
Subject: Re:
DHS-8-PGSSC-Maternal_Mortality-Template_and_POMR-REVISED_Template
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Global variation in mortality after surgery is a key public health issue and has been highlighted by several high quality prospective studies including those from the GlobalSurg, ISOS and ASOS collaborative groups. Better understanding of adult and maternal mortality after surgery is critical in supporting national and international public health interventions to improve quality of surgical care delivery.

A recent modelling study in The Lancet demonstrated that surgery was the third most common factor associated with death worldwide after IHD and CVA - but the global research community does not currently measure or monitor this key parameter.

[https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(18\)33139-8/fulltext](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(18)33139-8/fulltext)

Inclusion of postoperative death in the DHS represents an essential step in improving health outcomes worldwide - great to see this thread, and fully support this initiative
