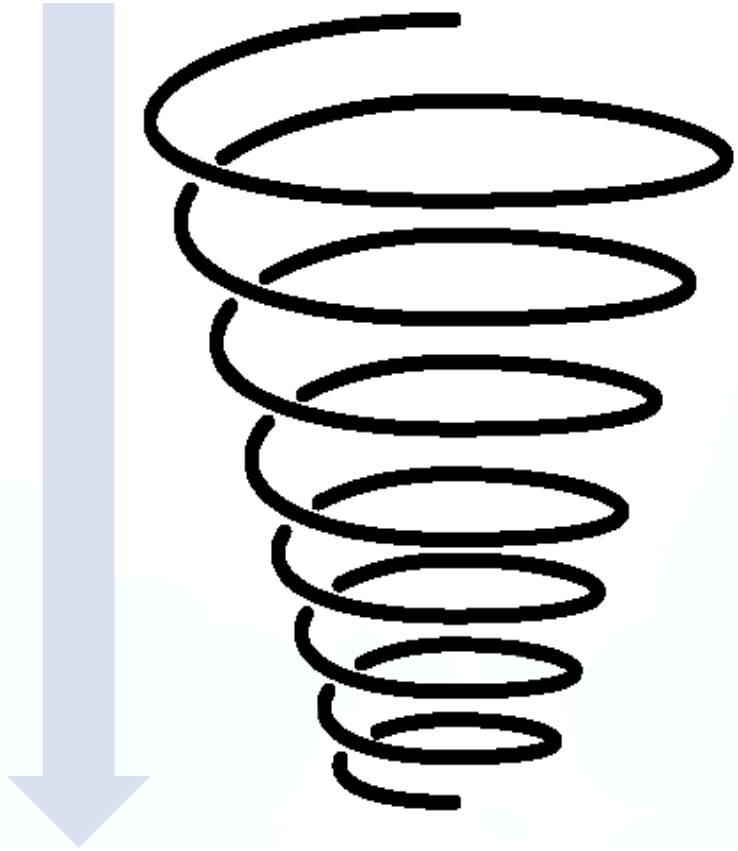
30% of all CVD deaths were >42 days from birth/fetal demise vs. 7.3% of non-CVD pregnancy-related deaths
Driven by Cardiomyopathy deaths, with 42.9% deaths >42 days

Reference: Hameed A, Lawton E, McCain CL, et al. Pregnancy-Related Cardiovascular Deaths in California: Beyond Peripartum Cardiomyopathy. *American Journal of Obstetrics and Gynecology* 2015; DOI: 10.1016/j.ajog.2015.05.008

Pregnancy-Related Deaths by Cause and Timing to Death California 2011-2019



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- Heart failure
- Arrhythmia

DEATH

How did the patients who died present?

Only 2 women entered pregnancy with known CVD

SYMPTOMS

Shortness of breath

Wheezing

Palpitations

Edema

Chest pain

Dizziness

Extreme fatigue



CMQCC Cardiovascular Disease Toolkit

The CVD Toolkit was developed by CMQCC at Stanford University under contract with CDPH with funding from a federal Title V MCH Block grant.



Algorithm validated
64 CVD deaths.

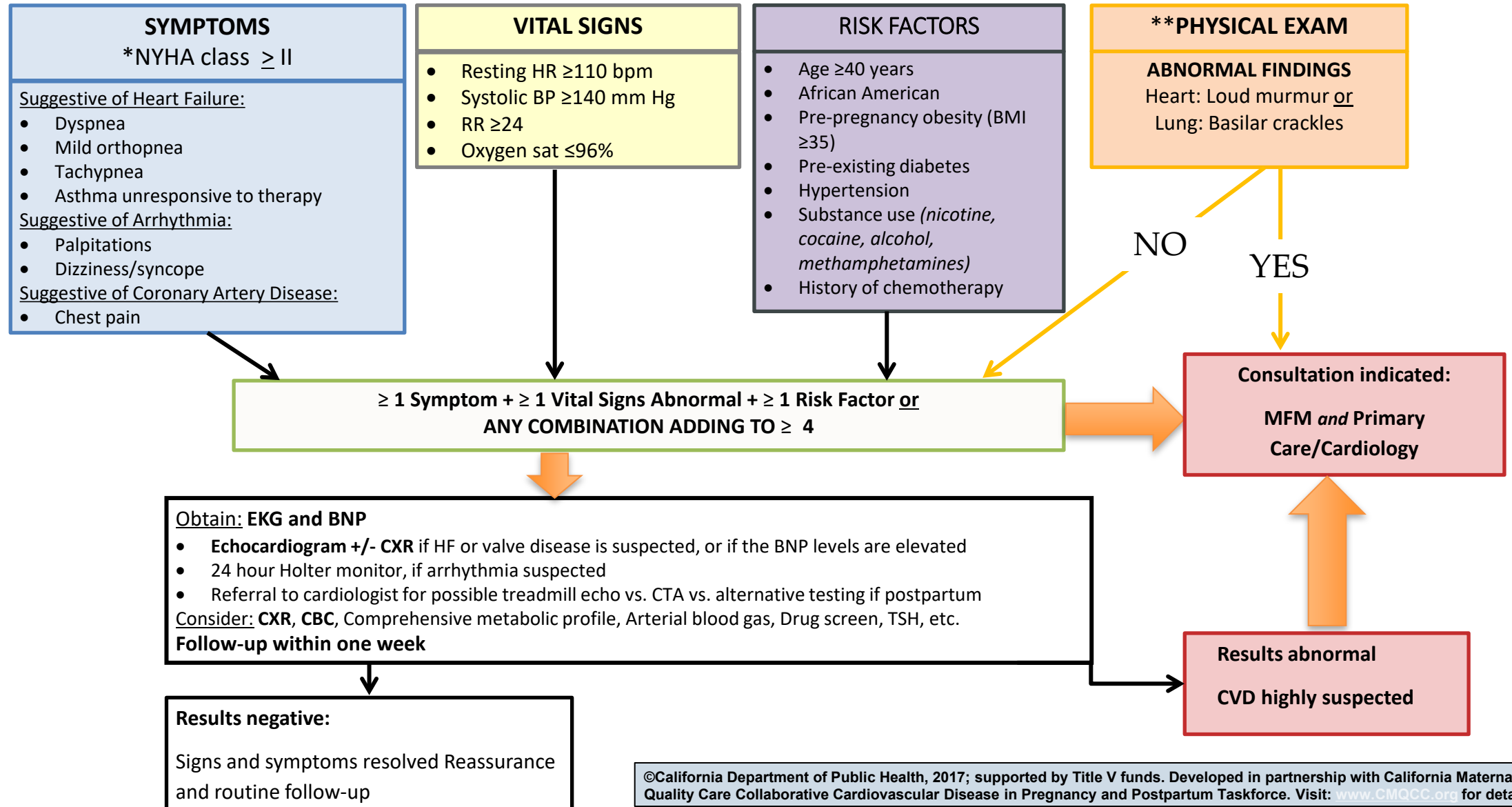


Detection rate 93% in
symptomatic cases
Identified as **screen-positive**
or high risk for CVD.

The logo graphic for CMQCC, featuring a large orange triangle pointing upwards and a large black triangle pointing downwards, both with thick outlines. The text "CMQCC" is in large black letters, with the "Q" in orange. Below it, "California Maternal Quality Care Collaborative" is written in smaller black text.

CMQCC
California Maternal
Quality Care Collaborative

ALGORITHM 2. (No Red Flags and/or no personal history of CVD, and hemodynamically stable)



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Milestones

CVD TOOLKIT PUBLISHED

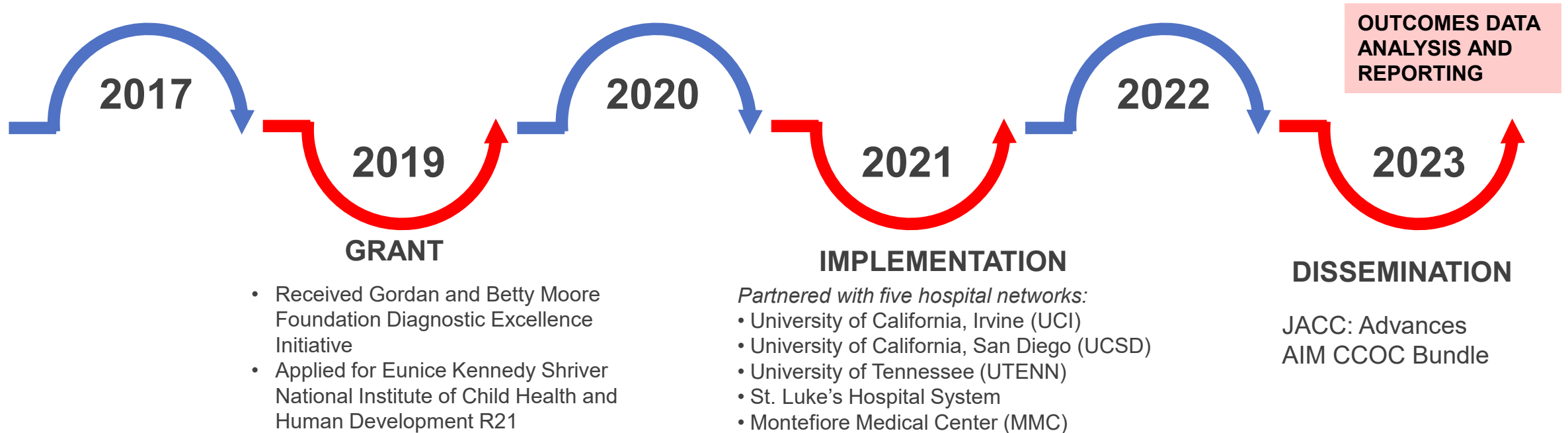
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TECHNICAL EXPERT PANEL

Convened a multidisciplinary advisory group to guide the development and refinement of the measures and implementation in the Electronic Health Record (EHR)

SUBMISSION TO CMS & NQF

- Measure submitted to Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) and the National Quality Forum (NQF).



DEVELOPING CARDIOVASCULAR SCREENING MEASURES FOR PREGNANT & POSTPARTUM PATIENTS

1. CVD Risk Assessment =

Pregnant + Postpartum patients screened for CVD using algorithm

All pregnant + postpartum patients seen at facility without prior history of known cardiac disease

2. CVD Risk Follow-up =

Patients who received follow up for CVD Risk

Patients who had a positive CVD risk assessment

APPROACH



**Integrate CVD algorithm
into the EMR**



**Clinicians receive
immediate score
SCREEN POSITIVE**



- Follow-up imaging
- Follow-up laboratory test
- Follow-up consultations



**Follow-up monitored
through EMR**

- Upload data to UCI
REDCap
- Elicit feedback
 - Review measures with
TEP

California Cardiovascular Screening Tool: Findings from Initial Implementation

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N=846 women screened

Screen Positive 8% (5% California, 19% New York)

NO SHOW to MFM Cardiology (70% in New York, 27% in California)

CVD Diagnosis Confirmed in 30% of Referred Cases

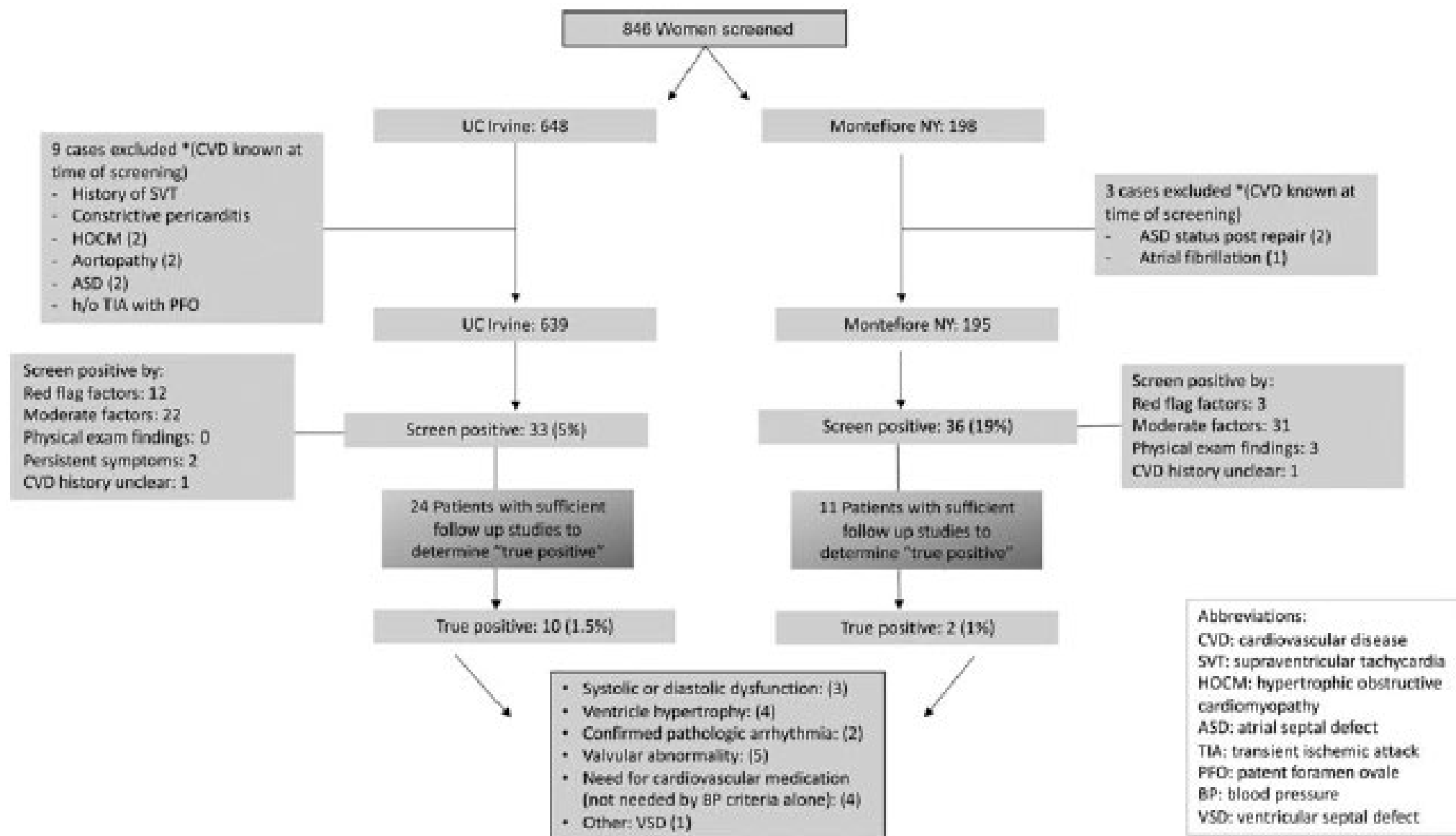


Fig. 2 Case selection. ASD, atrial septal defect; BP, blood pressure; CVD, cardiovascular disease; HOCM, hypertrophic obstructive cardiomyopathy; NY, New York; PFO, patent foramen ovale; SVT, supraventricular tachycardia; TIA, transient ischemic attack; UC, University of California; VSD, ventricular septal defect.

Consensus Statement

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Alliance for Innovation on Maternal Health

Consensus Bundle on Cardiac Conditions in Obstetric Care

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READINESS (EVERY CLINICAL SETTING)

1. Train All Obstetric Care Professionals to Perform a Screen for Cardiac Conditions

Evidence suggests that implementation of a screen for cardiac conditions for pregnant and postpartum people in all clinical care settings is a key step toward reducing the burden of maternal mortality due to cardiac conditions.⁸ A cardiovascular risk-assessment algorithm developed by the CMQCC (California Maternal Care Quality Collaborative) (see <https://www.cmqcc.org/resources-toolkits/toolkits/improving-health-care-response-cardiovascular-disease-pregnancy-and>) stratifies pregnant and postpartum patients into low risk and high risk for cardiovascular disease.⁹ The algorithm can be applied to all pregnant and postpartum people at their first clinical encounter regardless of gestational age.¹⁰ In a retro-

RECOGNITION AND PREVENTION (EVERY HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL AND CLINICAL SETTING)

11. Use Standardized Cardiac Risk-Assessment Tools to Identify and Stratify Risk

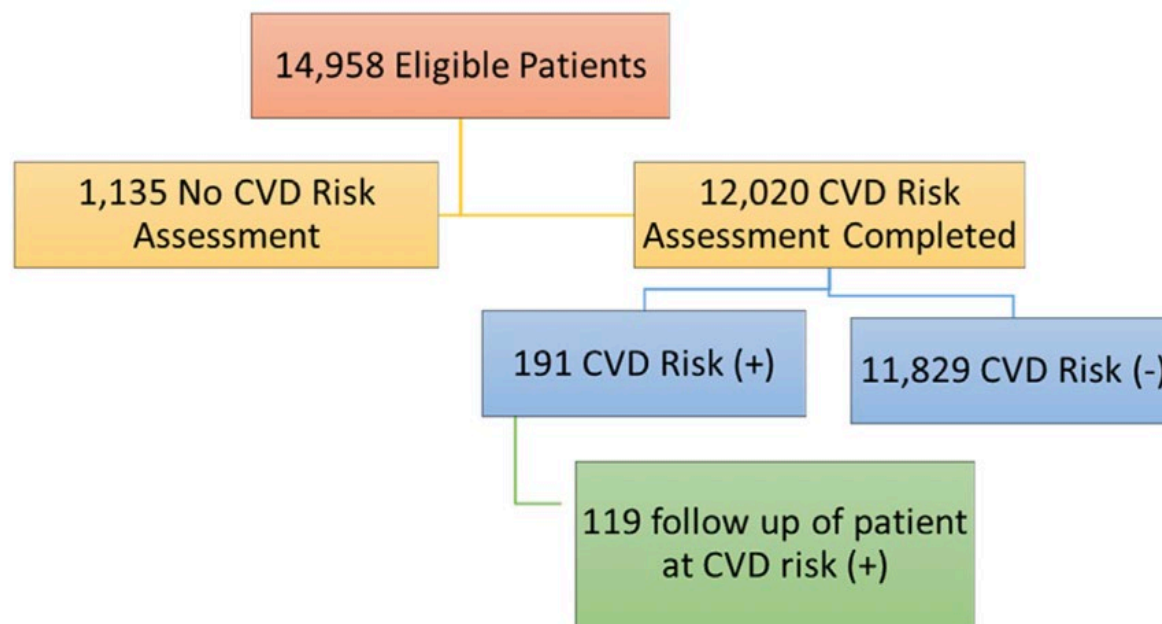
Staff training and integration of cardiac risk-assessment tools and documentation into the electronic medical record may support regular utilization of the standardized assessment tools. More detail on standardized cardiac risk assessments can be found in Readiness Element 1.

Cardiovascular Risk Assessment as a Quality Measure in the Pregnancy and Postpartum Period



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FIGURE 3 CVD Risk Assessment in Patient Population



CENTRAL ILLUSTRATION Early Recognition of CVD Using Risk Assessment Measures

Problem: Undetected CVD risk or CVD disease during pregnancy or the postpartum period leads to maternal morbidity and mortality.



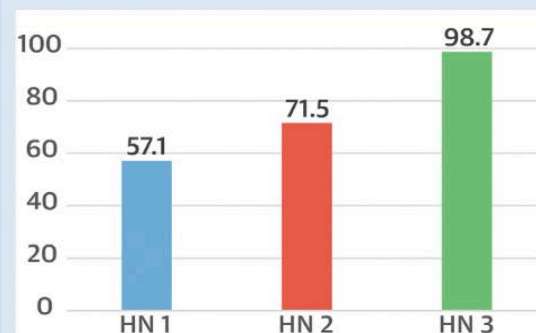
Implementation of a standardized CVD risk assessment algorithm for all pregnant and postpartum patients at 3 hospital networks (N=14,958)

Measuring performance at group practice (N=23) and clinician level (N=250)

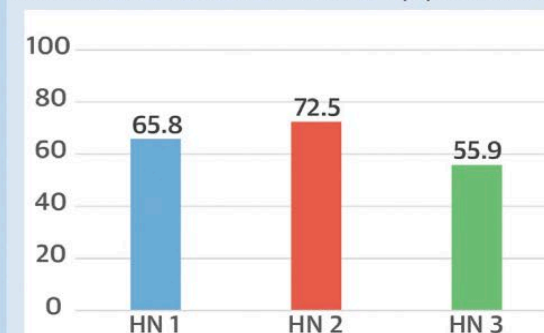
Positive clinician feedback



Percent of patients with risk assessment



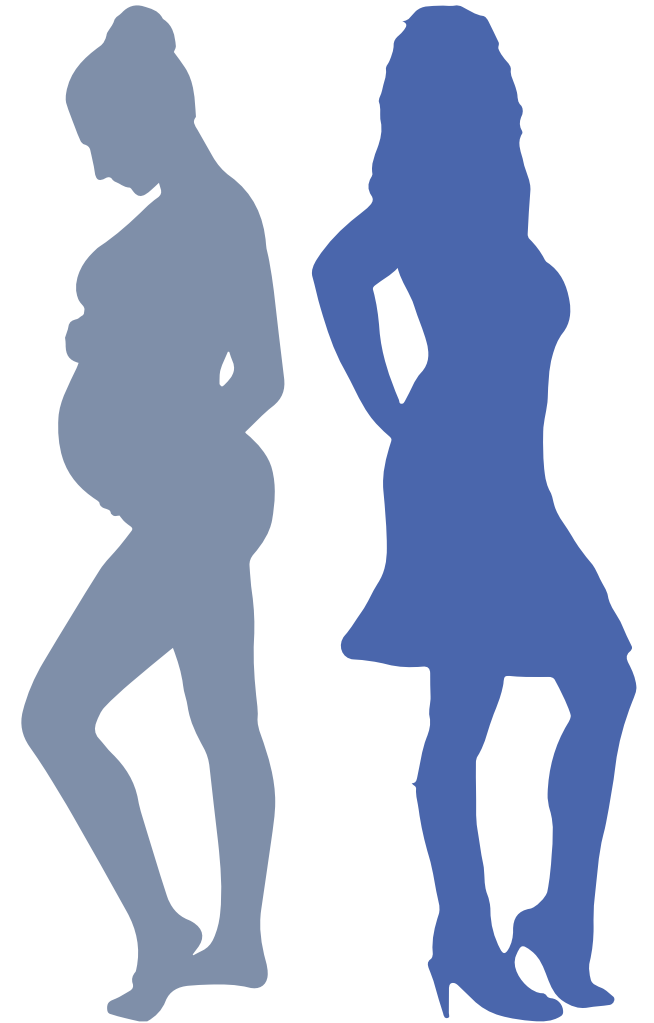
Percent of patients with positive risk assessment who have follow-up procedures



Improved identification of previously unknown CVD

Hameed AB, et al. JACC Adv. 2023;2(1):100176.

BENEFITS OF CVD SCREENING in PREGNANCY





**Transition to Primary Care
Inter-conception care**



Postpartum Risk Evaluation



Pregnancy



CVD risk
during
Pregnancy

CVD risk
after
Pregnancy

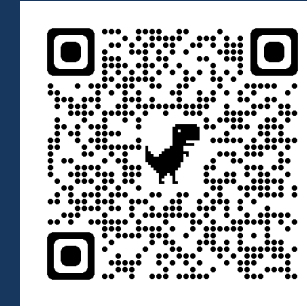


For more information about the CVD Risk Assessment, please feel free to reach out to our team at the University of California, Irvine



Website

<https://sites.uci.edu/cvdriskassessmentmeasures/>



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