

Postpartum depression checklist

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Postpartum depression (PPD) checklist

Emotion	Yes	No
Depressed mood—tearfulness, hopelessness, and feeling empty inside, with or without severe anxiety	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Loss of pleasure in either all or almost all of your daily activities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Appetite and weight change—usually a drop in appetite and weight, but sometimes the opposite	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sleep problems—usually trouble with sleeping, even when your baby is sleeping	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Noticeable change in how you walk and talk—usually restlessness, but sometimes sluggishness	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Extreme fatigue or loss of energy	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Feelings of worthlessness or guilt, with no reasonable cause	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Difficulty concentrating and making decisions	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Thoughts about death or suicide. Some women with PPD have fleeting, frightening thoughts of harming their babies; these tend to be fearful thoughts, rather than urges to harm.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Postpartum psychosis

Emotion	Yes	No
Feeling removed from your baby, other people, and your surroundings (depersonalization)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Disturbed sleep, even when your baby is sleeping	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Extremely confused and disorganized thinking, increasing your risk of harming yourself, your baby, or another person	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Drastically changing moods and bizarre behavior	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Extreme agitation or restlessness	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Unusual hallucinations, often involving sight, smell, or touch	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Delusional thinking that isn't based in reality	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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