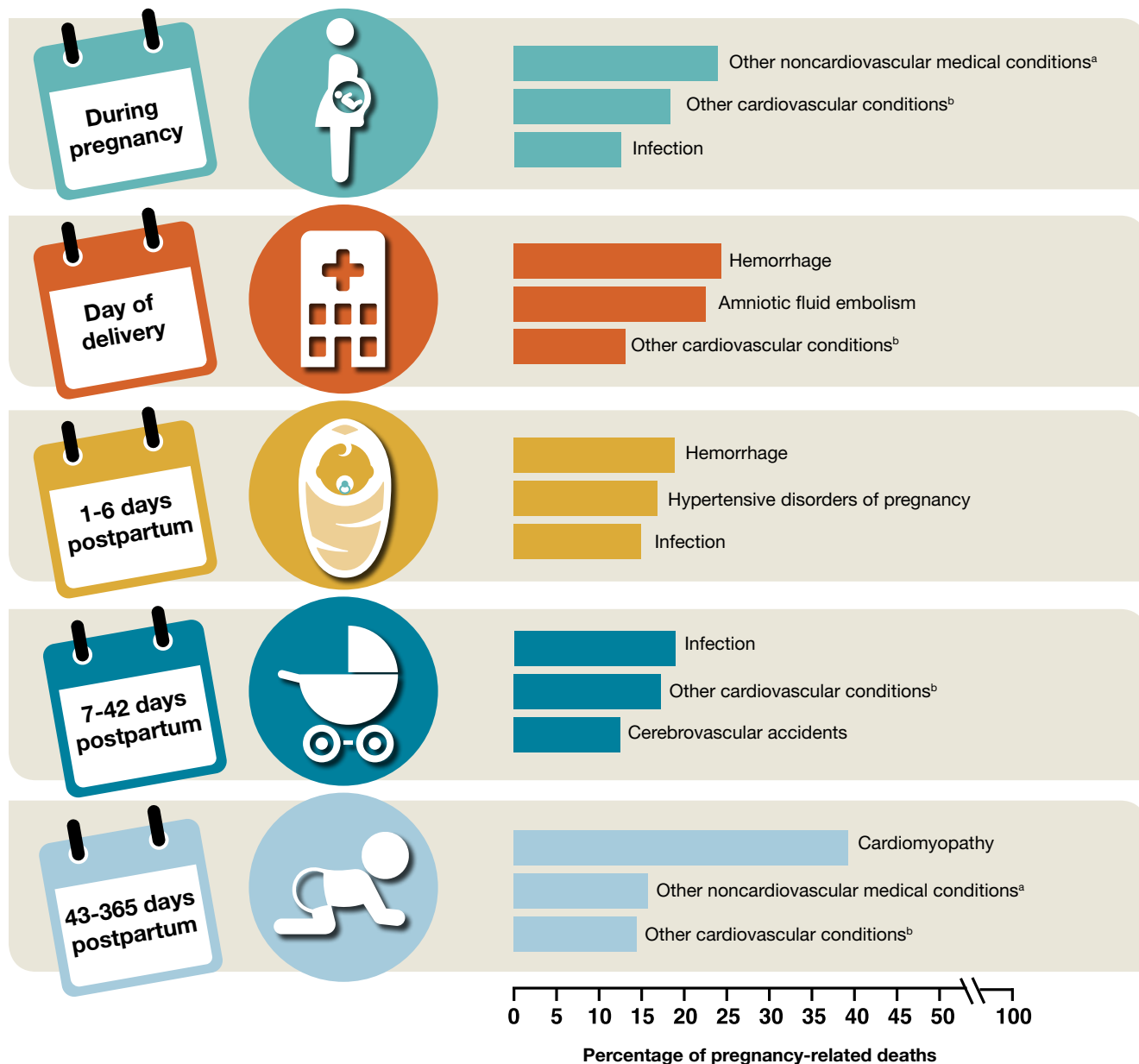


Pregnancy mortality in the United States: Top causes of death and timing

Nearly 3,500 pregnancy-related deaths (17.2 deaths per 100,000 live births) occurred in the United States from 2011 through 2015. Among deaths for which timing was known (2,990), almost one-third occurred during pregnancy, 17% on the day of delivery, and 52% on days 1–365 postpartum. The cause of death could not be determined in 6.7% of cases. Leading causes of death varied by timing relative to the end of pregnancy and postpartum.



^aExcluding hemorrhage, infection, amniotic fluid embolism, thrombotic pulmonary or other embolism, hypertensive disorders of pregnancy, and anesthesia complications.

^bExcluding cardiomyopathy and cerebrovascular accidents.

Source: Peterson EE, Davis NL, Goodman D, et al. Pregnancy-related deaths, United States, 2011–2015, and strategies for prevention, 13 states, 2013–2017. *MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep.* 2019;68:423-429.