



Health Statistics Available for KwaZulu-Natal

Primary obstetric causes of deaths in KwaZulu-Natal 1999-2001

Category	Deaths (%)
Direct maternal deaths	
Hypertension	21.6 %
Antepartum hemorrhage	3.7%
Postpartum hemorrhage	6.8%
Abortion	5.8%
Ectopic pregnancy	1.2%
Pregnancy related sepsis	9.6%
Anaesthetic related	1.0%
Embolism	1.5%
Acute collapse (cause unknown)	4.3%
Indirect causes	
Non-pregnancy related infections	38%
Pre-existing medical diseases	6.2%
Unknown	0.4%
Total	100%

Reference: Saving mothers: second report on confidential enquiries into maternal deaths in South

Africa. 1999-2001. NDOH 2002

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