

- Pregnancy is associated with increased risk of infectious complications and sepsis remains among the top causes of maternal death worldwide.
- Despite the voluminous data on the infectious complications of pregnancy, the contemporary understanding of pregnancy-associated severe sepsis (PASS) is limited.
- Available reports indicate that PASS is a rare complication, but its incidence appears to be rising over the past decade.
- The early clinical manifestations of PASS can overlap normal pregnancy-related changes, with the site of infection often not readily apparent, while the clinical course can be rapidly fatal, requiring heightened clinician vigilance.
- The case fatality of PASS appears lower than that reported in the general population with severe sepsis, while the long-term outcomes among survivors remain unknown.

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