

## **DEFINITIONS**

The following definitions are used to guide the Maternal Mortality Review Committee in reaching a decision about the relationship of the pregnancy to the woman's death;

- **PREGNANCY-RELATED:** The death of a woman during pregnancy or within one year of the end of pregnancy from a pregnancy complication, a chain of events initiated by pregnancy, or the aggravation of an unrelated condition by the physiologic effects of pregnancy.
- **PREGNANCY-ASSOCIATED, BUT NOT RELATED:** The death of a woman during pregnancy or within one year of the end of the pregnancy from a cause that is not related to the pregnancy.
- **PREGNANCY-ASSOCIATED BUT UNABLE TO DETERMINE PREGNANCY-RELATEDNESS:** The death of a woman during pregnancy or within one year of the end of the pregnancy, but unable to determine the relatedness to the pregnancy.
- **NOT PREGNANCY-RELATED or ASSOCIATED:** (i.e. false positive, woman was not pregnant within one year of her death).

Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/reproductivehealth/maternal-mortality/index.html>