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194 Sepsis in Obstetrics: Pathophysiology and Diagnostic Definitions

Sepsis in obstetrics can be challenging to identify in a timely manner so that appropriate treatment can be initiated within the first crucial hours to promote a positive outcome. The proposed pathophysiology of sepsis, new definitions associated with sepsis and septic shock, and application to maternity care are presented.

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199 Sepsis in Obstetrics: Clinical Features and Early Warning Tools

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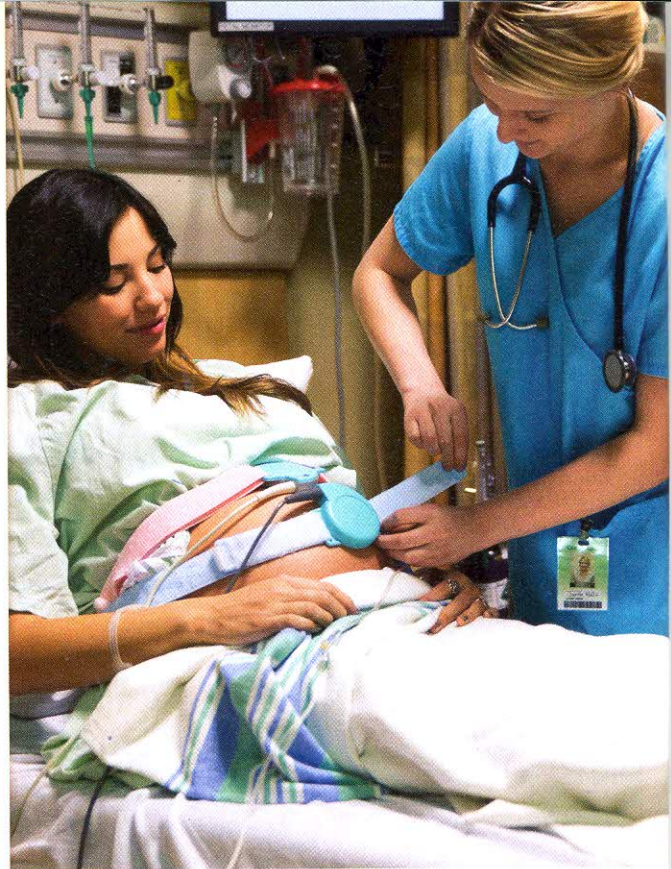
Risk factors for obstetric sepsis, causes, signs and symptoms, and maternal early warning tools are discussed. A recent case is presented that highlights the potential for significant maternal morbidity when there is a delay in identification of development of sepsis during pregnancy and postpartum.

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206 Sepsis in Obstetrics: Treatment, Prognosis, and Prevention

Sepsis during pregnancy is one of the five leading causes of maternal mortality world-wide. Early recognition and prompt treatment are necessary to improve patient outcomes. Case studies, treatment strategies, prognosis, suggestions for education for clinicians and patients, and recommendations to prevent maternal sepsis are included.

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210 Understanding and Promoting Birth Satisfaction in New Mothers

How do new mothers perceive the birth process? What contributes to their satisfaction with their childbirth experience? This study examines these issues among a group of new mothers during the first few days postpartum and offers insights on the type of care that women appreciate and desire during labor and birth.

Katherine Hinic, PhD, RNC, APN

216 Risks and Benefits of Swaddling Healthy Infants: An Integrative Review

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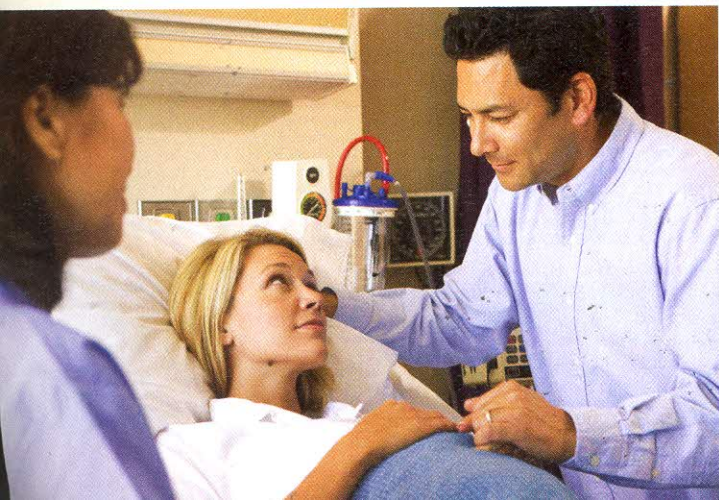
Swaddling has been practiced for ages; however, there is controversy about its safety. This integrative review covers recent evidence on various issues about infant swaddling so nurses can offer accurate advice to parents and infant caregivers.

Antonia M. Nelson RNC-MNN, PhD, CNE, IBCLC

226 Interdisciplinary Collaboration in Maternal Mental Health

Creating an interdisciplinary approach for maternal mental health that includes professionals involved in policy, research, community advocacy, and clinical practice can improve access to care, streamline services, and improve maternal health outcomes. This article offers examples of interdisciplinary approaches that blend technology, education, research, policy, primary care, and mental health services and discusses their benefits and challenges for maternal mental health services.

Nancy Selix, DNP, FNP-C, CNM, Erin Henshaw, PhD, Alinne Barrera, PhD, Luba Botcheva PhD, Erin Huie, MSW, Gabrielle Kaufman, MA, LPCC



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Sepsis in Obstetrics

Sepsis is a significant cause of maternal morbidity and mortality in the United States. Knowledge of the latest evidence and clinical guidelines will support best practices to promote optimal care for mothers and babies.

Cheryl Roth, PhD, WHNP-BC, RNC-OB, RNFA

232 HOT TOPICS IN MATERNITY NURSING

Delayed Umbilical Cord Clamping

Delayed clamping of the umbilical cord for at least 30 to 60 seconds at birth of vigorous term and preterm babies is now recommended by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. Our maternity nursing expert, Molly Killion, explains the rationale for this practice change.

Molly Killion, MS, RN, CNS

233 HOT TOPICS IN PEDIATRIC NURSING

Neonatal Male Circumcision: Still a Controversy

Nurses have a vital role in offering information to parents about newborn male circumcision based on current evidence and recommendations from professional organizations such as the American Academy of Pediatrics. Our pediatric nursing expert, Dr. Beal, summarizes the issue, including potential risks, benefits and areas of controversy.

Judy A. Beal, DNSc, RN, FNAP, FAAN

234 BREASTFEEDING

Say No to Success — Say Yes to Goal Setting

The choice of words in promoting breastfeeding is very important. Our breastfeeding expert, Dr. Spatz, urges us to consider eliminating “success” from discussions with new mothers who are breastfeeding, and to focus instead on providing realistic information about the potential challenges and the investment in time and effort that is required, and helping them set short-term, mid-term and long term breastfeeding goals.

Diane L. Spatz, PhD, RN-BC, FAAN

235 GLOBAL HEALTH AND NURSING

Caring Hearts Coupled with Helping Hands: Making a Difference for Children with Medical Hair Loss

Medical hair loss can be devastating to children and adolescents. Dr. Callister highlights three nonprofit organizations that provide wigs for children with medical hair loss.

Lynn Clark Callister, PhD, RN, FAAN

236 TOWARD EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICE

Experts suggest how 6 research articles can be used in nursing practice.

Coordinated by Annie Rohan, PhD, RN, NNP-BC, CPNP-PC, FAANP, Kathleen Leask Capitulo, PhD, RN, FAAN, FACCE, IIWCC and Sigridur Sia Jonsdottir, MS, RN, CNM

240 PERINATAL PATIENT SAFETY

Minimizing Unnecessary Interventions During Labor and Birth

A call to minimize unnecessary interventions during labor and birth for healthy low risk women in spontaneous labor by our colleagues at the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists is most welcome and has been endorsed by the American College of Nurse-Midwives and the Association of Women's Health, Obstetric, and Neonatal Nurses.

Kathleen Rice Simpson, PhD, RN, CNS-BC, FAAN

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