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**Maternal Mortality: Five Year Experience in Tertiary Care Centre**

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**ABSTRACT**

**INTRODUCTION:** - MMR acts as a litmus paper of general health of a country and is a measure of risk of death once a woman becomes pregnant. Pregnancy is not a disease and pregnancy related mortality is almost always preventable, yet more than half a million women die annually worldwide, due to pregnancy related complications. Hence maternal mortality is a very difficult medical, social, emotional and medico legal situation in the third world countries like ours.

**METHODS:** - This study includes Maternal Mortality occurred in Obstetrics and Gynaecolgy Department from 1st Jan 2007 to 31st Dec 2012

**RESULT:** - MMR of present study is 395/100000 live births. Most of dying mothers were illiterate in age group of 20-24 years. Mortality is more in urban slums with lower socioeconomic class.Haemorrhage being the commonest direct cause of mortality while anaemia being indirect cause.

**CONCLUSION:**-There should be urgent need to address the issue of integrated maternal services with emphasis on primary health care.

**KEYWORDS**: - MMR, Maternal mortality.