



PERINATAL MOOD AND ANXIETY DISORDERS (PMADS)

Perinatal: Anytime during pregnancy through the first year postpartum



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 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



TREATMENT OPTIONS

Counseling

Medication

Support from others

Exercise

Adequate sleep

Healthy diet

Bright light therapy

Yoga

Relaxation techniques

RISK FACTORS



History of depression, anxiety, OCD



Pregnancy or delivery complications, infertility, miscarriage or infant loss



Abrupt discontinuation of breastfeeding



Thyroid imbalance, diabetes, endocrine disorders



Premenstrual Syndrome (PMS)



History of Abuse



Lack of support from family and friends



Financial stress or poverty



Unwanted or unplanned pregnancy

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