



## Causes of post-partum collapse

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- Haemorrhage (atony, retained placenta, trauma, inversion etc)
- Amniotic fluid embolism (high mortality – 100% oxygen; fluids; inotrophs; blood products to correct coagulation)
- PE
- Septic shock
- Eclampsia (also magnesium toxicity – monitor RR and reflexes - 10mls of 10% calcium gluconate over 10 minutes)
- Anaphylaxis (0.5ml of adrenaline 1:1000, antihistamine, hydrocortisone, fluids)
- Puerperal cardiomyopathy (diuretics, inotrophs, ACE inhibitors; cardiac transplantation)
- Aortic dissection
- MI
- Arrhythmias
- Hypoglycaemia
- CVA