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Abstract

The increased incidence of postpartum depression has had significant effects on children's social development. The purpose of this systematic review is to bring attention to the growing problem in such a vulnerable population. In addition, it was designed to shed light on the lack of research in this area of healthcare. The methods used to conduct the study include various peer reviewed, scholarly and evidenced based articles from databases such as Academic Search Complete, PsycNet, and Pubmed. Each article has been critically evaluated based on the following guidelines: a population group of children under the age of four, specifically maternal postpartum depression rather than paternal, and studies focused on childhood social development.

The general consensus of the twenty articles conclude that maternal postpartum depression disrupts the social development of children. Specifically, decreased levels of attachment have been a common trend along with a developmental delay of communication. Based on the evidence collected during the systematic review future evidence-based practice should involve more rigorous screening of the mother child dyad in relation to promotion of mental health. How are children internationally, from birth to four years old, impacted by postpartum depression in relation to social development?

Keywords: postpartum depression, development, social development, cognitive development, pediatrics, mental health, infant

The Effects of Postpartum Depression on Children's Social Development:

A Systematic Review

As the population number is on the rise, more people are having children and experiencing the stressors of raising a child in today's society. The World Health Organization (WHO) conducted a study projecting urban population to increase from 54% to 60% in 2030. As a result, the rates of postpartum depression are also increasing. The WHO states that worldwide postpartum depression impacts 26% of all women after giving birth, in developing countries this is even higher at 35.4%. According to the article, *Perinatal Depression and Infant Mental Health*, author Janice Goodman states that postpartum depression is defined as maternal major and minor depression during the first year of postpartum. It is a common occurrence in child bearing women affecting up to 20% of perinatal women in the general US population (Goodman, 2019).

In nursing care today, the majority of concern focuses on the inpatient setting rather than the outpatient well-being. Once a patient is discharged, the lack of attention to the mother and baby's mental health is significant. With the demographic increasing, those affected by postpartum depression can have consequences not only affecting the mother. With this being said, the impacts include it is associated with increased risk or wide ranging adverse child development effects that can affect infants in early childhood mental health (Goodman, 2019).

How does this previously mentioned depression affect the offspring of the mother experiencing it? Rather than researching how this impacts the mother, which has already heavily researched, these nursing students looked further into how this impacts the child's social development. The purpose of this systematic review is to provide insight into children who are

affected and may not know it. Overall, the significant question is how are children internationally, from birth to four years old, impacted by postpartum depression in relation to social development?

Methods

The methods of research are peer reviewed, scholarly articles from multiple evidence-based databases. The limitations of research include studies completed with a population group of children under the age of four. Originally the systematic review was planned to be based upon studies done only in the United States, but with further research the systematic review was opened up to studies world-wide due to lack of information.

Additionally, the study was also expanded to include studies done over the last ten years, rather than five years. The plan is to focus on the child's social development. Therefore, our exclusions include: studies on Freud's developmental theories in child development, and studies completed on children older than the age of four.

The articles used for this systematic review were vetted thoroughly in looking at relevance to the PICOT question and whether or not they met the limitation set by the nursing students. The nursing students took this action in order to have the best research articles to accurately represent the topic. Featured is a table of evidence in the appendix of this paper, this table organizes all of the research found in a mannerly way. Throughout the project, the table of evidence was used to summarize the articles found and utilized for the systematic review. The table of evidence consists of twenty primary research studies. The nursing students ensured all articles were peer reviewed and evidence based.

PsychNet, Medline and EBSCO host were three of the databases used in searching for scholarly articles. The keywords used were "postpartum depression," "child," "social" and "development." These terms were manipulated with the Boolean phrases of "AND." There were not very many articles that fit all of the requirements, so in selecting research articles each article was critically evaluated based on time the study was performed (i.e. ten years), peer reviewed, and location of study. With further research these nursing students found that there were not very many studies conducted in the United States alone, so they were advised to open up the search to all studies done internationally. With the removal of this restriction in the search there were more options to choose scholarly, peer reviewed and evidence-based practice articles from. These nursing students identify the potential bias, and when performing this systematic review both sides of the controversy will be addressed.

Review of the Literature

The majority of the research found for this systematic review showed consistent findings that maternal postpartum depression may lead to compromise of the infants behavioral and emotional responses. These responses include things such as overreacting, negative mindset, inappropriate behavior, and the inability to regulate their emotions. All of these factors may indicate inadequate communication skills, due to the mother's postpartum depression.

Interventions conducted to further identify this phenomenon include measuring cortisol levels in saliva, conducting cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT), and direct observation of child behavior. Additionally, the Strange Situation Procedure (SSP), was also conducted which involved putting a child in a room with an unfamiliar host.

The majority of the studies analyzed were longitudinal for the purpose of seeing child developmental trends over time. With this being established, our findings may be hindered due to inconsistent participation, and self reported symptoms. Studies analyzed were pulled internationally to broaden our research, therefore the settings for these studies involve many dependable associations from across the world. Sample sizes range from 30 to 3,000 mother-child dyads.

Measures

A majority of the studies used tools such as the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders 5 (DSM-5), Edinburough Postnatal Depression Scale (EPDS), and the Beck Depression Inventory (BDI) to confirm that the mothers were in fact suffering from postpartum depression. The children were widely assessed with the Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ); this questionnaire analyzed developmental delays throughout early childhood. The main gap of knowledge identified through the studies involve cultural variations stemming from a world-wide variation in studies, which led to stereotypes against postpartum depression.

Behavioral and Social Changes in Offspring

All the studies that were conducted found that postpartum depression was associated with the following; compromised behavioral and emotional developmental outcomes in the children up to four years old, poor behavior and emotional negativity, children's difficulties in expressing verbal emotions, increased incidence of child depression and anxiety, and a child's developmental delay in communication. Several of these factors were evaluated in the article, "Maternal Depression and Anxiety, Social Synchrony, and Infant Regulation of Negative and Positive Emotions," by videotaping mother-infant interactions before and after a stranger was

introduced into the room. Findings of this study showed that a child who was exposed to a stranger had the same reaction to their mother who was diagnosed with postpartum depression. Therefore, one can conclude the harboring effects this diagnosis has on the mother-child dyad (Feldman et al., 2017).

Erikson's Stages of Psychosocial Development

Erikson's stages of social development are as follows: Trust versus mistrust, autonomy versus shame and doubt, initiative versus guilt, industry versus inferiority, identity versus confusion, intimacy versus isolation, generativity versus stagnation and integrity versus despair. The age range for children in this systematic review is ages birth to four years old, meaning that the only Erikson's stages that apply are trust versus mistrust, autonomy versus shame and doubt, both of which normally end at the age of three years old. Erikson believed that the role of the caregiver/parent is essential in a child moving through all of these phases successfully.

Trust versus mistrust is the first stage from birth to around 18 months old, the responsiveness and the sensitivity of caregivers during this time is a primary director in developing trust according to "A Review of Measures of Erikson's Stages of Psychosocial Development: Evidence for a General Factor" (2017). With the development of postpartum depression and a possible decrease in sensitivity and responsiveness to the child, the child is not able to fully develop a sense of trust to its caregivers and others. Without the development of this trust the child will not be able to develop a basic sense of psychosocial strength of hope.

The second stage in Erikson's developmental stages is autonomy versus shame and doubt, this stage is from about 18 months of age to three years of age. Erikson believed that if caregivers provided opportunities for their children to explore the world around them a sense of

autonomy develops (Dunkel & Harbke, 2017). In the development of postpartum depression these mothers and caregivers may not be as motivated to allow their children to get out into the world around them, leading to a loss in the strength of willpower and self-control. This lack of willpower and self-control may be indicative of the behavioral changes seen in many children who have mothers diagnosed with postpartum depression.

Inconsistent Findings: Maternal Anxiety

Some inconsistencies found were several studies that focused on maternal anxiety. These studies indicated that maternal anxiety can have some of the same impacts on the new infant, this is an inconsistency due to the fact that the maternal anxiety and depression are grouped together. Maternal anxiety and depression stem from very different backgrounds, and this difference may lead to the same symptoms, but for very different reasons.

Critical Appraisal of Evidence

Limitations of Findings

Throughout the process of research, there were several limitations found across the studies. These limitations include factors such as the inclusion of the father in the report of depressive symptoms, this is an issue because this systematic review is focused on primarily the mother figure. Some studies did not consider single parents or any other living situation in that there were not two parents living in the home. Other limitations identified include self-reported data, which could be swayed, and several mothers who were diagnosed with major depressive disorder before becoming pregnant.

The biggest limitation found was the cultural differences in defining what postpartum depression is and how a mother should act after delivering her baby. There are many different

cultures and expectations for new mothers and the reporting of postpartum depression may be implemented differently across these cultures. On top of these differences many mothers may encounter a stigma associated with postpartum depression. This prevalent stigma may discourage mothers to report their symptoms, leading to fewer diagnoses. The main gap of knowledge identified through the studies involve cultural variations stemming from a world-wide variation in studies, which led to stereotypes against postpartum depression.

The students were challenged to find recent studies conducted within five years. There were not enough studies within the five-year mark for the students to use on the research project. The topic, the effects of postpartum depression on children, has not been widely studied. Due to this, the students had to broaden the studies to ten years.

Validity and Reliability of Methods

The methods used to conduct the study include various peer reviewed, scholarly and evidenced based articles. Each article has been critically evaluated based on the following guidelines: a population group of children under the age of four, specifically maternal postpartum depression rather than paternal, and studies focused on social development.

Synthesis of Evidence

In this systematic review, the evidence was critically appraised to determine the current healthcare practices and interventions. In the current status of healthcare practices and interventions, care is not as centered on maternal mental health and the impacts that may have on offspring in the long-term. The current practice may involve a check-up on a mother's mental health by questionnaire during pregnancy and at admission. If the mother reveals risk of postpartum depression the infants are screened with the Ages and Stages Questionnaire,

throughout the developmental stages of their lifespan. The results of the literature review all indicated that maternal postpartum depression had negative impacts on offspring. These impacts included things such as overreacting, negative mindset, inappropriate behavior, and the inability to regulate their emotions. Due to the consistency of these findings, studies show that there is a link between postpartum depression and social development of offspring.

Recommendations

With these findings, the nursing students recommend that new mothers should be screened for postpartum depression more frequently at follow up visits for the children, and postpartum visits. The current clinical care associated with new mothers is acute, focused on the discharge of both mother and baby safely. The nursing students recommend that in discharge planning long-term mental health support and resources should be provided to the family. This may include reassessing the mother during pediatric follow up appointments, at which the child would also be assessed with a standardized screening tool for atypical behavioral and social development. The nursing students suggest that discharge planning should also include providing information about support groups and adjusting the stigma associated with postpartum depression.

Conclusion

Throughout the study conducted, these nursing students identified the effects of postpartum depression on a child's social development. Points identified in the paper included methods of finding, review of literature, measures used, consistent findings, inconsistent findings, critical appraisal of evidence, limitation of findings, validity and reliability of the methods, synthesis of evidence, and recommendations. In doing so, it was concluded that

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maternal postpartum depression can lead to negative effects on the offspring. In completing this systematic review, it is hoped that more attention will be given to children who may be negatively affected by postpartum depression. Identifying this issue early on or in general may lead to earlier treatment and better outcomes. In addition, these nursing students will serve as advocates to their patients and inform their peers of the stigma identified.

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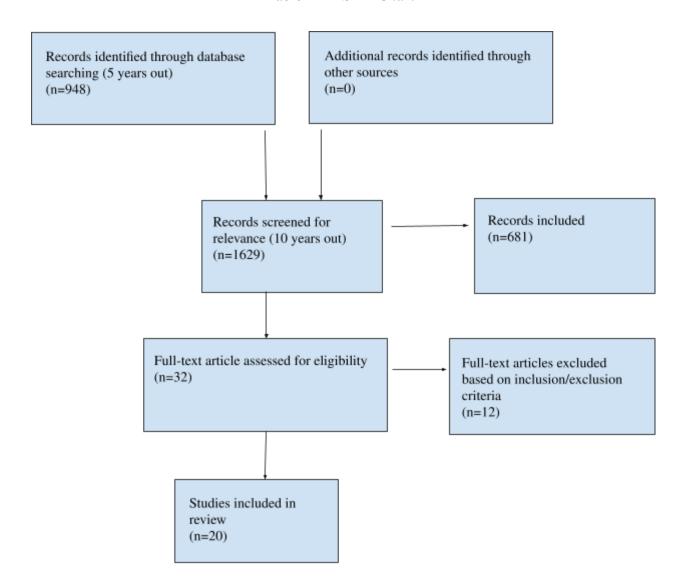
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Appendix A

Table 1 PRISMA Chart



Appendix B

Systematic Review Table of Evidence

APA formatted reference[1]	Purpose statement. Research Question[2]	Theoret ical Framew ork[3]	Design of study, Site, Sampling Method, Sample Size[4]	Variables and measurement tools[5]	Findings, Conclusion[6]	Limitations of Findings[7]
1. Granat, A., Gadassi, R., Gilboa-Schechtman , E., & Feldman, R. (2017). Maternal depression and anxiety, social synchrony, and infant regulation of negative and positive emotions. Emotion, 17(1), 11-27. http://dx.doi.org/10. 1037/emo0000204 PDF: https://psycnet.apa. org/fulltext/2016-35 882-001.pdf	Purpose statement: Maternal depression has detrimental effects during the first months of life as the child is dependent on the mother and is being shaped by social and behavioral patterns of nurturing. Research question: How does maternal depression and anxiety, affect social synchrony, and infant regulation of negative and positive emotions?	Frame work: N/A	Design: Extreme case design Site: Department of Psychology, Bar-Ilan University Sampling method: Looking at mothers who are on the upper and lower ends of the depressive spectrum and belong to a large community that represents an entire population of maternal depressive symptoms. Sample size: 100 mothers	Variable and measurement instrument: During a nine month home visit, all mothers on each end of the spectrum were diagnosed with the SCID-1. Then mother-infant interactions were videotaped, interacted with strangers, and mother completed self-reports Cortisol in saliva was also measured from both mother and infants.	Findings and Conclusions: Maternal depression during the postpartum year disrupts the development of infant emotion regulation. These results suggest that these children have diminished social synchrony and low differentiation of attachment and nonattachment.	Limitations of Findings: All infants were raised in a two-parent environment Anxiety levels were not measured during pregnancy Effects of depression and anxiety were examined separately Fathers were not taken into consideration for development The sample focused on mothers with high and low depressive symptoms at each point and time The study tested infants affect and

						regulation to joy and anger Paradigms for mother and stranger were as identical as possible.
2. Alici-Evcimen, Y., & Sudak, D. M. (2003). Postpartum depression. <i>Primary Care Update for OB/GYNS</i> , 10(5), 210. https://doi.org/10.10 16/S1068-607X(03) 00052-0 PDF: https://reader.elsevier.com/reader/sd/pii/S1068607X030005 20?token=D741AF EE3BF2906192B16 937068A00830A20 426CB1AEF31963 23A0B251BF722B B78C4F489EC478 CF78A8012827DF 906F	Purpose statement: Obstetricians must be familiar with the diagnosis and treatment of postpartum depression because of its significant impact on mother-baby relationships, if untreated adverse symptoms such as cognitive, emotional, and social development of the child in addition to impaired mother-infant bonding. Research question: What should clinicians be assessing in mother-infant cases of PPD?	Frame work: N/A	Design: Research Site: Drexel University College of Medicine, Department of Psychiatry, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, USA Sampling method: N/A Sample size: N/A	Variable and measurement instrument: Used the Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale [EPDS], the Beck Depression Inventory, the General Health Questionnaire, and the Anxiety and Depression Scale	Findings and Conclusions: One episode of PPD increases risk of recurrence by 25% with future deliveries. Therapy after delivery should be considered if any previous episodes of depression are relevant. Psychiatric referral should be made in those who are experiencing significant suicidal or infanticidal symptoms.	Limitations of Findings: The study tested primarily focused on how doctors were the initial lead for starting treatment for PPD Fathers were not taken into account in this study No specifics were included in diagnosing PPD; just how to treat PPD
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4. Jones, D.,	Purpose	Frame	Design:	Variable and	Findings and	Limitation of
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Leger, L. D. (2019).				instrument:		
Predictors of Infant	Postpartum	N/A	Site: New		The study indicates	Bigger study
Care Competence	depression is		Brunswick,	N/A	the children scoring	sample size, study
Among Mothers	linked to		Canada		below the 50th	limited to specific
With Postpartum	decreased				percentile (median)	location.
Depression. Clinical	quality		Sampling		versus at or above	
Medicine Insights:	mother-infant		Method:		the 50th percentile	
Reproductive	interactions and		Quasi-experi		on the child	
Health, 13, N.PAG.	long-term		mental study		development	
https://doi.org/10.11	negative		of a		measures of gross	
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	behavior and		support		personal-social skills	
PDF:	health. Infant		intervention		are perceived by	
https://journals.sage	care		for mothers		their mothers to be	
pub.com/doi/pdf/10.	competence		with PPD		significantly	
1177/11795581198	may be reduced				diminished with	
<u>34910</u>	by postpartum		Sample Size:		regard to the	
	depression and		Sample of 55		responsiveness	
	other maternal		women and		subscale of the ICQ.	
	or		their			
	environmental		offspring.		Mothers with	
	variables. This		Mothers		depression were	
	study explains		ranging from		observed to be more	
	the factors that		age 16-45		intrusive and less	
	contribute to				sensitive in	
	perceived				maternal-infant	
	infant care				interactions	
	competence				Depression scores	
	among mothers				negatively affect	
	with				bonding and	
	postpartum				parenting	
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	Research				severity was not	
	Question:				mentioned.	
	Dradioters of					
	Predictors of					
	Infant Care					
	Competence					
	Among					
	Mothers With					
	PostPartum					
	Depression					

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6. Buckingham-Howe s, S., Oberlander, S. E., Wang, Y., & Black, M. M. (2017). Early maternal depressive	Purpose Statement: This study examines potential mechanisms	Frame work: N/A	Design: Longitudinal randomized controlled Site: United States	Variable and measurement instrument: Self reported depressive symptoms on	Findings and Conclusions: High depressive symptoms trajectories are marginally	Limitations of Findings: Eligibility requirements for this study had to be adolescent

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symptom trajectories: Associations with 7-year maternal depressive symptoms and child behavior. Journal of Family Psychology, 31(4), 387-397. http://dx.doi.org/10.1037/fam0000242 PDF: https://psycnet.apa.org/fulltext/2016-44 088-001.pdf	linking maternal depressive symptoms over two years and child behavior problems. Research Question: What are potential mechanisms the mechanisms that depressive symptoms are in relation to childhood disobedience?		Sampling Method: Recruited at delivery Sample Size: 118	the Beck Depression Inventory (BDI) by the mothers. Latent growth curve modeling	associated with lower parental nurturance that is significantly correlated with negative child affect in toddlerhood. This finding is not associated with parental control or child competence.	mothers under the age of 18, African American, low income and coresidence with the grandmother (Very specific population)
7. Fisher, S. D., Brock, R. L., O'Hara, M. W., Kopelman, R., & Stuart, S. (2015). Longitudinal contribution of maternal and paternal depression to toddler behaviors: Interparental conflict and later depression as mediators. Couple and Family Psychology: Research and Practice, 4(2), 61-73. http://dx.doi.org.ezp roxy.uakron.edu:20	Purpose Statement: The purpose of this study was to extend previous research by examining the effects of maternal and paternal postpartum depression on child behaviors, and also to explore the potential roles of later depression and interparental conflict	Frame work: N/A	Design: Longitudinal Site: University of Iowa Sampling Method: Longitudinal assessments Sample Size: 199 couples	Variable and measurement instrument: Couples participated in a previous study conducted during the postpartum period and then the child was reassessed at 45 months of age. The "postpartum assessment" and the "toddlerhood assessment" were both used	Findings and Conclusions: Parental depression during toddlerhood was associated with children's internalizing and externalizing of behaviors. Clinical implications include the need for pediatricians to routinely implement parental screening practices when depression is detected.	Limitations of Findings: Target children were around 45 months of age. Focuses on both maternal and paternal postpartum depression.

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PDF: https://psycnet.apa. org/fulltext/2015-09 322-001.pdf Research Question: How does postpartum paternal depression impact toddlerhood (45 months) behaviors?			to compare the relation between paternal postpartum depression and toddler behaviors at 45 months.		
8. Prenoveau, J. M., Craske, M. G., West, V., Giannakakis, A., Zioga, M., Lehtonen, A., Stein, A. (2017). Maternal postnatal depression and anxiety and their association with child emotional negativity and behavior problems at two years. Developmental Psychology, 53(1), 50-62. http://dx.doi.org.ezp roxy.uakron.edu:20 48/10.1037/dev000 0221 PDF: https://psycnet.apa. org/fulltext/2016-61 509-004.pdf Purpose Statement: This study examined the role of postnatal role disorder (MDD) and postnatal generalized anxiety disorder (GA symptoms ha an impact on behavioral an emotional function of the child at two years. Research Question: What is the role of postnatal role of major depressive disorder (GA and major depressive disorder (GA and major depressive disorder(MD	aD) ave and he	Design: Longitudinal Site: Oxfordshire Sampling Method: Random selection of mothers who scored low on the screening questionnaire. Sample Size: 2200, 296 were included in the final sample	Variable and measurement instrument: Maternal symptoms were assessed by questionnaires (GAD-Q, CBLC, ECBQ) and a structured interview Child emotional negativity and behavior were assessed by using questionnaires and direct observation.	Findings and Conclusions: This study found that persistent maternal anxiety and depressive symptoms during the first two years postpartum was related to reports of poorer behavior and emotional negativity in their 24-month-old children Persistent maternal depression independently predicted total child problems and frustration after accounting for persistent maternal anxiety.	Limitations of Findings: Focused on generalized anxiety disorder and major depressive disorder. To be eligible, mothers had to be 18 years or older, speak English, live within 35 miles of Oxford, have no life-threatening medical conditions, and plan to be the primary caregiver. Infants had to be delivered over 35 weeks gestation, weighing over 2,000 g, and with no life-threatening medical complications

	postpartum period, in the development of behavioral and emotional behaviors in children of two years of age?					
9. Granat, A., Gadassi, R., Gilboa-Schechtman , E., & Feldman, R. (2017). Maternal depression and anxiety, social synchrony, and infant regulation of negative and positive emotions. Emotion, 17(1), 11-27. http://dx.doi.org.ezp roxy.uakron.edu:20 48/10.1037/emo000 0204 PDF: https://psycnet.apa. org/fulltext/2016-35 882-001.pdf	Purpose Statement: This study followed a low-risk birth cohort to visualize the effects of maternal depressive mood in an infant's first year and the infant's ability to manage negative and positive emotional moments with the mother or stranger. Research Question: How does a maternal depressive mood impact an infant's ability to manage emotions with a mother and/or stranger?	Frame work: N/A	Design: Extreme Site: **** Sampling Method: Used mothers at the upper and lower levels of depressive symptoms Sample Size: 971, final sample of 100 mother child pairs	Variable and measurement instrument: Infant negative and positive emotions were tested with 4 emotional paradigms including: anger with mother, anger with stranger, joy with mother and joy with a stranger. Mothers completed BDIs to assess for depressive symptoms	Findings and Conclusions: Findings describe subtle processes by which maternal depression across the postpartum year disrupts the development of infant emotion regulation. Suggest that diminished social synchrony, low differentiation of attachment and nonattachment, and increased self-regulation during positive moments may chart pathways for the transfer of emotional maladjustment from depressed mothers to their infants.	Limitations of Findings: Included a group of clinically anxious mothers(children of anxious parents are 3.5 times more likely to develop an anxiety disorder)

10. Abdollahi, F.,	Purpose	Frame	Design:	Variable and	Findings and	Limitations of
Rezai Abhari, F., &	Statement:	work:	Longitudinal	measurement	Conclusions:	Findings:
Zarghami, M.			cohort study	instrument:		
(2017). Postpartum	This study	N/A			The women with	Included mothers
Depression Effect	examined the		Site:	EPDS is the	PPD only or both	who had
on Child Health and	relative		Mazaddaran,	most common	PPD and four years	depression before
Development. Acta	significance of		Iran	screening	after delivery	becoming a
Medica Iranica,	maternal PPD		C1'	instrument for	depression were less	mother.
<i>55</i> (2), 109-114.	in children's		Sampling	measuring PPD.	likely to breastfeed	C-1t1
Retrieved from	developmental		Method:	It is a 10-item	their baby compared	Cultural
http://acta.tums.ac.i	disabilities at		Assessed for	Likert scale.	with the ones	differences were
r/index.php/acta/arti	age four.		depression	The mother	without depression.	not taken into
cle/view/5665	Dagaanah		from two to twelve	selects one of	The women with	consideration.
https://www.ncbi.nl	Research			four possible		
m.nih.gov/pubmed/	Question:		postpartum	responses ("no,	PPD only	
<u>28282707</u>	Is there a		weeks using the Edinburgh	not at all" to	significantly had more children	
DDE	relationship		Postnatal	"yes, quite	suffering from	
PDF:	between PPD		Depression	often")	developmental	
file:///C:/Users/broo	mothers and		Scale. Once	according to her	disabilities. That of	
k/Downloads/5665-	the		the children	feeling within	ASQ including gross	
Article%20Text-84 07-1-10-20170219.	development of		were	the past seven	motor and	
	their children at		4-years-old,	days.	personal-social	
pdf	age four?		those	ASQ is a child	domain. The mothers	
			women's	developmental	experiencing current	
			PHCs charts	screening	depression or both	
			were reviewed	instrument.	PPD and current	
			in order to	This	depression were	
			identify the	questionnaire	more likely to have a	
			qualified cases	encompasses	child with	
			for the present	six items in five	developmental	
			study.	developmental	disabilities in most	
				domains: fine	domains of ASQ.	
			Sample Size:	motor,	Which include fine	
			801	problem-solvin	motor,	
			non-depressed	g,	communication,	
			pregnant	communication,	gross motor and	
			women	gross motor,	personal-social) after	
			attending	and	four years of birth.	
			primary health	personal-social.		
			centers	This self-report		
			(PHCs).	tool designed to		
				be completed		
				by 4-6		
				month-old		
				children's		
				parents and		
				parents and		

				caregivers, and take the least amount of time.		
11. Meiser, S., Zietlow, AL., Reck, C., & Träuble, B. (2015). The impact of postpartum depression and anxiety disorders on children's processing of facial emotional expressions at preschool age. Archives Of Women's Mental Health, 18(5), 707–716. https://doi.org/10.10 07/s00737-015-051 9-y PDF: http://web.a.ebscoh ost.com/ehost/pdfvi ewer/pdfviewer?vid =12&sid=04dbd709 -efe1-4676-8a28-be 365d29003a%40sdc -v-sessmgr02	Purpose Statement: To enhance the understanding of social and emotional development in children whose mothers are diagnosed with PPD. Research Question: Whether maternal postpartum depression and anxiety disorders results in deficits of children's processing of facial emotional expression at preschool age.	Frame work: N/A	Design: Longitudinal Site: Middle-sized town in southern Germany Sampling Method: Mothers who fulfilled the criteria for postpartum depression according to the DSM-V. Sample Size: 32	Variable and measurement instrument: SCID-I- tool used to select mothers who frt the proper criteria of postpartum depression according to the DSM-V FEE processing-Tool used to measure the children's recognition of basic emotions. SETK 3-5- This was the tool used to measure receptive and productive verbal and auditory abilities.	Findings and Conclusions: This study found that children with mothers diagnosed with postpartum depression were significantly worse at processing and labeling different facial emotional expressions. Maternal postpartum depression was able to predict the score on the FEE scale, however the current state of the mother's mental health had no impact on the child's score. It may be likely that the lower emotional labeling performance indicates specific difficulties in verbal expression relating to emotions.	Limitations of Findings: The data collected for this study was longitudinal, the data was collected between 2004 and 2011. The standards for the DSM-V may have changed since then. The control group contained more boys than girls, so gender was considered a controlled variable.

12. Tuovinen, S., Lahti, P. M., Girchenko, P., Lipsanen, J., Lahti, J., Heinonen, K., Pesonen, AK. (2018). Maternal depressive symptoms during and after pregnancy and child developmental milestones. Depression & Anxiety (1091-4269), 35(8), 732-741. https://doi.org/10.10 02/da.22756 PDF: http://web.a.ebscoh ost.com/ehost/pdfvi ewer/pdfviewer?vid =27&sid=04dbd709 -efe1-4676-8a28-be 365d29003a%40sdc -v-sessmgr02	Purpose Statement: Tested whether maternal depressive symptoms, tested biweekly would have an impact on childhood developmental milestones. Research Question: Do maternal depressive behaviors have an impact on the development and reaching of childhood milestones?	Frame work: N/A	Design: Longitudinal Site: Southern and Eatern Finland Sampling Method: Recruitment Sample Size: 2667	Variable and measurement instrument: CES-D- This was used to measure depressive symptoms in the mother, used with BDI-2 to further pinpoint depressive symptoms. ASQ Third edition- This tool was used to screen the children in a developmental assessment.	Findings and Conclusions: Maternal depressive symptoms during pregnancy, postpartum, and in early childhood each predicted lower child developmental milestone scores. These findings verify previous other fisings in that maternal depressive symptoms carry adverse neurodevelopmental consequences on children.	Limitations of Findings: The sample size was very big and a large percentage of this study dropped out before reaching the final point of screening the child for adverse effects. The mother featured in this study had many comorbidities in relation to postpartum depression. These comorbidities included obesity, diabetes and smoking during or before pregnancy.
13. Priel, A., Zeev-Wolf, M., Djalovski, A., & Feldman, R. (2019). Maternal depression impairs child emotion understanding and executive functions: The role of dysregulated maternal care across the first decade of life. Emotion. Advance online publication. http://dx.doi.org.ezp	Purpose Statement: To test the long term effects of postpartum depression and see how they impact cognitive, social, and emotional development.	Frame work: N/A	Design: Longitudinal Site: Center for Developmenta 1 Social Neuroscience, Israel Sampling method: The study recruited a large community of women with	Variable and measurement instrument: The Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, fourth edition (DSM–IV) Axis I Disorders (SCID-I). The Development and Well-Being Assessment (DAWBA). The	Findings and Conclusions: The study found that children exposed to post partum depression in mothers had lower levels of development. A mothers care to their child was mediated by the child's disorder and the mothers depression.	Limitations of Findings: As long term-effects of maternal depression were observed, other findings need replication in higher risk samples. Omission of fathers.

roxy.uakron.edu:20 48/10.1037/emo000 0614 PDF: https://psycnet-apa- org.ezproxy.uakron. edu:2443/fulltext/20 19-34214-001.pdf	Research Question: Does maternal depression impair child emotion and executive functioning?	no contextual risk and followed a select sample of mothers with postpartum depression across the first decade of the child's life. The study observed mother and child interactions in the home throughout the first years of life for multiple theoretically based patterns of maternal care that facilitate regulation. Sample size: 53	Coding Interactive Behavior Manual. The computerized Cambridge Neuropsycholo gical Testing Automated Battery (CANTAB, Cambridge Cognition, Cambridge, U.K.)		Additional executive tasks. Sample size was not large enough to separate children and should use larger sampling sizes in the future. Married couples.
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14. Letourneau, N.	Purpose	Frame	Design: Cross	Variable and	Findings and	Limitations of
L., Dennis, CL.,	Statement:	work:	-Sectional	measurement	Conclusions:	Findings:
Benzies, K.,				instrument:		
Duffett-Leger, L.,	To present	N/A	Site: Canada		In a case of nine	Limited research
Stewart, M.,	research on the			The Edinburgh	studies PPD	kept from
Tryphonopoulos, P.	effects of		Sampling	Postnatal	produced a	concluding
D., Watson, W.	postpartum		Method:	Depression	significant negative	suspected causes
(2012). Postpartum	depression		Using a	Scale (EPDS) is	effect on children's	of PPD
depression is a	(PPD) on		screening tool,	a brief 10-	emotional	
family affair:	mothers,		mothers are	question	development. Rates	Mothers coming
Addressing the	fathers, and		surveyed on	self-report	of psychiatric	into this study had
impact on mothers,	children that		their mood	survey that	disorders among	already previously
fathers, and	point to a		over the past 7	reflects mood	children of depressed	experienced PPD
children. Issues in	re-conceptualiz		days. If they	over the past	parents are two to	
Mental Health	ation of PPD as		score between	seven days, and	five times above	
Nursing, 33(7),	a mental health		a 9 or 12, they	is the only	normal rates. Two	
445–457.	condition that		are taken in	screening tool	studies showed that	
https://doi-org.ezpr	affects the		for treatment	normed for the	70–80% of infants of	
oxy.uakron.edu:244	whole family		and an	identifica- tion	depressed mothers	
3/10.3109/0161284			additional	of PPD in both	were securely	
0.2012.673054	Research		screening	mothers and	attached versus	
	Question:		process	fathers. A score	18–20% of	
PDF:	T 1 .			greater than six	non-depressed	
https://www-tandfo	In what ways		Sample Size:	on the EPDS is	mothers. Avoidant	
nline-com.ezproxy.	does PPD		N/A	suggestive of	attachment was	
uakron.edu:2443/do	affect mother,			symptoms of	observed in	
<u>i/pdf/10.3109/0161</u>	father, and			PPD in fathers.	12-month and	
2840.2012.673054	baby as a			The EPDS is	18-month old infants	
	whole family?			effective in	of mothers who had	
				rapidly identify-	PPD. Infants with	
				ing suicidal	mothers who have	
				ideations.	PPD also showed	
					reduced affective	
					sharing, sociability	
					to strangers, and	
					responsiveness in	
					interactions.	
					*More cuteurs	
					*More extensive	
					findings in conclusion	
					CONCIUSION	

15. Mason, Z. S., Briggs, R. D., & Silver, E. J. (2011). Maternal attachment feelings mediate between maternal reports of depression, infant social–emotional development, and parenting stress. Journal of Reproductive & Infant Psychology, 29(4), 382–394. https://doi-org.ezpr oxy.uakron.edu:244 3/10.1080/0264683 8.2011.629994 PDF: http://web.a.ebscoh ost.com.ezproxy.ua kron.edu:2048/ehos t/pdfviewer/pdfview er?vid=9&sid=44c9 e396-5af2-4aa9-a95 f-118c08a9379f%4 Osdc-v-sessmgr02	Purpose Statement: To examine whether having a positive maternal post- partum depression screening correlated with maternal report of poorer infant social—emotion al development and more negative maternal report of parent—child interaction, and whether scores on a measure of maternal feelings of attachment influenced this relationship Research Question: Are moms with positive postpartum depression screenings causing a negative social-emotion al development through attachment in their	Frame work: N/A	Design: Longitudinal study Site: Bronx, New York, USA Sample Method: Participants were recruited from two primary care centres in the Bronx, New York, USA. Participants were English speaking, first-time mothers in at least the seventh month of pregnancy at the time of recruitment. Sample Size: 450 total mothers were enrolled, with 284 mother—child pairs participating through the 2-month assessment, and 232 participating through the	Variable and measurement instrument: The study used 4 different scales of measurement. The first was the Edinburgh Postpartum Depression Scale (EPDS). The second was the Maternal Postnatal Attachment Scale (MPAS). The third was the Ages and Stages Questionnaires: Social-Emotion al (ASQ:SE). And the last was the Parent-Child Dysfunctional Interaction (P-CDI).	Findings and Conclusions: The findings revealed that PPD had negative associations on both ASQ:SE and P-CDI scores. And that these negative relationships were mediated by the mothers' feelings of attachment to their infants. Maternal PPD leads to poorer maternal feelings of attachment to the child, and poor maternal feelings of attachment in turn relates to less positive child social—emotional development outcomes.	Limitations of Findings: Some demographic and methodological limitations to the current study A limitation of the instruments used A limitation of the use of self-report questionnaires presents a further limitation as there is a risk that participants may answer in ways that they feel are more socially desirable or that participants lack insight into their own functioning. Furthermore, the presence of depression may have a distorting effect on maternal reports about their infants, resulting in a more negative assessment than might be arrived at by someone else

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	newborns/child		6-month			
	ren?		assessment			
16. Smith-Nielsen,	Purpose	Frame	Design:	Variable and	Findings and	Limitations of
J., Tharner, A.,	Statement:	work:	Longitudinal	Measurement	Conclusions:	Findings:
Steele, H., Cordes,			study	instrument:		
K., Mehlhase, H., &	Personality	N/A	conducted		Postpartum	Self reported
Vaever, M. S.	disorders may		during	Self reported	depression was	depressive
(2016). Postpartum	have an impact		pregnancy or	symptoms of	associated with	symptoms.
depression and	on security		during the	depression.	attachment security	
infant-mother	attachment in		eight weeks		only if the mother	All assessments
attachment security	children whose		postpartum.	Used the	also had a	were taken place
at one year: The	mothers have			Strange	personality disorder.	in a research lab
impact of	postpartum		Site:	Situation		setting which
co-morbid maternal	depression.		Copenhagen,	Procedure	Coexisting	might have
personality			Denmark	(SSP) to assess	personality disorders	impacted a child's
disorders. Infant	Research			attachment at	may be essential in	reaction to a
Behavior &	Question:		Sample Size:	13months	understanding how	stranger in the first
Development, 44,	_		29 PPD	between the	postpartum	place. The change
148–158.	Does		mothers and	mothers and the	depression impact	in environment
https://doi.org/10.10	personality		59	children.	infant social and	may have
16/j.infbeh.2016.06.	disorders have		non-clinical	DOLLI	emotional	increased the want
<u>002</u>	an additional		mothers.	DSM-V was	development.	for maternal
	impact on			used to define	G. 11	attachment
PDF:	children with		Sample Site:	clear symptoms	Stable and	
https://reader.elsevi	maternal		All	of postpartum	underlying factors	This study took
er.com/reader/sd/pii	postpartum		assessments	depression in	like personality	place outside of
/S01636383153015	depression?		were	selection of the	disorder may	the United States
08?token=41F3E93			conducted at	candidate for	magnify or buffer the	so the stigma
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<u>0728B24708844285</u>			unit		postpartum	postpartum
2C5312895C44E35					depression in relation to infant	depression may differ.
B4DECEF744E36A						anner.
<u>0DE78D906728C4</u>					development.	
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17. Perkins Jr., C. (2009). Postpartum Depression Shown to Negatively Affect Infant Social and Emotional Development. Primary Psychiatry, 16(10), 13. Retrieved from http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=a9h&AN=45266891&site=ehost-live PDF: http://web.a.ebscohost.com/ehost/pdfviewer/pdfviewer?vid=26&sid=91914f65-17cb-4f26-90ab-8888dc7f7f8a%40sdc-v-sessmgr02	Purpose Statement: To better understand the effects of maternal depression on the infant, this early period of shown to be a key component in development. Research Question: How is postpartum depression impacting infant social development?	Frame work: N/A	Design: Longitudinal Site: Bar-Ilan University in Israel Sample Size: 100 mothers, some diagnosed with anxiety of Major Depressive Disorder (MDD) Sample Site: Mothers were selected at hospitals when they fit the requirements and were	Variable and Measurement Instrument: DSM-V to identify mothers with Major Depressive Disorder and anxiety disorders Fear paradigm to assess emotion regulation. Cortisol levels were assessed during stress reactivity situations.	Findings and Conclusions: Infants with mothers diagnosed with MDD, scored the lowest on infant developmental outcomes at 9 months of age. They had the lowest social engagement, more negative emotions, less regulatory behaviors and more cortisol in stress reactivity situations. Infants of mothers with anxiety were shown to have similar reactions as children with mothers with MDD, but these children	Limitations of Findings: This study took place out of the United States, and the stigma surrounding mental illness may differ in Israel. All of the observations and experiments were conducted in the home of the infant, and this may impact the infants reactions. Many of the mother were already diagnosed with MDD before the study so this may impact the
88dc7f7f8a%40sdc-	infant social		the requirements	1	children with mothers with MDD,	already diagnosed with MDD before

18. Earls, M. F.,	Purpose	Frame	Design:	Variable and	Findings and	Limitations of
Mattson, G.,	Statement:	work:	Experimental	Measurement	Conclusions:	Findings:
Rafferty, J.,				Instrument:		
Yogman, M. W.	To demonstrate	N/A	Site: America		There is strong	The article did not
(2019).	different		(nationally)	A variety of	evidence that	go into detail on
Incorporating	screening			interventions	parental, particularly	the specific
Recognition and	techniques		Sample Size:	have revealed	maternal, depression	sample size used.
Management of	during		N/A	some success in	during pregnancy	
Perinatal	pregnancy and		Comple Sites	preventing	and the first year	
Depression into	during		Sample Site: Mothers were	postpartum	after childbirth	
Pediatric Practice.	post-partum in			depression.	(perinatal	
American Academy	hopes to see a		screened with	Delivery room	depression) has	
of Pediatrics, 143.	decrease in		the different	companions.	profound negative	
Retrieved from	mother and		interventions		consequences on the	
https://pediatrics-aa	baby from the		during	Visitation	well-being of women	
ppublications-org.e	negative effects		pre-partum	programs with	and infants,	
zproxy.uakron.edu:	of depression.		doctors visits	nursing	including family	
2443/content/143/1/	_		and	interventions,	dysfunction,	
<u>e20183260.full</u>	Research		postpartum	including	disruption of critical	
	Question:		doctors visits.	cognitive	infant brain	
PDF:	11			behavioral	development,	
https://pediatrics-aa	How can more			therapy (CBT).	cessation of	
ppublications-org.e	prevented			D (: 1	breastfeeding, and	
zproxy.uakron.edu:	screening of			Practical	increased health care	
2443/content/pediat	perinatal			Resources for	use, and may place	
rics/143/1/e201832	depression			Effective	the child at increased	
60.full.pdf	lower the risks			Postpartum	risk for future	
	of negative			Parenting	anxiety and	
	outcomes for			(PREPP).	depression. A	
	the mother and			PREPP is	growing body of	
	baby during			aimed at	research shows that	
	postpartum?			promoting the	fathers are also at	
				infant's sleep	increased risk of	
				while reducing	perinatal depression,	
				fussing and/or	which can magnify	
				crying. This is	the adverse effects	
				achieved	on an infant's	
				through	social-emotional	
				integrating	development.	
				evidence-based	_	
				caregiving	It also revealed that	
				techniques,	the absence of	
1				traditional	reciprocal	
				psychotherapy	interactions can have	
				approaches,	emotional	
				psychoeducatio	consequences,	
				n, and	including distress	

				mindfulness meditation through a training program for at-risk women.	and withdrawal. This basic understanding of early emotional states combined with attachment research has given rise to transactional or social relational models of development.	
19. Junge, C., Garthus-Niegel, S., Slinning, K., Polte, C., Simonsen, T., & Eberhard-Gran, M. (2017). The Impact of Perinatal Depression on Children's Social-Emotional Development: A Longitudinal Study. Maternal & Child Health Journal, 21(3), 607–615. https://doi.org/10.10 07/s10995-016-214 6-2 PDF: http://web.a.ebscoh ost.com/ehost/pdfvi ewer/pdfviewer?vid =10&sid=6fe4445e-ebc2-4e20-9619-45 e86bea631e%40ses sionmgr4008	Purpose Statement: To investigate if maternal depression at different time points during the perinatal period impacts the child's social-emotion al development up to two years of age. Research Question: How does maternal depression during the perinatal periods impact children's social emotional development up to two years of age?	Frame work: N/A	Design: Longitudinal population study Site: Akershus University Hospital in Norway Sample Size: 1235 Sample Site: Akershus University Hospitals	Variable and Measurement Instrument: Maternal depressive symptoms were measured using the Edinburgh Postnatal Depression scale, at eight weeks and two years postpartum. Children's social-emotiona I development was assessed with the Ages and Stages Questionnaire.	Findings and Conclusions: Social-Emotional problems in the child two years of age were strongly associated with maternal depression at 8 weeks postpartum and two years postpartum. Both pre and postnatal depression have unique impacts on children's social-emotional development.	Limitations of Findings: This study was conducted outside of the United States which may cause a difference in how acceptable postpartum and other maternal depressions are.

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