



POSTPARTUM SUPPORT
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Perinatal Mental Health Disorders

Perinatal: Anytime during pregnancy and postpartum

Depression
(PPD)

Anxiety
(PPA)

Panic
Disorder

Obsessive
Compulsive
Disorder
(OCD)

Postpartum
PTSD

Bipolar
Disorders

Perinatal
Psychosis



Symptoms

- Feelings of guilt, shame or hopelessness
- Feelings of anger, rage, or irritability, or scary and unwanted thoughts
- Lack of interest in the baby or difficulty bonding with the baby
- Loss of interest, joy or pleasure in things you used to enjoy
- Disturbances of sleep and appetite
- Crying and sadness, constant worry or racing thoughts
- Physical symptoms like dizziness, hot flashes, and nausea
- Possible thoughts of harming the baby or yourself



Risk Factors

- History of depression, anxiety, or OCD
- Thyroid imbalance, diabetes, endocrine disorders
- Lack of support from family and friends
- Pregnancy or delivery complications, infertility, miscarriage or infant loss
- Premenstrual Syndrome (PMS)
- Financial stress or poverty
- Abrupt discontinuation of lactation
- History of abuse
- Unwanted or unplanned pregnancy



Treatment Options

- Counseling
- Medication
- Support from others
- Exercise
- Adequate sleep
- Healthy diet
- Bright light therapy
- Yoga
- Relaxation techniques

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