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DHŚ-8-PGSSC-Maternal\_Mortality-Template\_and\_POMR-REVISED\_Template Posted by vsanthirapala on Fri, 15 Mar 2019 17:44:46 GMT

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As a UK trained physician and public health researcher, this module is of great importance. Poor quality surgical care is a social injustice, where mothers are unable to trust the care they receive during the most critical times of need. This has just re-entered the UK public news domain through the ASOS trial, which reports African mothers suffer x50 higher risk of dying post c-section than UK mothers. Link: https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2019/03/14/maternal-deaths-c-sections-50-times-higher-africa-uk/

Surgical systems are vital for achieving UHC and intersect with major public health foci such as cancer care, injuries and maternal & child health and so we are undoubtedly facing an increase of surgical care delivered. With just 3 additional questions, the DHS can begin to monitor and thus change the surgical quality inequity seen in LMICs.

## File Attachments

1) Maternal deaths from C-sections 50 times higher in Africa than UK.pdf, downloaded 575 times