

Risk Report

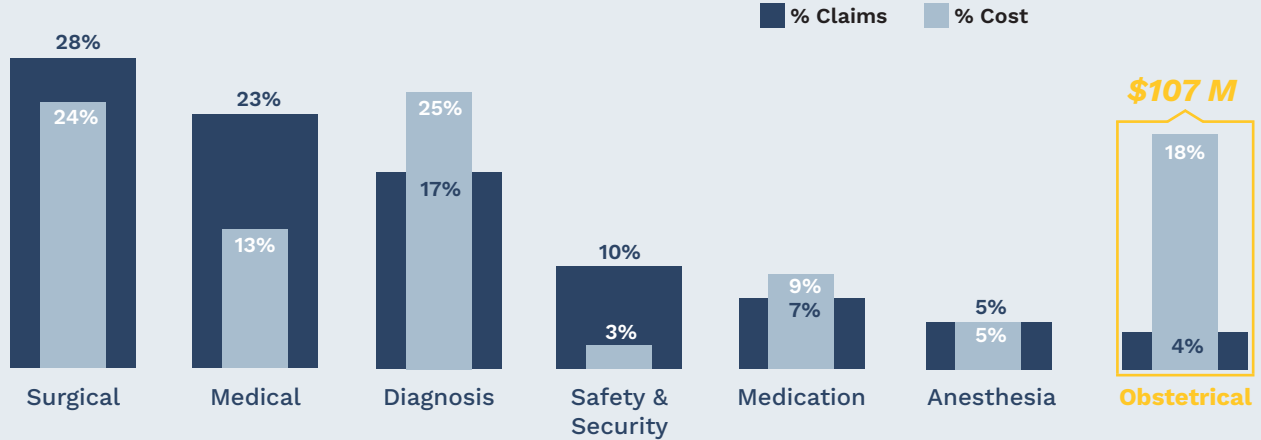
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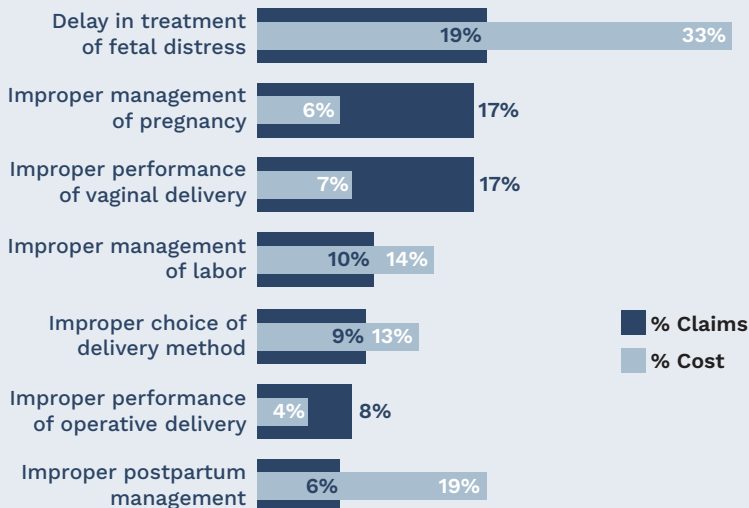
Reducing Obstetrical Harm Events

In an analysis of our medical professional liability (MPL) claims*, obstetric (OB) claims are **third in total incurred cost at \$107 million despite representing only 4% of all claims**. OB claims involve a mother and/or fetus/newborn and occur during the prenatal period of a pregnancy or after delivery.

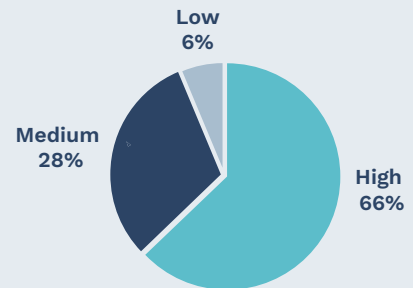
Top Allegations Triggering All Claims



Top Allegations Triggering Obstetrical Claims



Injury Severity % Claims



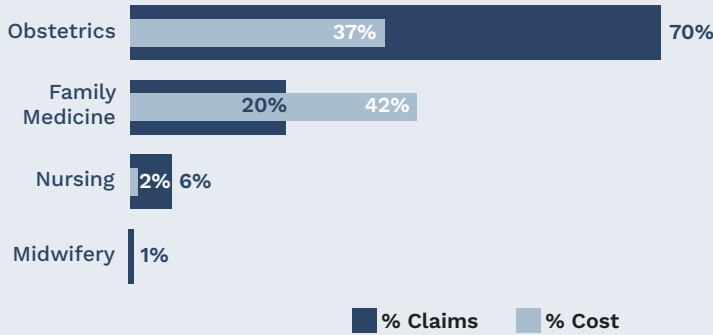
66%

of OB claims resulted in permanent injury or death.

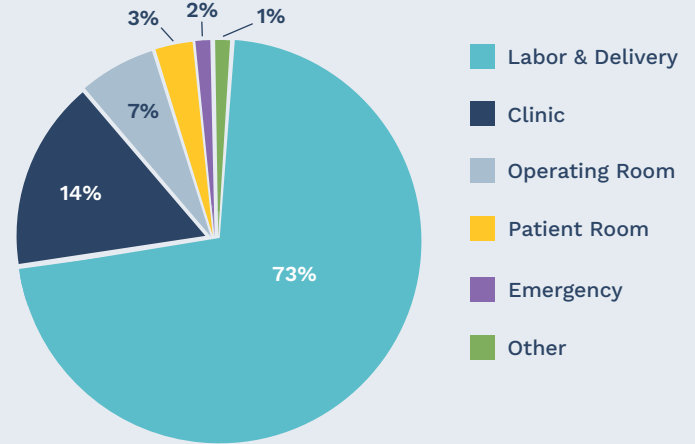
97%

of delay in treatment of fetal distress claims resulted in permanent injury or death.

Top Clinicians Responsible for Care



Top Locations % Claims



Did you know?

45% of OB claims involved a secondary responsible clinician. Almost half of those claims involved nursing and an alleged delay in recognition and treatment of fetal distress. This highlights a gap in fetal monitoring and team communication skills. Our customers have access to teamwork, communication, and fetal monitoring on-demand webinar education at no cost.

Allegations Against Obstetricians

Allegations against obstetricians represent

70%
of claims and
37%
of cost

Obstetrician claims were more about improper performance of vaginal delivery and technical skill.

Allegations Against Family Medicine

Allegations against family medicine represent

20%
of claims and
42%
of cost

Family medicine claims were more about recognition and treatment of fetal distress, and 55% of these claims involve the failure/delay in obtaining a consult/referral.

Snapshot of Obstetrical Claims

54%

of claims are associated with patient assessment issues

48%

of family medicine OB costs involve a delay in treatment of fetal distress

47%

of claims involve communication breakdowns among the care team and with patients

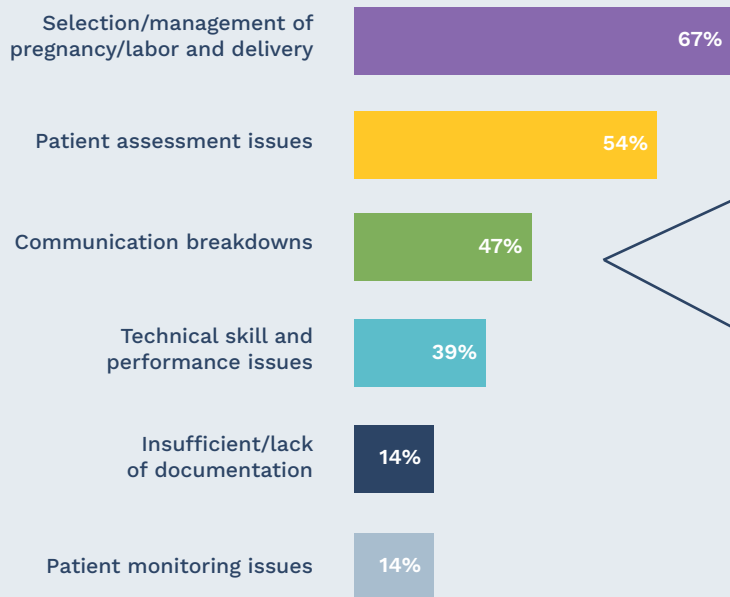
44%

of claims involve high risk pregnancies

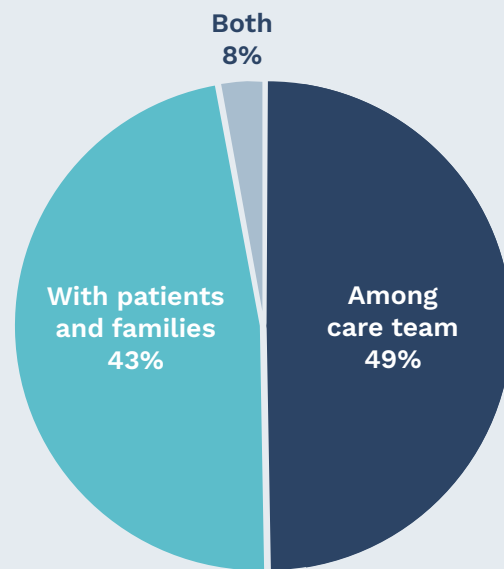
33%

of costs involve a failure to recognize and treat fetal distress

Contributing Factors** % Claims



Communication Breakdowns



**These factors contribute to harm/malpractice claims and are amenable to risk mitigation strategies. A single harm event may involve multiple contributing factors.

What You Can Do To Reduce Obstetrical Harm Events

LEARN about the allegations and factors contributing to OB patient harm

ASSESS your organization's risk using our assessment tools

IMPROVE nursing team member assessment and fetal monitoring skills

Optimize communication and teamwork processes among clinicians and nursing teams

IMPLEMENT clinical decision support systems, algorithms and tools to support perinatal care