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BY THE NUMBERS

Pregnancy-Related Deaths

■ 14% of Portage County women were pregnant in the past 5 years and cardiovascular diseases accounted for 30% of all female deaths. Source: 2016 Portage County Community Health Assessment

Saving lives of childbearing women

Every pregnancy-related death is tragic, especially because about 60% are preventable. Still, about 700 women die each year from complications of pregnancy. A pregnancy-related death can happen during pregnancy, at delivery, and even up to a year afterward (postpartum).

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What can be done?

Everyone can:

■ Ensure women receive quality care during pregnancy and after: www.womenshealth.gov/pregnancy

■ Know and communicate about symptoms of complications: www.cdc.gov/pregnancy-complications