

Postdelivery Emergencies

Objectives

- Identify risk factors that make the postpartum period a time of higher risk for a variety of postpartum medical emergencies
- Name the postpartum emergencies for which the postpartum woman is at increased risk
- Describe the clinical symptoms diagnostic measures and management for postdelivery emergencies

Content Outline

- A. Risk Factors
 1. Postpartum physiologic changes
 2. Labor and delivery experiences
 3. Pre-pregnancy conditions
- B. Associated Problems That Represent an Emergency in the Postpartum Period
 1. Postpartum Hemorrhage
 - A. Diagnosis
 - B. Management
 2. Amniotic Fluid Embolism
 - A. Diagnosis
 - B. Management
 3. Lactational Mastitis
 - A. Diagnosis
 - B. Management
 4. Endometritis
 - A. Diagnosis
 - B. Management
 5. Postpartum Depression
 - A. Diagnosis
 - B. Management
 6. Peripartum Cardiomyopathy
 - A. Diagnosis
 - B. Management
 7. Headaches and Neurological Emergencies
 - A. Diagnosis
 - B. Management

Reading Material Resources

Module WB2104: Postdelivery Emergencies is based on the resources listed below. A copy of each resource is included with the module.

Late Pregnancy and Postpartum Emergencies, Wheaton, et al., *Emergency Clinics of North America*, 37, (2019), 277-286

Postdelivery Emergencies, Wheaton, et al., *Emergency Clinics of North America*, 37 (2019), 287-300