



## Motherhood and Postnatal Depression

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Condition: New. Publisher/Verlag: Springer Netherlands | Narratives of Women and Their Partners | Postnatal depression affects up to 15 per cent of mothers in Western society. Rather than choosing between biomedical and psychosocial causal factors, this book argues for better emotional support for mothers and relates the experiences of their partners. | Globally, postnatal depression (PND) is a growing public health problem. PND affects 10 to 15% of women in Western society. It caused by a combination of biological, psychological and social factors. Two models have attempted to define and explain PND; the biomedical and the sociological models. The traditional biomedical model views PND as a medical condition which implies there is individual pathology and abnormality. Whilst the biomedical model has been the dominant model in treating PND, it has been criticized by feminist sociologists and psychologists for its rigidity in defining and explaining PND. In contrast, the psychosocial model of health acknowledges the biological factors that impact on emotional well-being, but places more emphasis on the personal and social factors that contribute to depressive symptoms such as gender, poverty, social disadvantage and social class....



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