

Postpartum Complications

Chapter 32

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Postpartum Hemorrhage

- Definition:
 - A decrease in hematocrit of 10 points between admission and postbirth
- Often unrecognized until profound symptoms are seen.
- LIFE THREATENING!

Thromboembolic Disease

- Superficial Venous Thrombosis

- Deep Venous Thrombosis

- Septic Pelvic Thrombophlebitis

Postpartum Infections

- Endometritis
 - Causes:
 - C-section
 - Multiple Vaginal exams
 - Fetal scalp electrode or intrauterine pressure catheter
 - Diabetes
 - Preexisting vaginal infection
 - Failure of medical staff to use aseptic technique.

Postpartum Infection

- Wound Infection
 - Perineal (episiotomy)

- C-Section

Postpartum Infection

- Urinary Tract Infection (UTI)

- Cystitis

Postpartum Infection

- Mastitis

Postpartum Psychologic Complications

- Adjustment Reaction with Depressed Mood

- Postpartum Psychosis

- Postpartum Major Mood Disorder