Maternal deaths in Malawi:
Piecing together the facility-community jigsaw puzzle

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Maternal Health Characteristics

- Hemorrhage (25%)
- Unsafe abortion (13%)
- Eclampsia (12%)
- Sepsis (15%)
- Obstructed labor (8%)

Interrelated Factors

- POLITICAL
- SOCIAL
- BEHAVIORAL
- FACILITY BASED
- ECONOMIC
- CULTURAL
- BEHAVIORAL
- POLITICAL
- Admission: 17 April 2011, 9:30am
- 32 years old, G7 P6+1
- VE: Fully dialated
  1/5 des, no clots seen, no FHR

Guardian reports she was in labor at home and was pushing for a long time

- COD: 1st ?? RU (concealed)
  2nd ?
Preliminary Findings

- Under utilization of healthcare workforce in rural setting
- High prevalence of burnout among maternal health staff in facilities
- Reversed referral behavior
- 3 delays intricately conspire
Preliminary Conclusions

- Richer, more accurate picture of why, how, and when maternal deaths occur
- Appropriate remedial actions
- Empower communities