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Postpartum Blues



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Symptoms

Depressed Affect

Sad Affect Depressed affect is one of the features of postpartum blues.

Tearfulness

Tears Tearfulness is one of the features of postpartum blues.

Fatigue

Sleepy-guy Fatigue is one of the features of postpartum blues.

Resolves in 2 Weeks

Tutu dancer with weekly press Symptoms of postpartum blues start 2-3 days after delivery and usually resolve within two weeks.

Treatment

Supportive Care

Supportive IV bags

Treatment of postpartum blues is supportive (address symptoms and patient education); these patients usually don't require hospitalization, antipsychotics, or antidepressants. Follow-up to assess for major depressive disorder with peripartum onset (postpartum depression) is crucial because this may require further psychological and pharmacological therapy.