

DIAGNOSIS OF PULMONARY EMBOLISM IN PREGNANCY



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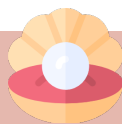
PE prevalence per 100,000 pregnancies

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cause of obstetric mortality

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relative risk of PE during postpartum 3 months (vs pregnancy)



CLINICAL PEARLS



Reproducible chest wall tenderness does **not** rule out PE



PE may **mimic consolidation** on chest X-ray



Consider **walk testing** to unmask underlying hypoxia



Given inadequate research to provide consistent workup recommendations, emphasis should be on

SHARED DECISION MAKING

EM CASES ALGORITHM

