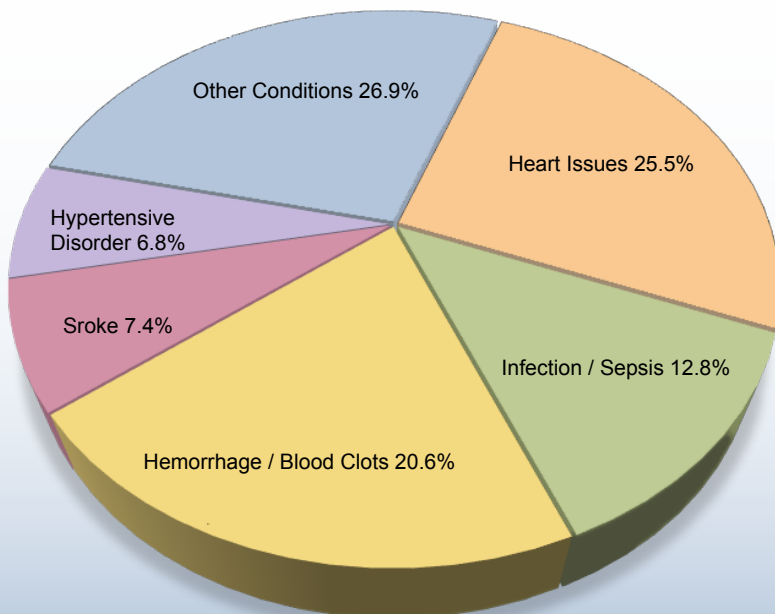


Maternal Mortality

Maternal mortality in the United States is on the rise with an average 16 deaths per 100,00 births per year. American women are three times as likely to die as Canadian women. Six times as likely as Scandinavian women.

Maternal mortality is more common among low income and rural areas.

- Older women
- Complex medical histories
- Pre-existing health issues such as obesity, diabetes, and kidney disease
- Non-standardized hospital protocols
- Maternal deaths in the U.S. are treated more as a personal tragedy than a public health catastrophe.
- Unplanned with unaddressed chronic health issues
- Discharge instructions do not routinely inform a mother about medical complications for themselves



More than half of maternal deaths occur within the first **42** days after birth.