Postpartum Depression Care Plan

Patient Information

Name:

Age:

Contact Details:

Emergency Contact Information:

Date of Childbirth:

Childbirth Complications (if any):

Symptoms:

Please describe the symptoms you are experiencing. Include details about your mood, energy levels, sleep patterns, appetite, and feelings towards the baby.

Screening and Diagnosis:

Your healthcare provider will use a standardized screening tool like the Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale (EPDS) to quantify symptoms.

Medical History:

Do you have a history of depression or other mental health issues? Is there a family history of mental health problems?

Medication:

Please list any current medications and their dosages. If antidepressants are prescribed, note your reactions to the medication here.

Therapy:

If you are undergoing therapy (like CBT or IPT), how frequent are the sessions? Please share any progress or concerns.

Self-Care:

Describe your daily routine, including diet, exercise, and sleep patterns.

Education:

Do you have any concerns or questions about postpartum depression, its symptoms, and treatment options?

Breastfeeding:

If you are breastfeeding, describe your routine and any difficulties you may be experiencing.

Support System:

Can you tell us about your support system? This could be your partner, family, friends, or other close individuals.

Follow-up:

Your healthcare provider will schedule regular follow-up appointments to monitor your condition.

Emergency Plan:

You and your healthcare provider should prepare an emergency plan if your symptoms worsen or you experience suicidal thoughts.

Additional Questions:

- 1. How has your mood been lately? Can you describe your highs and lows?
- 2. Have you been having difficulty bonding with your baby?
- 3. How are you coping with your new responsibilities as a mother?
- 4. How is your relationship with your partner or other family members?
- 5. Are you getting enough sleep? How is the quality of your sleep?
- 6. How is your appetite? Have you noticed any changes in your eating habits?
- 7. Are you experiencing any anxiety or panic attacks?
- 8. Have you been having any thoughts about hurting yourself or your baby?
- 9. What activities or hobbies used to bring you joy?

This document is intended to facilitate discussion between you and your healthcare provider and assist in developing a comprehensive and individualized care plan. It does not replace professional consultation.