

SHEEHAN'S SYNDROME

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ABSTRACT

Sheehan's syndrome is a condition that can occur in a woman due to severe hypotension or shock caused by massive haemorrhage during or after delivery and results in hypopituitarism. It may be rarely seen without massive bleeding or after normal delivery. Enlargement of pituitary gland, small sella size, disseminated intravascular coagulation and autoimmunity have been suggested to play a role in the pathogenesis of Sheehan's syndrome in women who suffer from severe postpartum haemorrhage. Failure of postpartum lactation and failure to resume menses after delivery are the most common presenting symptoms. The outlook with early diagnosis and treatment is very important.

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