



Improving Care for Preeclampsia: Designing a Quality Collaborative

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Maternal Mortality and Severe Morbidity

Approximate distributions, compiled from multiple studies

Cause	Mortality (1-2 per 10,000)	ICU Admit (1-2 per 1,000)	Severe Morbid (1-2 per 100)
VTE and AFE	15%	5%	2%
Infection	10%	5%	5%
Hemorrhage	15%	30%	45%
Preeclampsia	15%	30%	30%
Cardiac Disease	25%	20%	10%

“Preventability” of Maternal Mortality

Cause of Death	North Carolina “Preventable”	California “Good or strong chance to alter the outcome”	United Kingdom “Substandard care that had a major contribution”
Hemorrhage	93%	70%	44%
Preeclampsia	60%	60%	64%
Sepsis / Infection	43%	50%	46%
DVT / VTE	17%	50%	33%
Cardiomyopathy	22%	29%	25%
Amniotic Fluid Embolism	0%	0%	15%

QI “Ops”: Preeclampsia

- Examples from California Pregnancy Associated Mortality Review (CA-PAMR):
 - Missed triggers: high BP (systolic and diastolic), pain, altered mental status, O2 saturation, fetal distress
 - Underutilization of Magnesium SO4 and anti-hypertensive medications
 - Difficulties getting physician to the bedside, and obtaining consultations
 - “Location of care” issues involving Postpartum, ED and PACU

Reduce Maternal Mortality and SMM (CA-PAMR)

- Hemorrhage Taskforce (2009)
- Hemorrhage QI Toolkit (2010)
- Multi-hospital QI Collaborative(s) (2010-11)
 - Test the “tools” and implementation strategies
- State-wide Implementation (2013-2014)
- Preeclampsia Taskforce (2012)
- Preeclampsia QI Toolkit (2013)
- Multi-hospital QI Collaborative (2013-2014)

Collaborative Essentials...

- Pick important topic, ideally has a national emphasis
- Multi-disciplinary design of teaching points
- Measures (outcome and process)
- Data collection methods and QI
- Round up supporting organizations
- What collaborative model will you use?

Measure Types

- Outcome—reduction of morbidities (e.g. rates or “time since...”)
- Process—frequency of care process being encouraged (as tightly linked to an outcome as possible)
- Balancing—Identify unintended consequences
- Structural—attributes to change in the facility or medical structure (e.g. policy, coverage model, staffing, equipment)

Measure Caveats

- Measures are critical to driving change and creating success, but...
- Keep them limited
- Make them important
- Pay careful attention to collection burden

A California Toolkit to Transform Maternity Care

Improving Health Care Response to Preeclampsia

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ACOG District II Website
(thru ACOG website)

Executive Summary:

Hypertension in pregnancy



American College of Obstetricians
and Gynecologists,

Obstet Gynecol 2013;122:1122-31

Toolkit Contents

- Teaching materials
- Practical guides to implementation
- “Postable” algorithms, guides, protocols
- Sample policies, procedures
- Sample order sets
- Sample simulation and drills
- Sample debrief form
- Clinical “Pearls”

Teaching Slides: 4-Step Program to Improve Preeclampsia Outcomes

- Make the Right Diagnosis (new criteria)
- Treat the Damn BP!
- Deliver not too early, and not too late
- Early postpartum F/U for everyone who is NOT a “simple case” (formerly-known-as “mild”)

“Treat the Damn Blood Pressure!”

Controlling blood pressure
is the optimal intervention
to prevent deaths due to stroke
in women with preeclampsia.

Over the last decade, the UK has focused QI efforts on aggressive treatment of both systolic and diastolic blood pressure and has demonstrated a reduction in deaths.

How Do Women Die Of Preeclampsia?

CA-PAMR Final Cause of Death Among Preeclampsia Cases, 2002-2004 (n=25)

Final Cause of Death	Number	%	Rate/100,000
			1.0
Stroke	16	64.0%	
<i>Hemorrhagic</i>	14	(87.5%)	
<i>Thrombotic</i>	2	(12.5%)	
Hepatic (liver) Failure	4	16.0%	.25
Cardiac Failure	2	8.0%	
Hemorrhage/DIC	1	4.0%	
Multi-organ failure	1	4.0%	
ARDS	1	4.0%	

Preeclampsia Mortality Rates in California and UK

Cause of Death among Preeclampsia Cases	CA-PAMR (2002-04) Rate/100,000 Live Births	UK CMACE (2003-05) Rate/100,000 Live Births
Stroke	1.0	.47
Pulmonary/Respiratory	.06	.00
Hepatic	.25	.19
OVERALL	1.6	.66

*The overall mortality rate for preeclampsia in California is **greater than 2 times** that of the UK, largely due to differences in deaths caused by stroke.*

Preventing Stroke from Preeclampsia

Blood Pressure Comparisons: Baseline and Pre-stroke

Measure	Pregnancy Baseline (mm Hg)	Pre-stroke (mm Hg)
Mean systolic BP	110.9 ± 10.7 (n=25)	175.4 ± 9.7 (n=24)
Systolic BP range	90-136	159-198
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Systolic BP % ≥ 160	0	95.8 (n=27/28)
Mean diastolic BP	67.4 ± 6.5 (n=25)	98.0 ± 9.0 (n=24)
Diastolic BP range	58-80	81-113
Diastolic BP % ≥ 110	0	12.5 (n=3)
Diastolic BP 5 ≥ 105	0	20.8 (n=5)

Adapted from Martin JN, Thigpen BD, Moore RC, Rose CH, Cushman J, May. Stroke and Severe Preeclampsia and Eclampsia: A Paradigm Shift Focusing on Systolic Blood Pressure, OG 2005;105-246.

CMQCC Preeclampsia Quality Collaborative (26 Hospitals, 2013-2014)

- **Goal:** Reduce preeclampsia maternal morbidity
- **Aim 1:** Reduce the rate of severe morbidities in women with severe preeclampsia, eclampsia or preeclampsia superimposed on pre-existing hypertension by 50% by October 31, 2014
- **Aim 2:** Reduce the percentage of women (with severe preeclampsia, eclampsia or preeclampsia superimposed on pre-existing hypertension) with prolonged postpartum lengths of stay by 25% by October 31, 2014
- **Aim 3:** Achieve 100% on required one-time only Deliverables and progress (as specified) on all quantifiable Process Measures by October 31, 2014

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- Outcome measures:
 - Prolonged Postpartum LOS (≥ 4 d vag; ≥ 6 d CS)
 - CDC Severe Maternal Morbidity (ICD9 codes typical of an ICU admission)
- Process measures:
 - **Severe HTN treated in under 60 min**
 - Debriefs of all severe HTN cases
 - Outpatient F/U of all severe HTN women within 72hrs
- Balancing measures:
 - Relative low blood pressure in the 60min after treatment
 - Fetal Heart Rate change of category

Models for Quality Collaboratives-I

- IHI (Institute for Healthcare Improvement)
 - Leadership via expert panel
 - Best with a medium number of hospitals (20-30)
 - Formal agreement on aims and commitment
 - 2-3 in-person meetings of all hospital leaders to share ideas and pep-talks
 - Monthly group check-in phone calls to report progress
 - Monthly reporting of metrics (large number)
 - Volunteer (or pay) to join (therefore selective)
- Proven effectiveness, but expensive for all parties

Models for Quality Collaboratives-II

- HEN (Hospital Engagement Network)
 - Program-based leaders, run thru Quality Dept
 - Can engage many hospitals (20-80+)
 - One site visit (if lucky)
 - Webinars on related topics
 - Periodic individual check-in calls to report progress
 - Periodic reporting of metrics (limited number)
 - Mixed incentives to join (therefore mixed enthusiasm)
- Less expensive, popular, variable success

Models for Quality Collaboratives-III

- “Mentor” Model
 - Formal needs assessment
 - Paired (MD/RN) consultants work with a small group of hospitals (6-8)
 - One site visit with Grand Rounds and review of needs assessment
 - Monthly group check-in phone calls to report progress
 - Monthly reporting of limited metrics (2-4)
 - Multiple paths to join
- Hybrid method, Seems practical and exciting, but less documented results

Barriers and Strategies Analysis

- **Identify Barriers**

BP stabilized before meds given
No knowledge of BP parameters
Competing priorities
Unable to access meds
RN reluctant to give IV meds
Magnesium sulfate given instead
MD not available
Fear of hypotension
Unknown

PDSA
Cycle

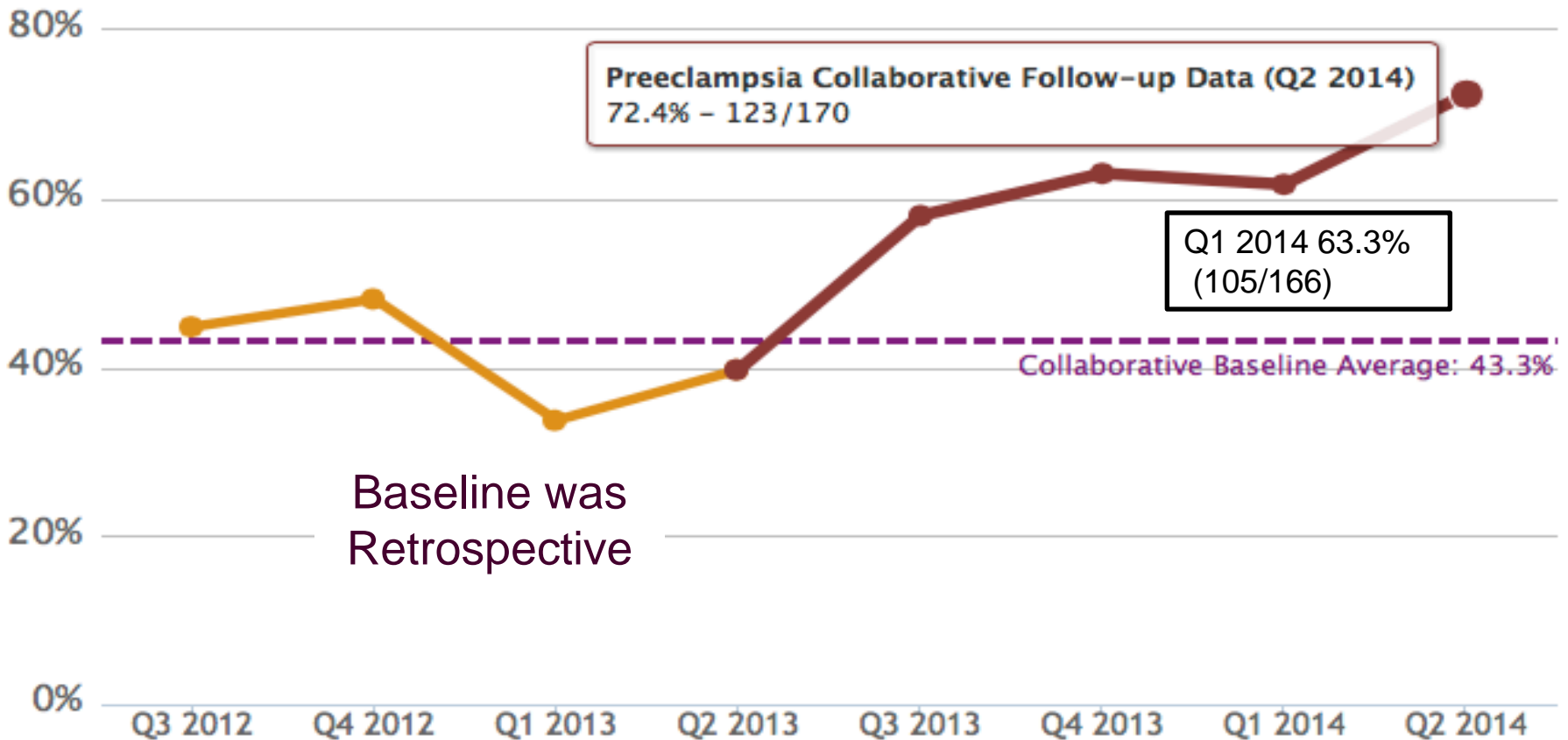


- **Local Teams brainstorm and implement solutions (QI Tactics)**
- **Data monitoring to gauge progress**

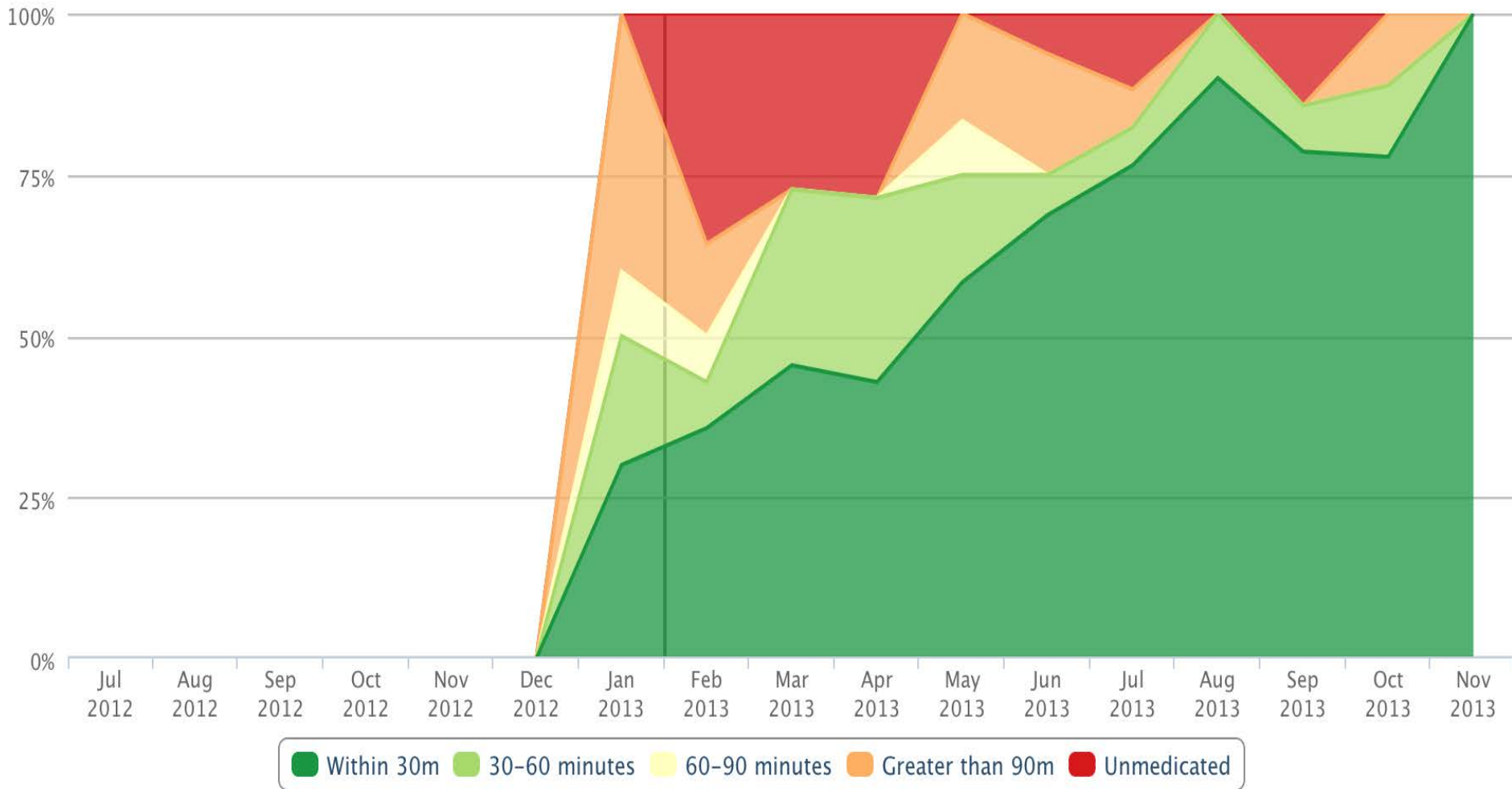
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Timely Treatment: within 60 minutes

Process 1: Timely Treatment for Severe Hypertension

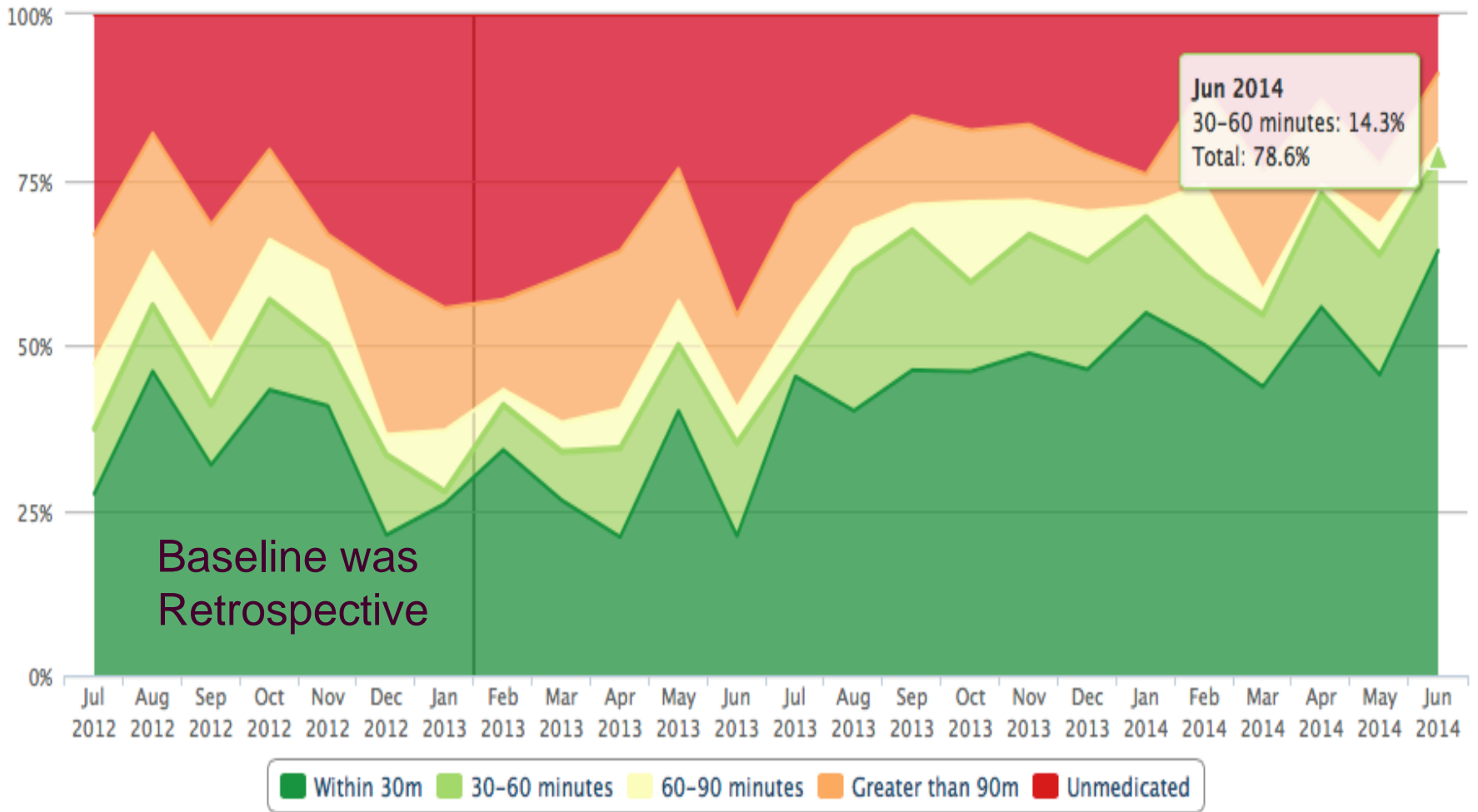


Timing for Treatment of Gravidas with sBP \geq 160 or dBP \geq 110



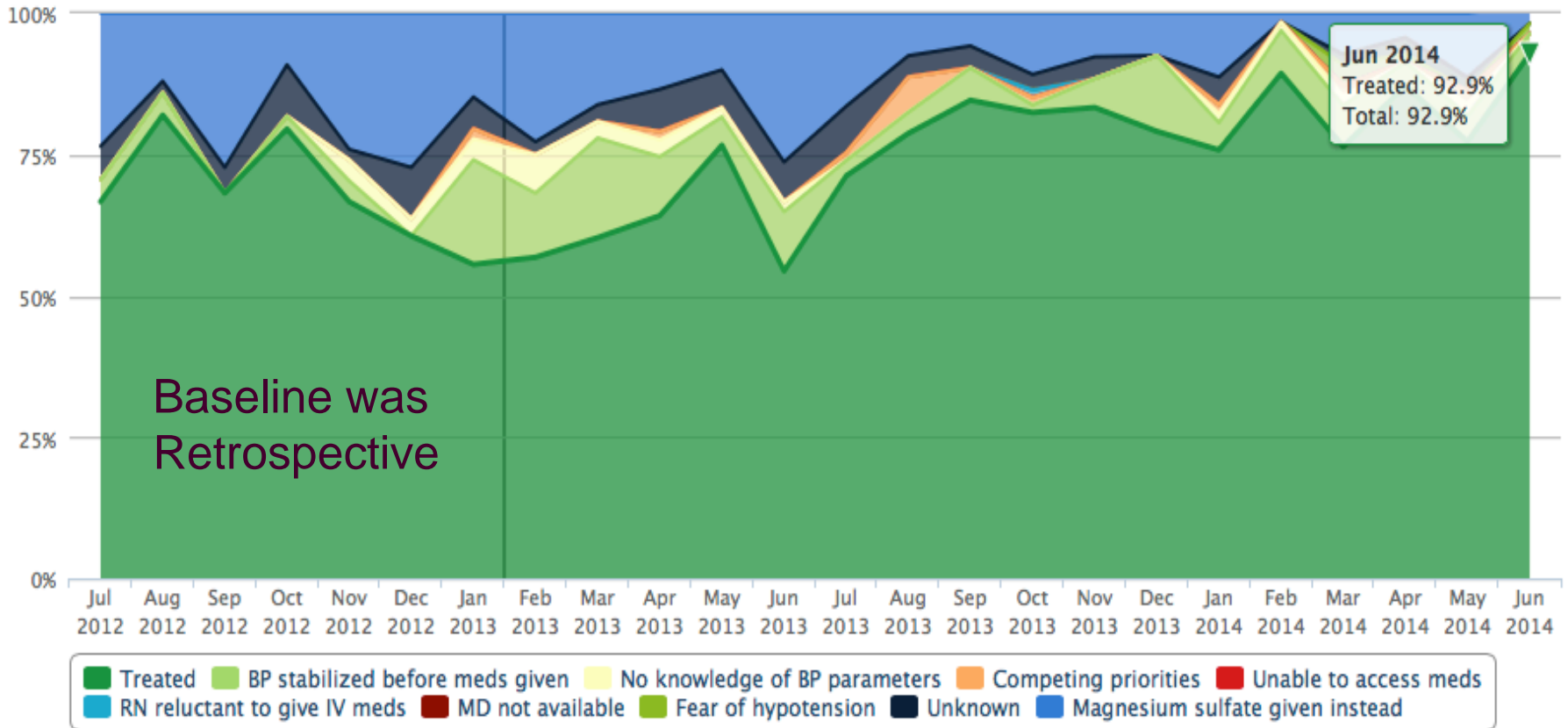
Sample hospital from CMQCC Preeclampsia Collaborative 2013

Preeclampsia: Collaborative Medication Summary



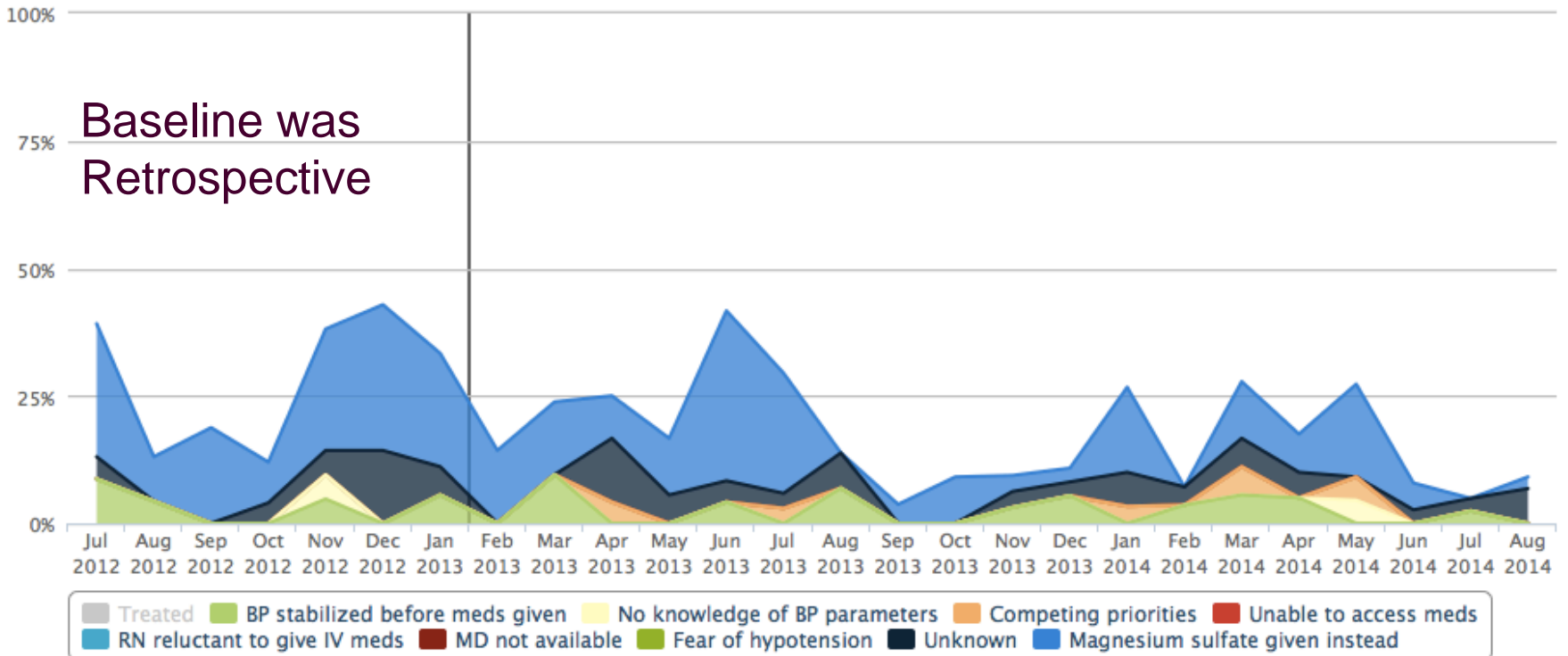
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Numbers represent overall totals from each hospital for months marked as complete.



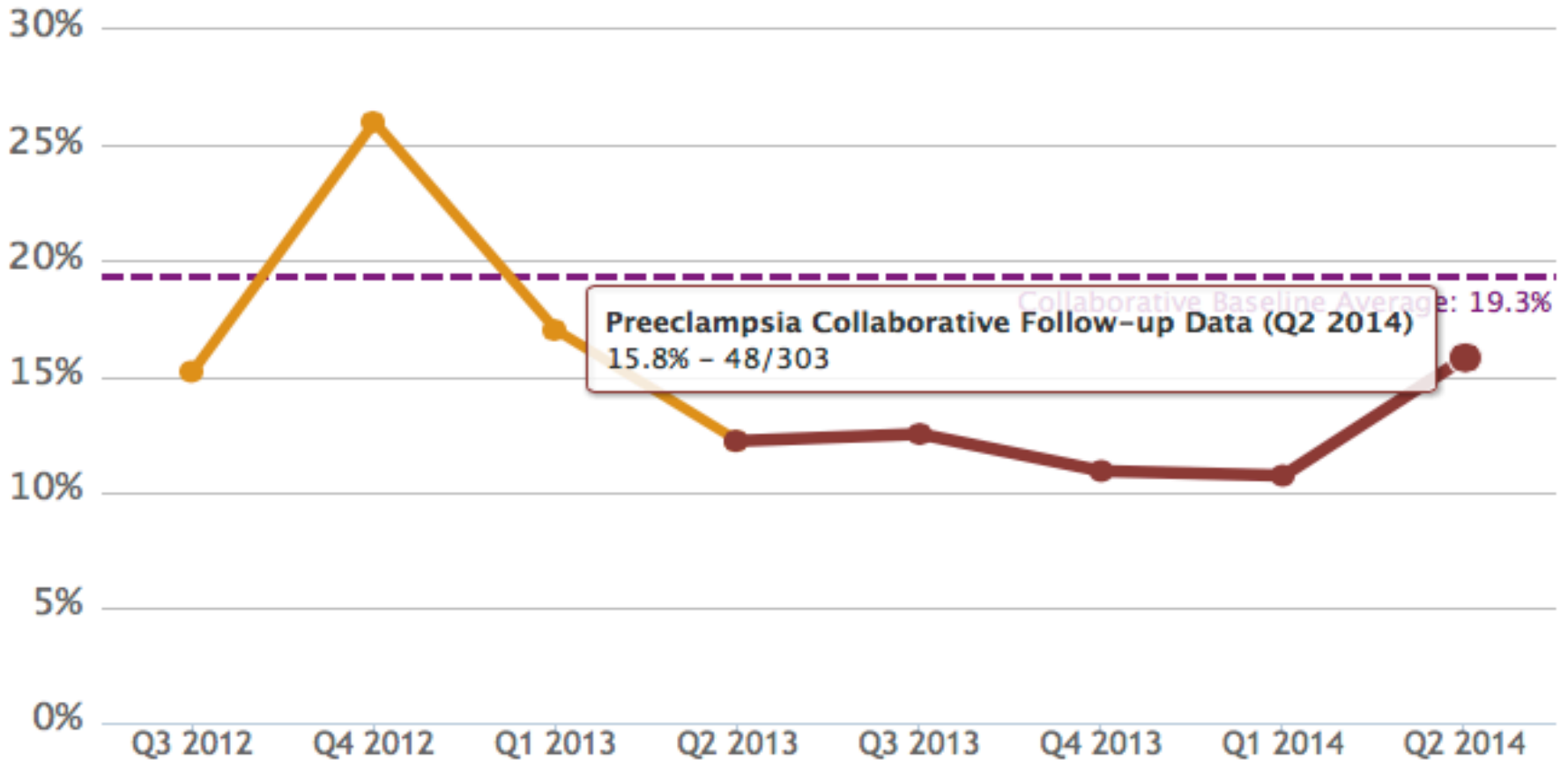
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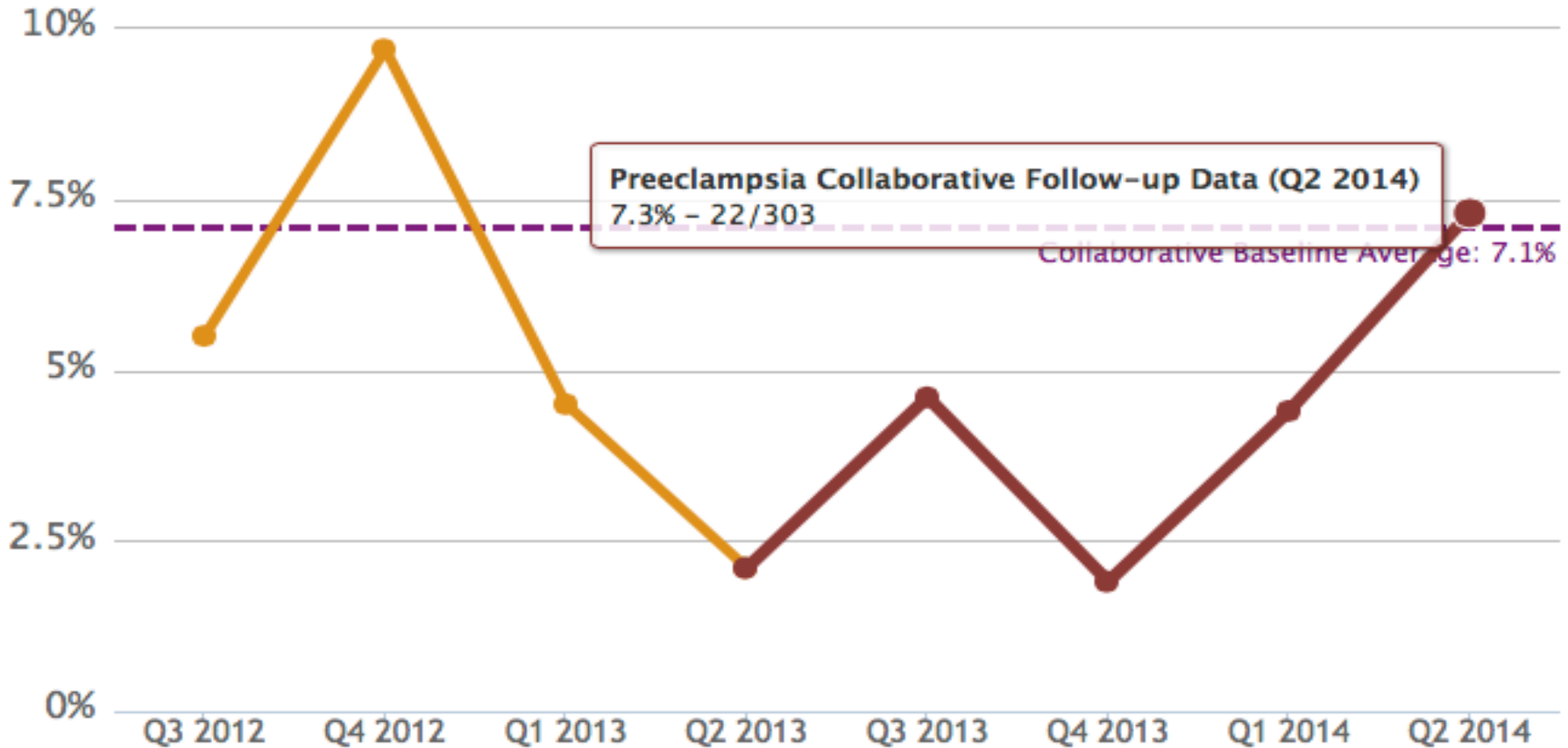
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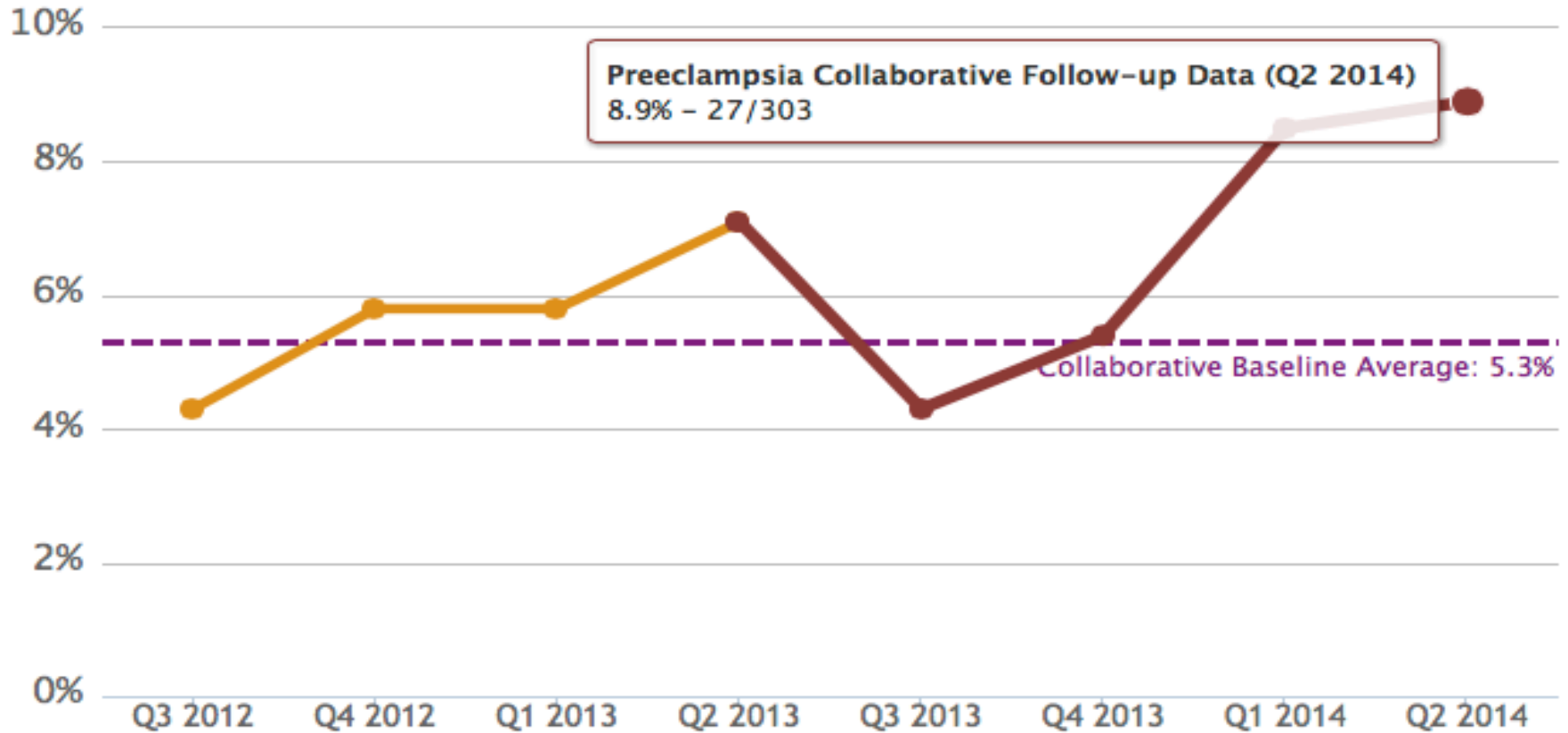
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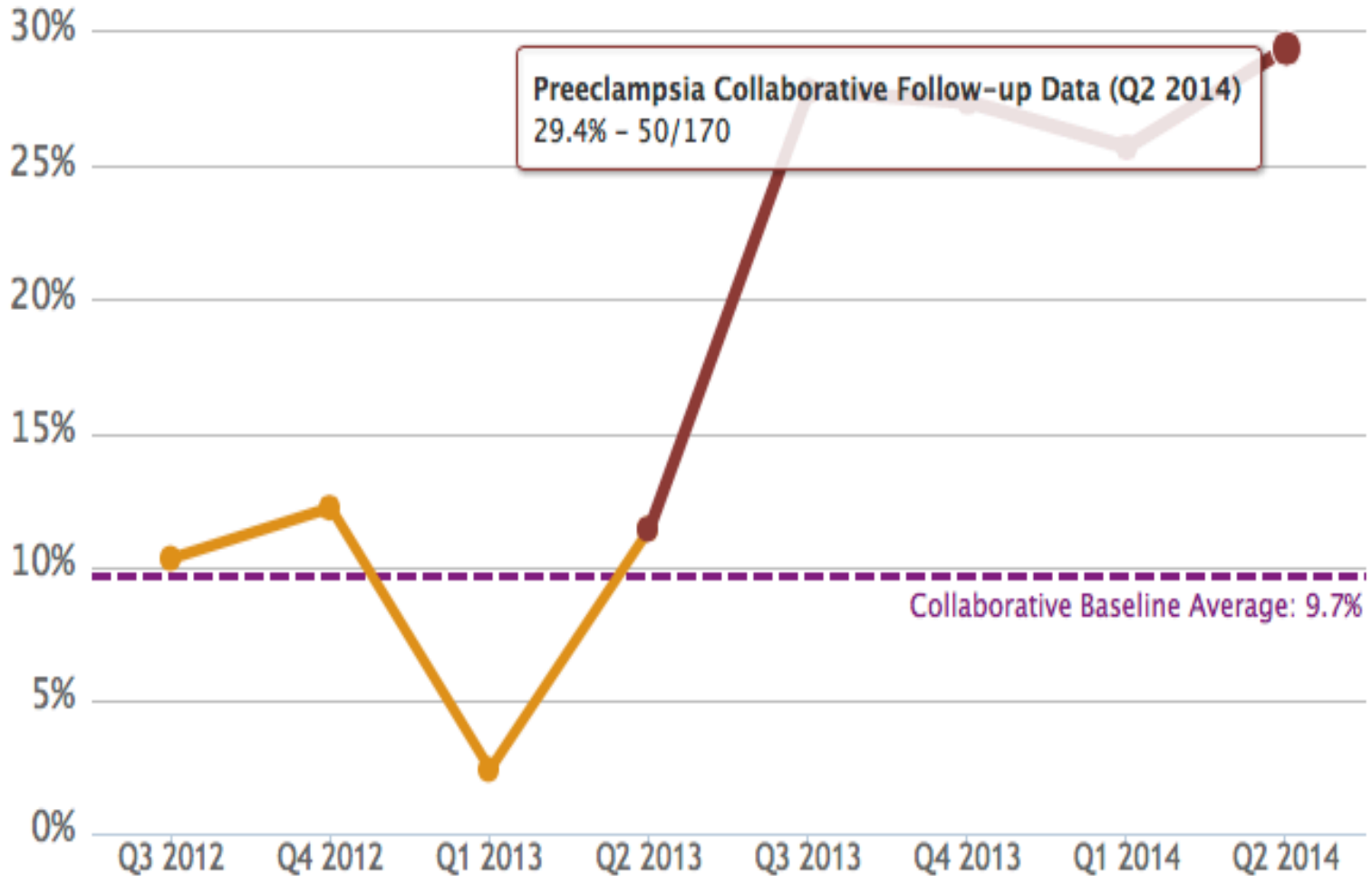


Prolonged Postpartum LOS

Outcome 2. PPLOS with Pre/eclampsia

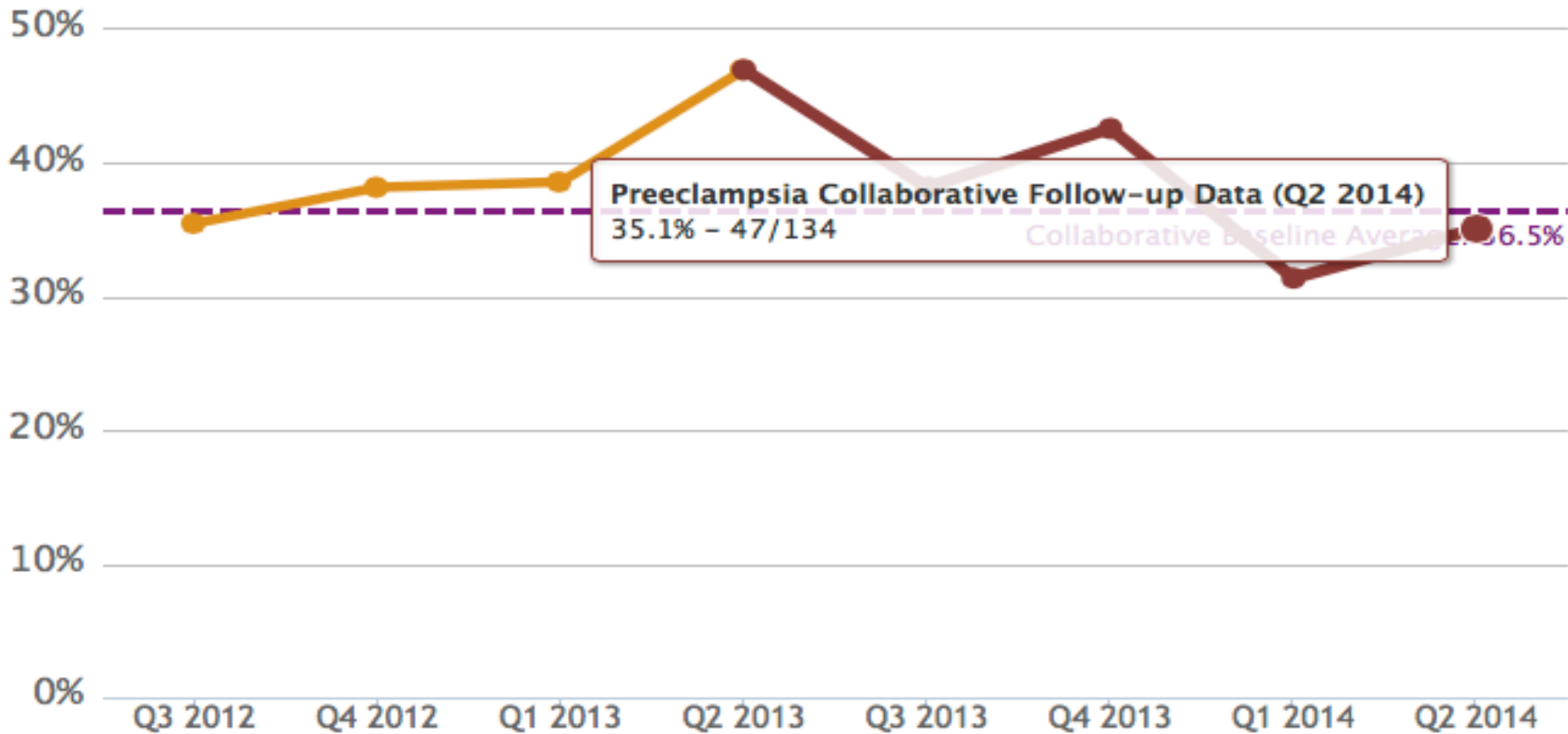


Process 2: Debrief Severe Hypertension

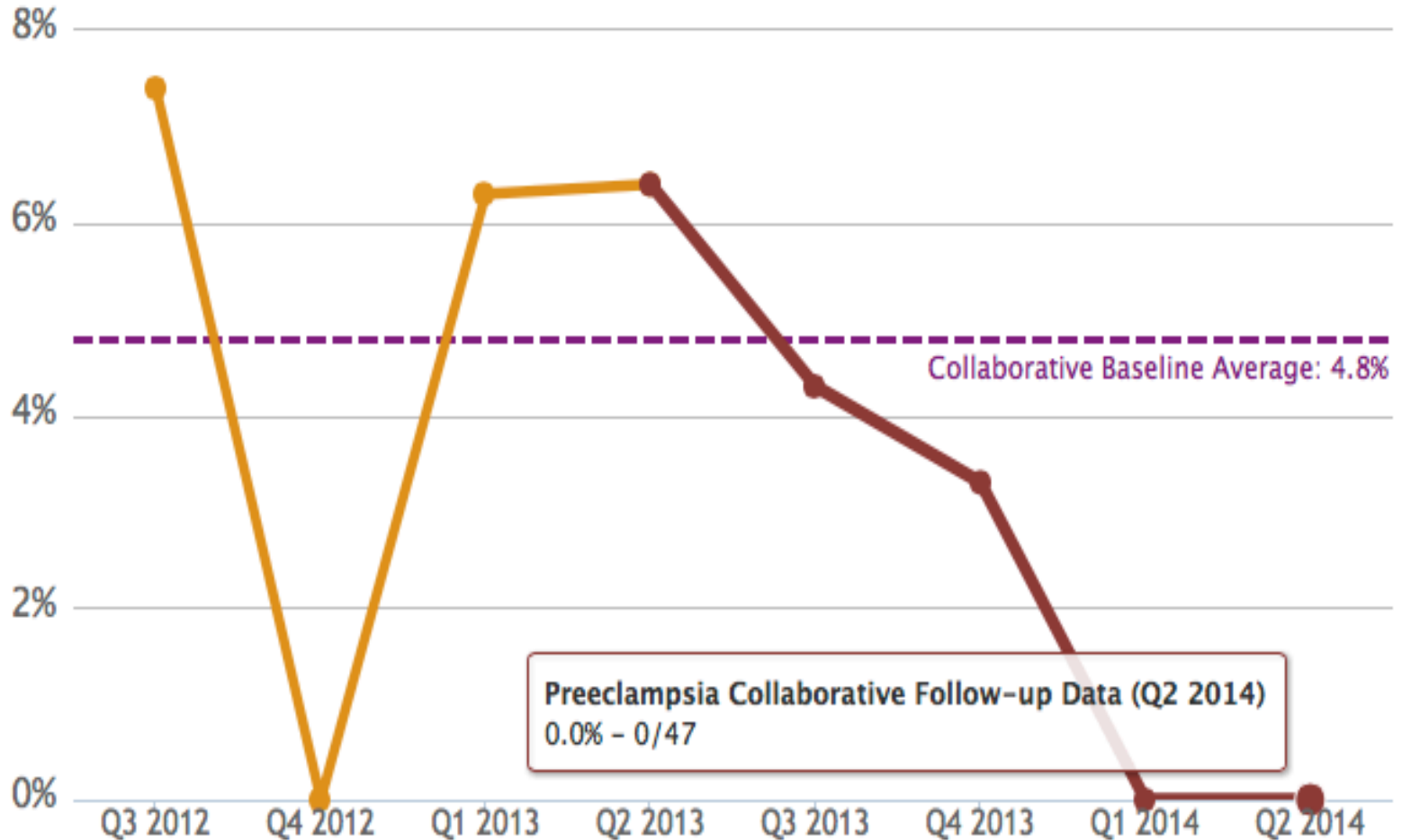


Monitor for diastolic BP <80 within 1 hour after treatment

Balance 1: Monitor for dPB <80 within 1h after antihypertensives given



Balance 2: FHR Category Change After Treatment



Patient Education Materials

Ask Your Doctor or Midwife

Preeclampsia

What Is It?

Preeclampsia is a serious disease related to high blood pressure. It can happen to any pregnant woman.

Risks to You

- Seizures
- Stroke
- Organ damage
- Death

Risks to Your Baby

- Premature birth
- Death

Signs of Preeclampsia



Stomach pain



Headaches



Feeling nauseous;
throwing up



Seeing spots



Swelling in your
hands and face



Gaining more than
5 pounds in a week

What Should You Do?

Call your doctor right away. Finding preeclampsia early is important for you and your baby.

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DRAFT: National Safety Bundle for Hypertension in Pregnancy



Readiness: (every unit)

- Adopt standard diagnostic criteria, monitoring and treatment for severe preeclampsia/eclampsia (include order sets and algorithms).
- Unit team education, reinforced by regular unit-based drills
- Process for timely triaging of pregnant and postpartum women with hypertension including ED and outpatient areas.
- Rapid access to medications used for severe hypertension/eclampsia:
- System plan for escalation, obtaining appropriate consultation and maternal transport, as needed.

Recognition: (every patient)

- Adoption of a standard protocol for the measurement and assessment of BP and urine protein for all pregnant and postpartum women.
- Implementation of standard response to maternal early warning criteria •
- Implementation of facility-wide standards for educating women

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Response: (all severe hypertension/preeclampsia)

- Facility-wide standard protocols with checklists for management and treatment of:
 - Severe hypertension
 - Eclampsia, seizure prophylaxis, and magnesium over-dosage
 - Postpartum emergency department and outpatient presentation of - severe hypertension/ preeclampsia
 - Support plan for patients, families and staff for ICU admissions and serious complications of severe hypertension

Reporting/Systems Learning

- Implementations of a huddle for high risk cases and post-event team debrief
- Review all severe hypertension/eclampsia/ICU cases for systems issues
- Monitor outcomes and process metrics –

Thank You!



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