Perinatal Mental Health

Perinatal mental health occurs during pregnancy and the first postnatal years.

Examples of perinatal mental health problems include antenatal and/or postnatal depression, anxiety, obsessive compulsive disorder, postpartum psychosis and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

Risk Factors for Perinatal Depression





Life stress

Personal or family history of depression



Pregnancy Complications



Poor quality Relationship







Maternal Anxiety



Unintended Pregnancy

Lack of social support