SINGAPORE MEDICAL COUNCIL CATEGORY 3B CME PROGRAMME
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1. The mother-child dyad share an intimate biological, social and psychological relationship.

2. Infant social, emotional and neurological development is influenced by maternal emotional availability, maternal sensitivity and responsiveness to infant cues.

3. When exploring an unfamiliar situation, infants look to their parents’ responses and emotional expressions as guides in approaching or withdrawing from stimuli.

4. Mothers do not need to be perfect, just ‘good enough’ to provide a secure base for their children.

5. One in 100 mothers experience postpartum depression.

6. Mothers with depression can be less attuned to their infant’s needs, less responsive to infant cues, and display more negative, hostile or disengaged parenting behaviours.

7. Maternal depression affects an eight-year-old child as much as it does a six-month-old infant.

8. Children of mothers with persistent and severe depression are at increased risk of behavioural problems, depression in adolescence and stunted growth.

9. The mother of a child with autism spectrum disorder may display blunted maternal affect and delayed responses to the child’s cries. This is a normal response and not a red flag for dysfunction, considering the stress of caring for a child with special needs.

10. No intervention needs to be considered for the child of an adolescent mother who exhibits irritable behaviour and delayed developmental milestones.

11. Reduced child responsiveness to the mother, and restricted child growth and development are red flags that may suggest dysfunction in the mother-child dyad.

12. Socioeconomic circumstances such as low maternal education level, being a single mother or having had an unwanted pregnancy increase the risk of dysfunction in the mother-child dyad.

13. Medical circumstances such as maternal illness and child hearing/visual impairment increase the risk of dysfunction in the mother-child dyad.

14. The family physician can opportunistically identify at-risk mother-child dyads during scheduled well-child developmental assessments and the routine postnatal check.

15. It is inappropriate to assess for dysfunction in the mother-child dyad during ad-hoc consultations for acute illnesses; assessment is inaccurate when the child is sick and the mother stressed.

16. The Patient Health Questionnaire 2 screen for maternal depression is time-consuming and difficult to implement in a busy family practice.

17. Early identification and treatment of mothers with depression can lead to improved maternal and child outcomes.

18. The spouse, family and social network are important sources of support for mother-child dyads.

19. Subspecialist maternal mental health services are available in all restructured hospitals in Singapore.

20. If a mother declines a referral to specialist mental/emotional health services, the family physician can still offer simple tips and refer her to community support services.

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