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Aeromedical Retrieval of Obstetric Emergencies in Remote Resource Settings

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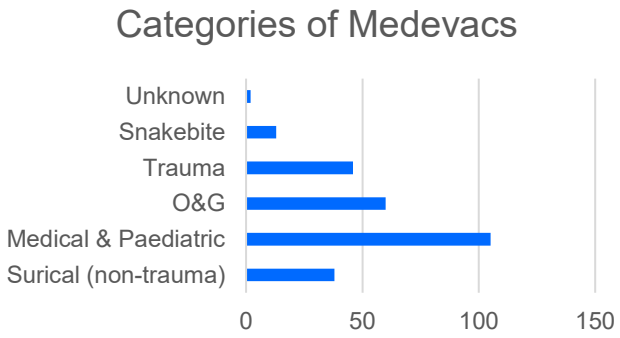
Remote Aeromedical support

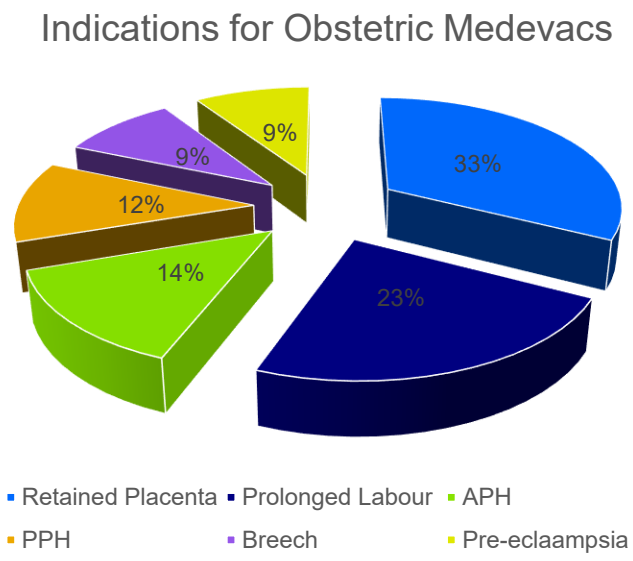
- Papua New Guinea presents unique challenges for obstetric care. Remote communities, difficult terrain and limited healthcare infrastructure mean that aeromedical evacuation is often the only pathway to definitive care.
- Leveraging on their existing medical services, PNG Santos Medical Team operates free of charge emergency aeromedical services across fixed-wing, rotary-wing and road transport for their workforce, contractors, families and local communities.
- The service conducts more than 100 medevacs/year, the majority for community patients including obstetrical emergencies (14%), snake bites (4%), and trauma (12%).



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Summary

- Aeromedical support to remote communities in Papua New Guinea reduces maternal and neonatal morbidity and mortality
- Public-private partnerships can assist remote communities
- Strengthening of local health services are required to decrease the requirements for emergency medical evacuations

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