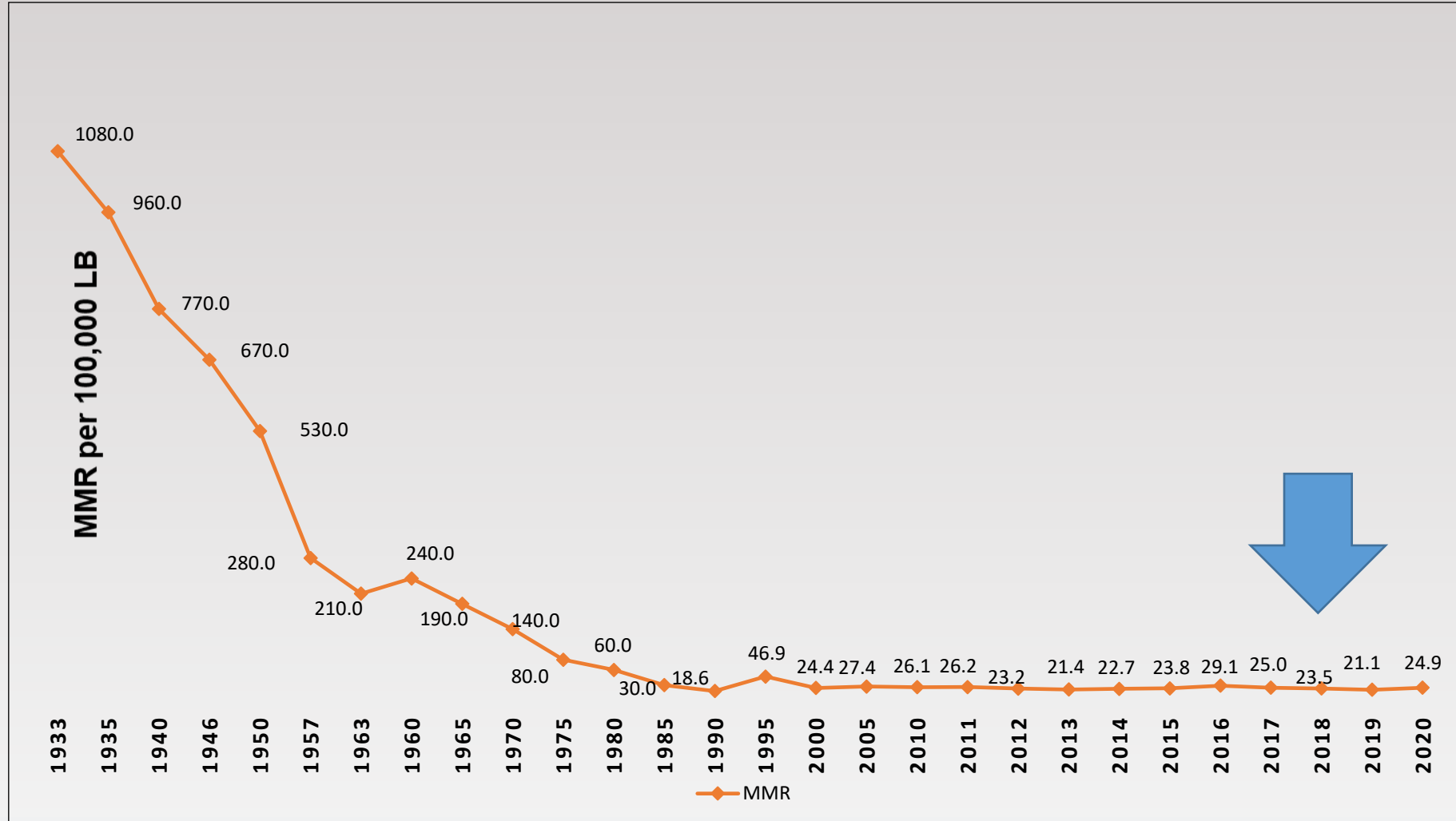


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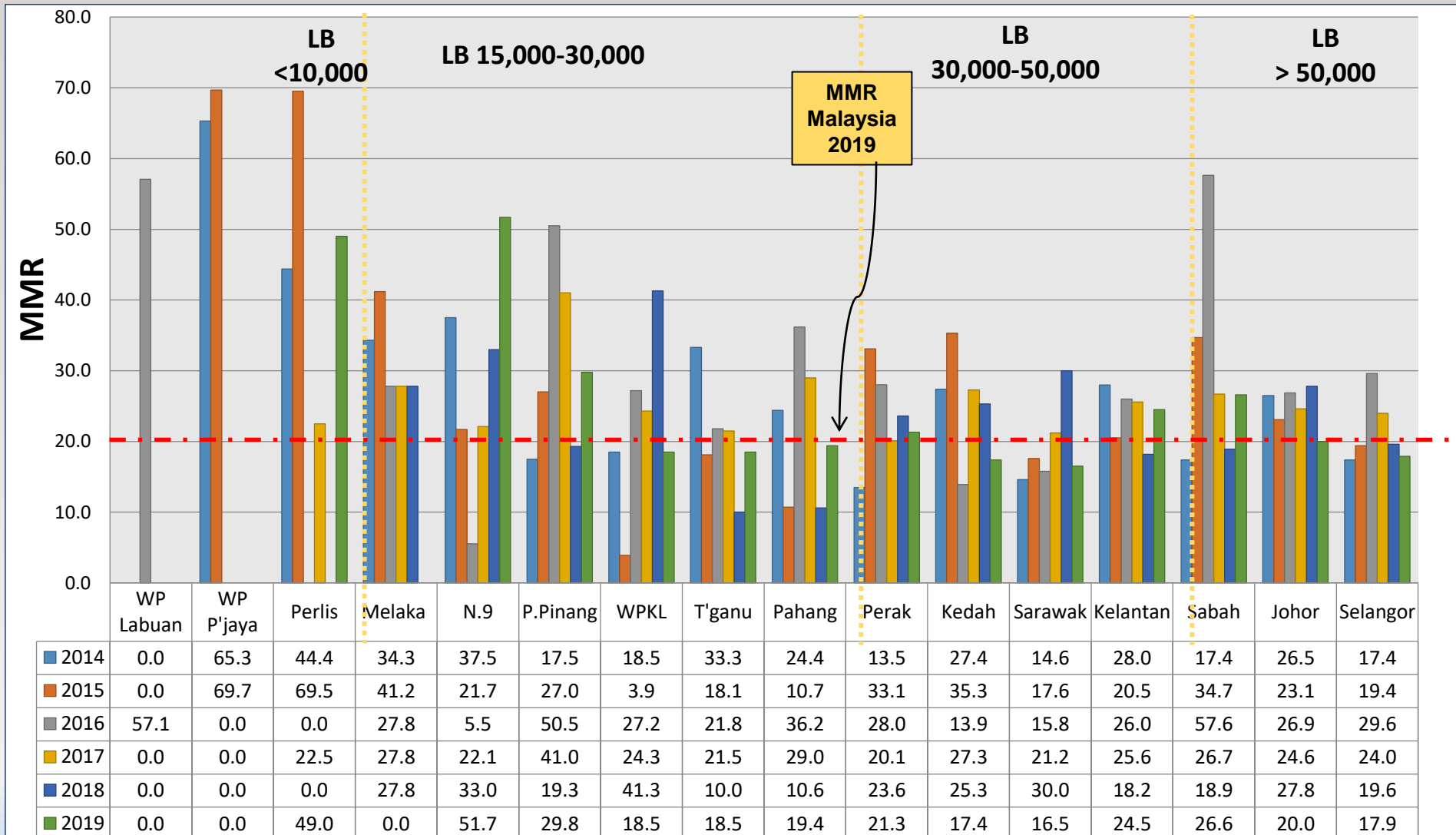
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Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) : Malaysia 1933 – 2019



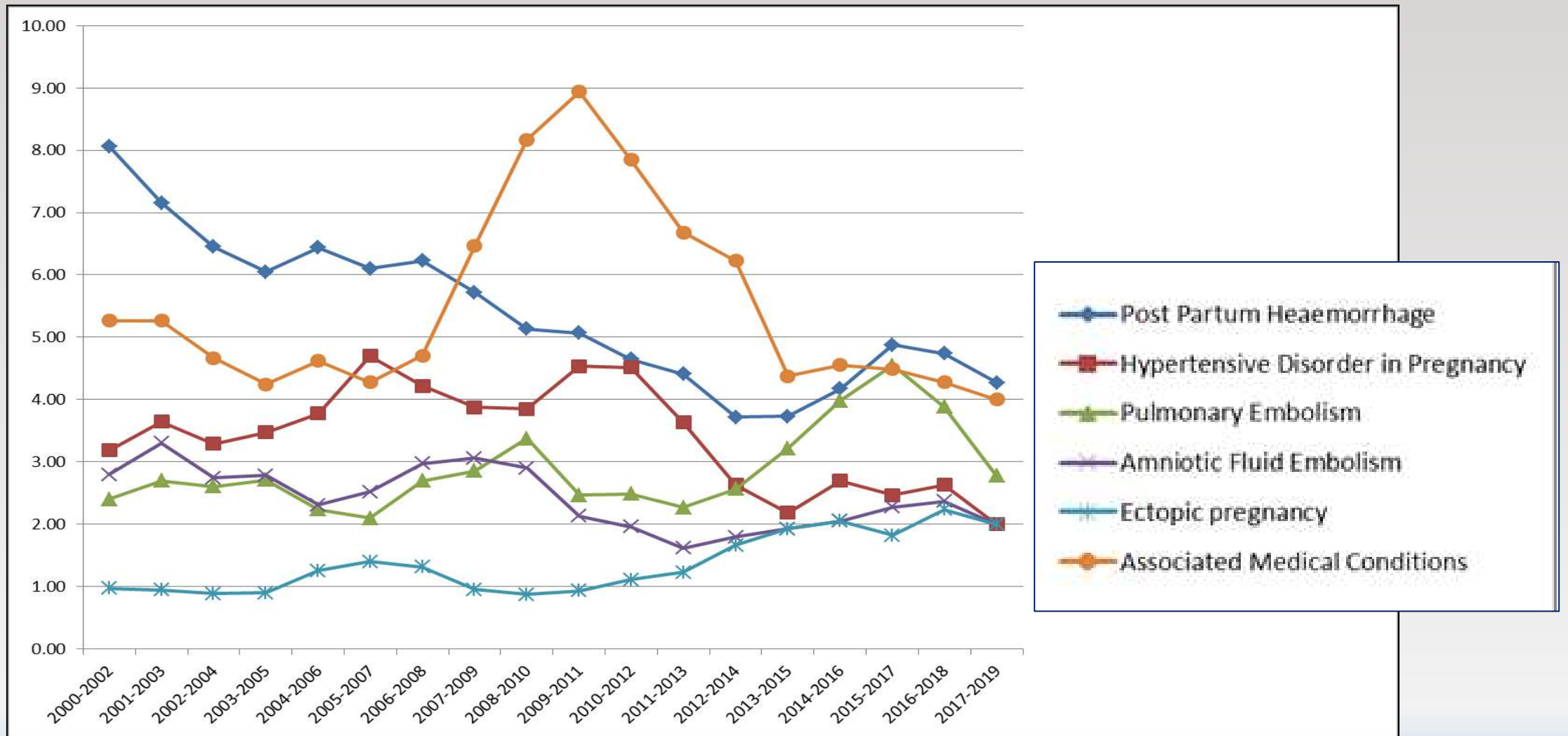
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Maternal Mortality Ratio by State: 2014-2019



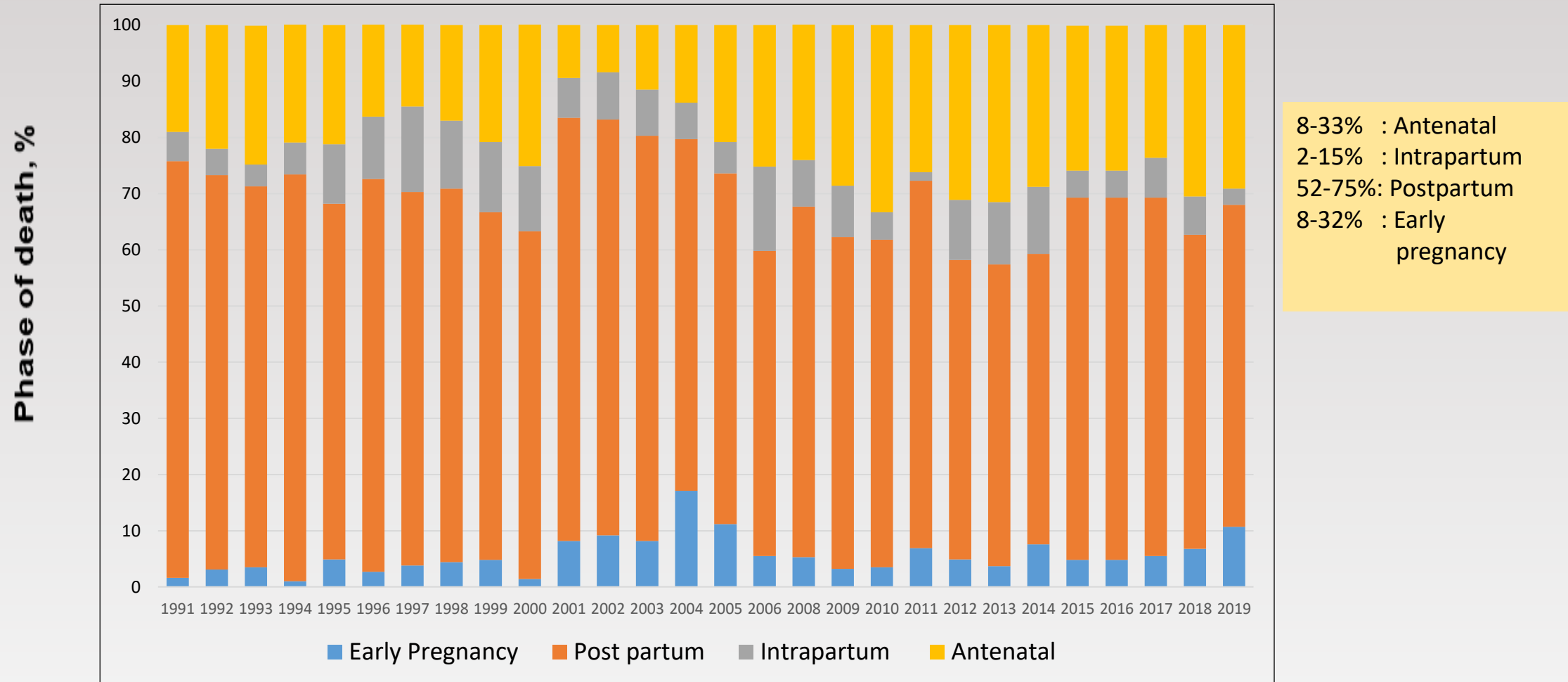
MMR Malaysia:
 2014 - 22.3
 2015 - 23.8
 2016 - 29.1
 2017 - 25.0
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ROLLING 3-YEAR AVERAGE CAUSE SPECIFIC MMR per 100,000 LB FOR COMMON CAUSES OF DEATH : MALAYSIA, 2000 – 2019



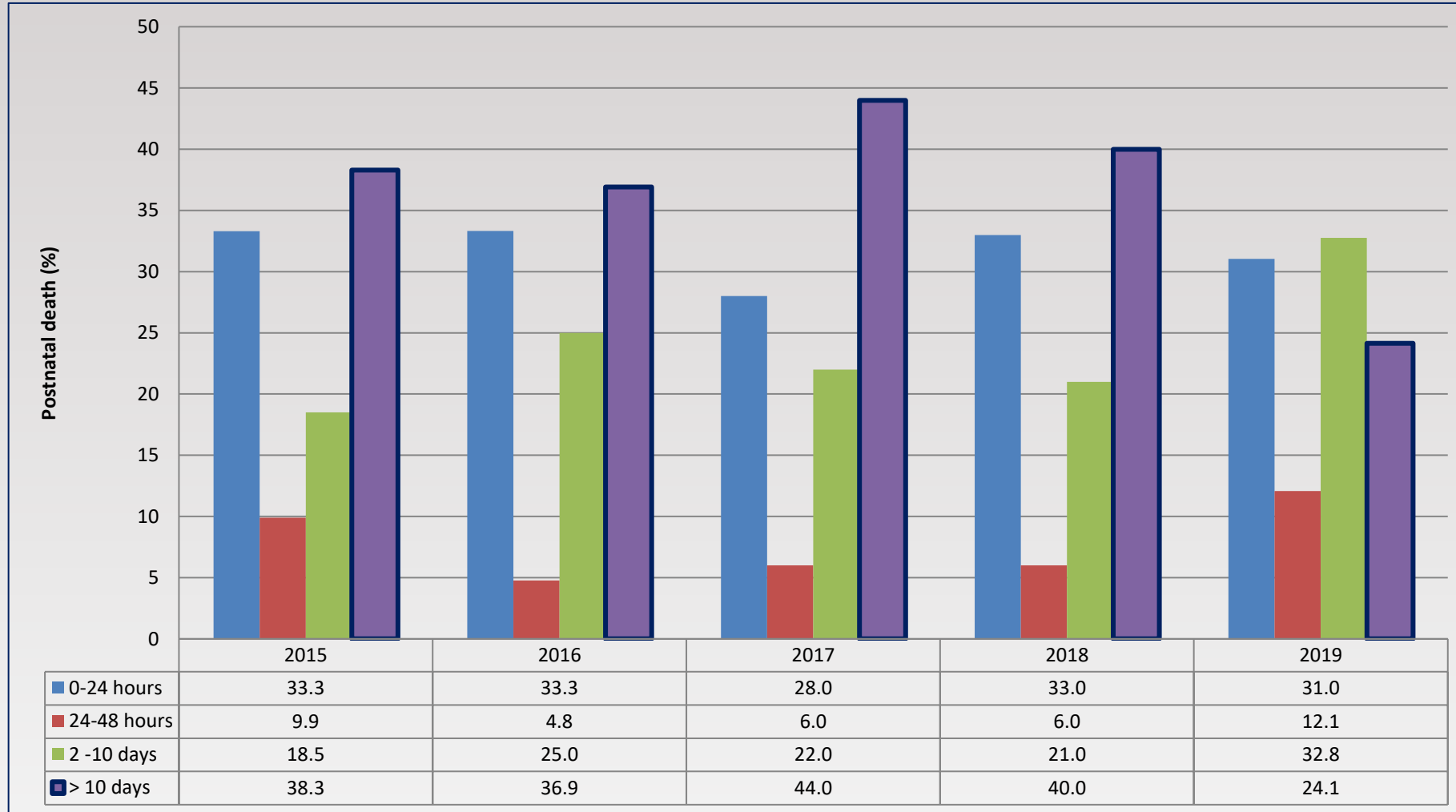
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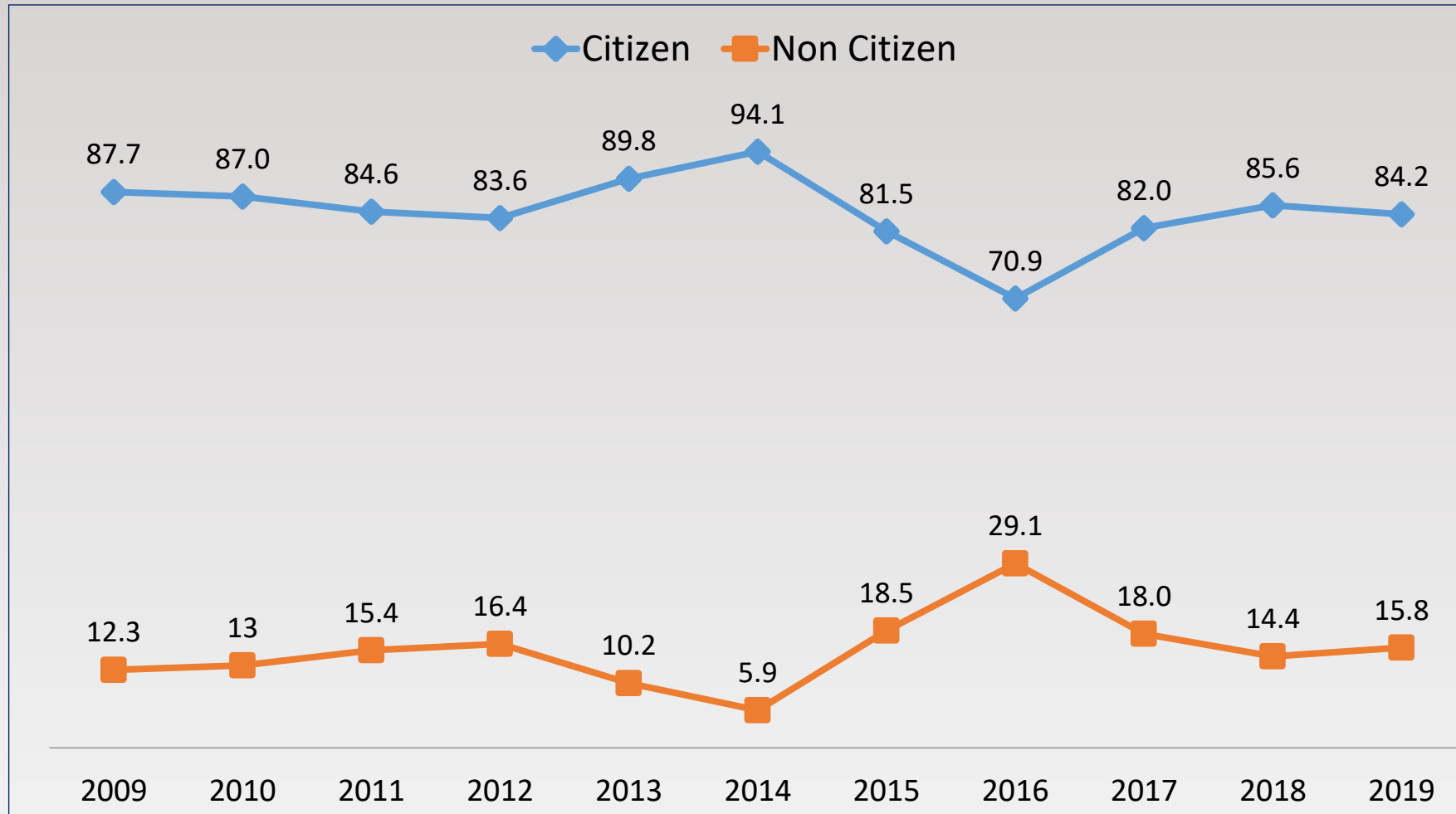
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Postpartum Deaths By Hours/Days : 2015-2019



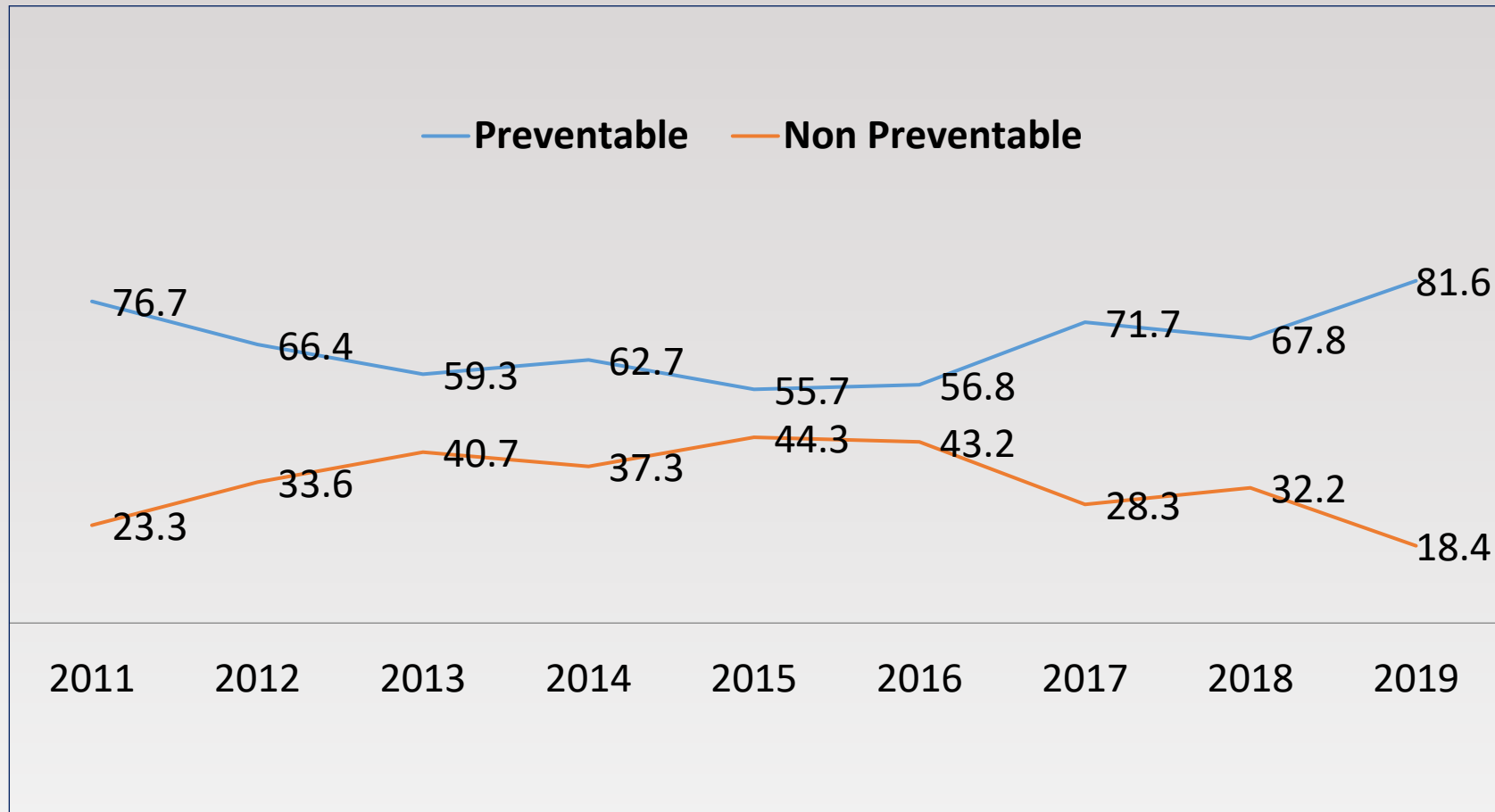
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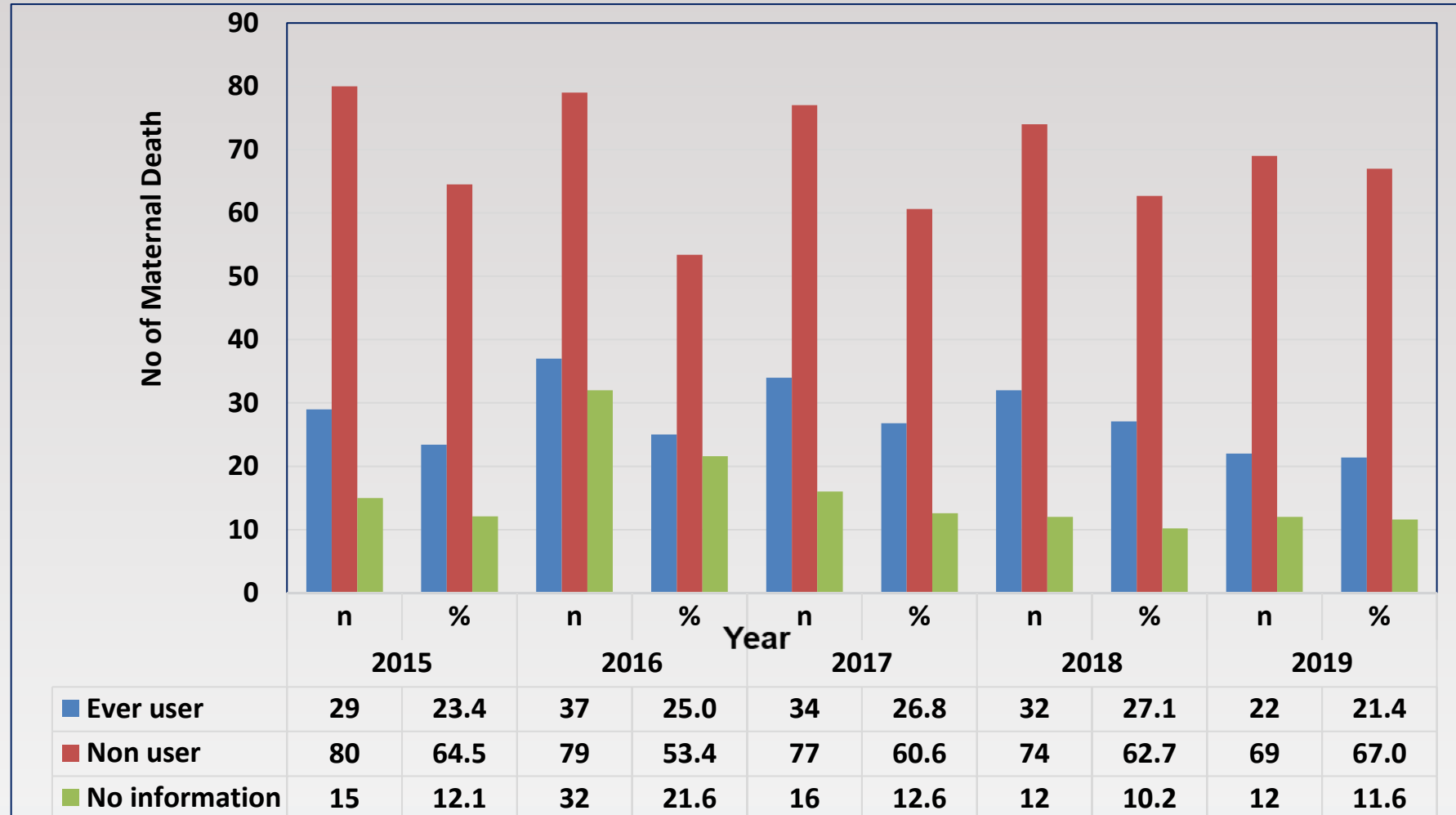
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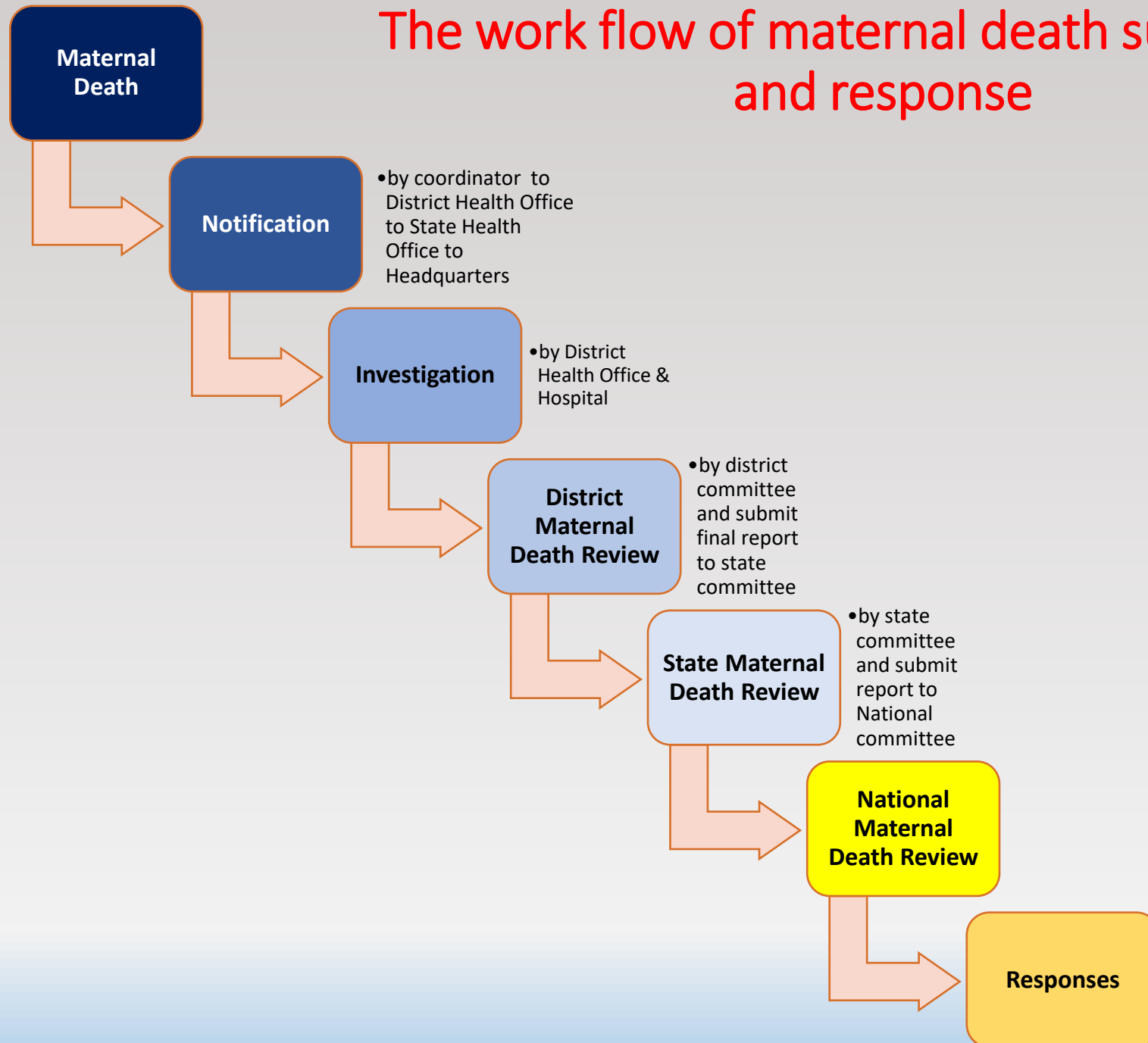
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The work flow of maternal death surveillance and response



National Maternal Death Review – conduct CEMD

- Members : relevant expertise - Public Health, Obstetrics and Gynecology, Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Anesthesia, Forensic and Nursing
- reviews the reports submitted by the state committee
- studies the adequacy of investigation and the clinical administrative circumstances of every maternal death in detail.
- Conclusion of the enquiry:
 - Cause of Death – follows ICD 10
 - Classification of Death – Direct/indirect/fortuitous
 - Preventable/Non-preventable
 - Contributing factors
 - Substandard care
 - Remedial measures

CEMD - Confidential Enquiries into Maternal Deaths

Benefits of CEMD

1

Strengthening of pregnancy related deaths reporting process

- improved tremendously since 1991
- contributed to more efficient data collection and analysis - timely interventions and evidence-based recommendations

2

Improve health services and accessibility for pregnant women

- good justifications for resources allocations to improve maternity health care – funding, infrastructures, human resource etc.

3

Strengthening or introduction of specific initiatives to improve maternal health

- Eg: Introduction of Pre-pregnancy care, based on common causes of maternal death

4

Improvement of work process based on the shortfalls

- Eg: upon discharge, notification of high risk cases by the hospitals to providers at health clinics

5

Improve integration and cooperation among the different stakeholders

- Eg: public-private partnership

6

Development of Training Manuals, Guidelines and Protocols

- Development of training manuals eg: Manual on Hypertensive Disorders, Management of Heart Diseases in Pregnancy, Management of Postpartum Haemorrhage, Venous Thromboembolism and Perinatal Care Manual.

7

Publication of CEMD reports and dissemination of case illustrations

- Triennially CEMD report

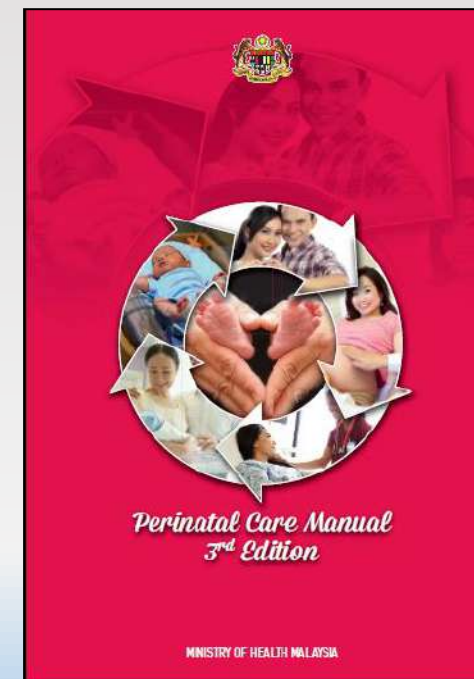
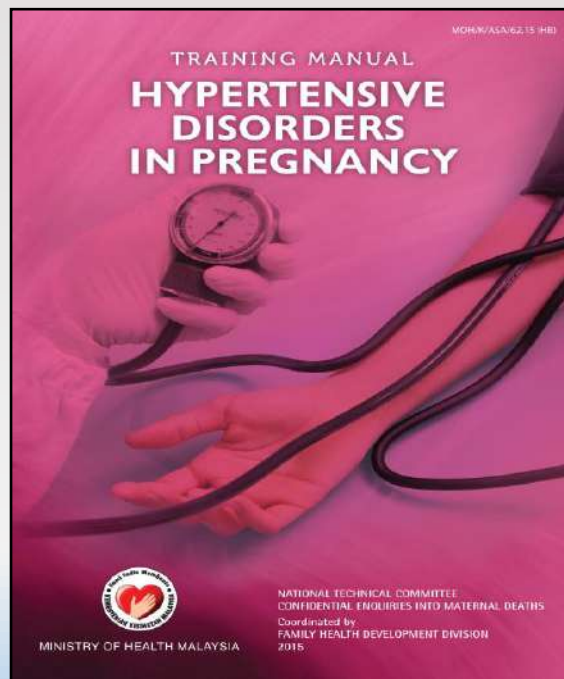
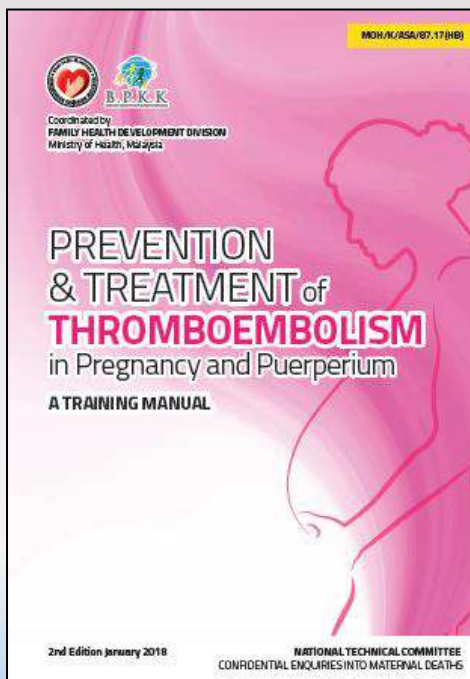
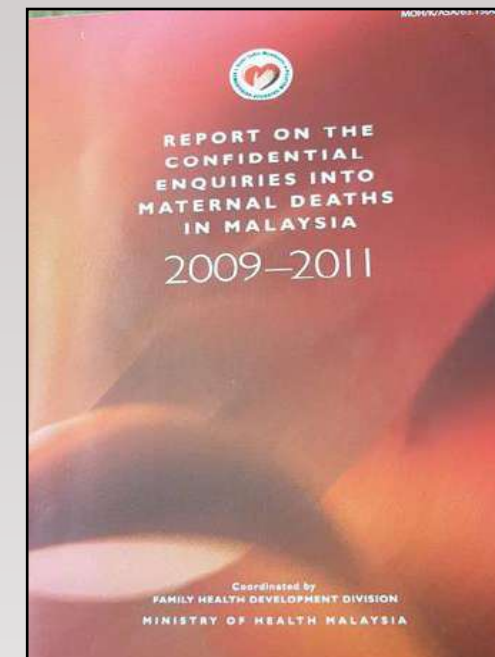


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PUBLICATION – GUIDELINES / MANUAL/REPORTS

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available on website *Bahagian
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fh.moh.gov.my



Lessons learnt

- Maternal deaths **will increase initially**
- Maternal deaths **can be reduced!**
- Higher risk of deaths in **mothers of high parity**
- Higher risk of deaths in **older mothers**
- **Audit** the implementation of the recommendations
- Most maternal deaths occur in the **postpartum period**
- **Access to care** must be unimpeded
- **Anonymised audit is key.** It should remain non-punitive and not focus on fault finding. Use neutral words such as remediable clinical factors rather than substandard care

**A journey of a thousand miles
begins with the first step**



**The first step often needs a push -
The CEMD has provided that push**



Thank you