

**RISK FACTORS AND ESPECIFIC
ETIOLOGIES (PPH)
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✓ **MANY RISK FACTORS FOR PPH HAVE BEEN REPORTED AND ARE OFTEN INTERDEPENDENT.**

ALTHOUGH THERE ARE **MANY KNOWN RISK FACTORS FOR PPH, KNOWLEDGE OF THESE RISK FACTORS IS NOT ALWAYS CLINICALLY USEFUL FOR PREVENTION OF HEMORRHAGE.**

IN A **STUDY INCLUDING OVER **154,000** DELIVERIES THAT COMPARED 666 CASES OF PPH WITH CONTROLS WITHOUT HEMORRHAGE**

FACTORS SIGNIFICANTLY ASSOCIATED WITH HEMORRHAGE WERE:

- RETAINED PLACENTA/MEMBRANES**
- FAILURE TO PROGRESS DURING THE SECOND STAGE OF LABOR**
- MORBIDLY ADHERENT PLACENTA**
- LACERATIONS**
- INSTRUMENTAL DELIVERY**
- LARGE FOR GESTATIONAL AGE(LGA) NEWBORN (EG, >4000 G)**
- HYPERTENSIVE DISORDERS**
- INDUCTION OF LABOR**
- PROLONGED **FIRIRST OR SECOND** STAGE OF LABOR**

✓ **IN A STUDY INCLUDING OVER 690,000 DELIVERIES, THE FOUR RISK FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE HIGHEST ODDS FOR PREDICTING THE NEED FOR MASSIVE TRANSFUSION (N = 406) DURING HOSPITALIZATION FOR DELIVERY WERE:**

- 1) ABNORMAL PLACENTATION (PLACENTA ACCRETA OR PREVIA)**
- 2) PLACENTAL ABRUPTION**
- 3) SEVERE PREECLAMPSIA**
- 4) INTRAUTERINE FETAL DEMISE**

✓ **OTHER PURPORTED RISK FACTORS INCLUDE:**

- **PERSONAL OR FAMILY HISTORY OF PREVIOUS PPH**
- **OBESITY,**
- **HIGH PARITY,**
- **ASIAN OR HISPANIC RACE,**
- **PRECIPITOUS LABOR,**
- **UTERINE OVERDISTENTION (EG, MULTIPLE GESTATION, POLYHYDRAMNIOS, MACROSOMIA),**
- **CHORIOAMNIONITIS,**
- **UTERINE INVERSION,**

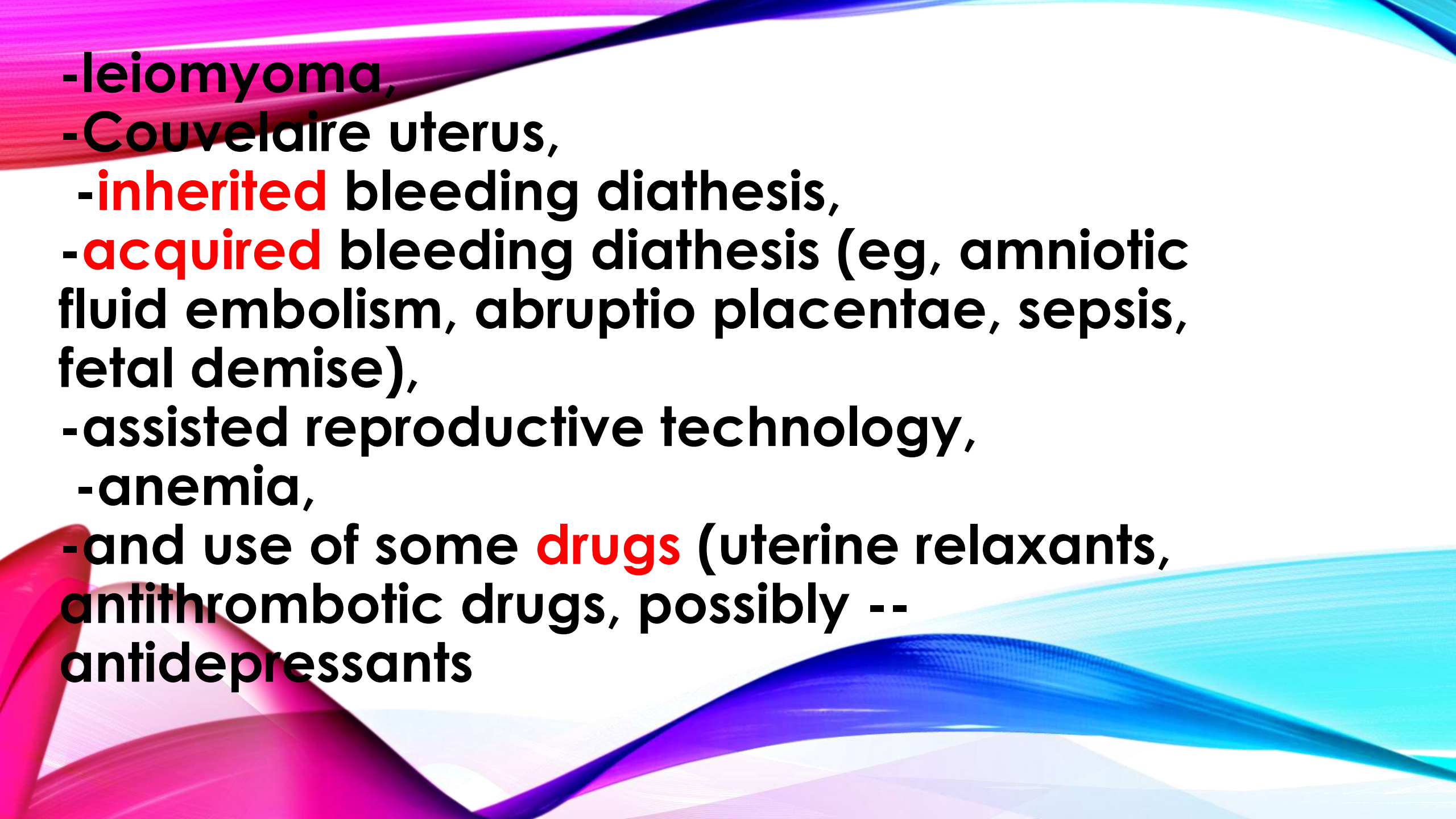
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- leiomyoma,
 - Couvella's uterus,
 - inherited** bleeding diathesis,
 - acquired** bleeding diathesis (eg, amniotic fluid embolism, abruptio placentae, sepsis, fetal demise),
 - assisted reproductive technology,
 - anemia,
 - and use of some **drugs** (uterine relaxants, antithrombotic drugs, possibly -- antidepressants)

TABLE 41-2. Obstetrical Hemorrhage: Causes, Predisposing Factors, and Vulnerable Patients

Abnormal Placentation

Placenta previa
Placental abruption
Morbidly adherent placenta
Ectopic pregnancy
Hydatidiform mole

Injuries to the Birth Canal

Episiotomy and lacerations
Forceps or vacuum delivery
Cesarean delivery or hysterectomy
Uterine rupture
Previously scarred uterus
High parity
Hyperstimulation
Obstructed labor
Intrauterine manipulation
Midforceps rotation
Breech extraction

Obstetrical Factors

Obesity
Previous postpartum hemorrhage
Early preterm pregnancy
Sepsis syndrome
Preeclampsia/eclampsia

Vulnerable Patients

Chronic renal insufficiency
Constitutionally small size

Uterine Atony

Uterine overdistention
Large fetus
Multiple fetuses
Hydramnios
Retained clots
Labor induction
Anesthesia or analgesia
Halogenated agents
Conduction analgesia with hypotension
Labor abnormalities
Rapid labor
Prolonged labor
Augmented labor
Chorioamnionitis
Previous uterine atony
Parity: primiparity, high parity

**Coagulation Defects—
Intensify Other Causes**

Massive transfusions
Placental abruption
Sepsis syndrome
Severe preeclampsia syndrome
Acute fatty liver
Anticoagulant treatment
Congenital coagulopathies
Amnionic fluid embolism
Prolonged retention of dead fetus
Saline-induced abortion

PLANNING Management of risk

— Women **with risk factors** for PPH should be identified and **counseled** as appropriate for their level of risk and gestational age

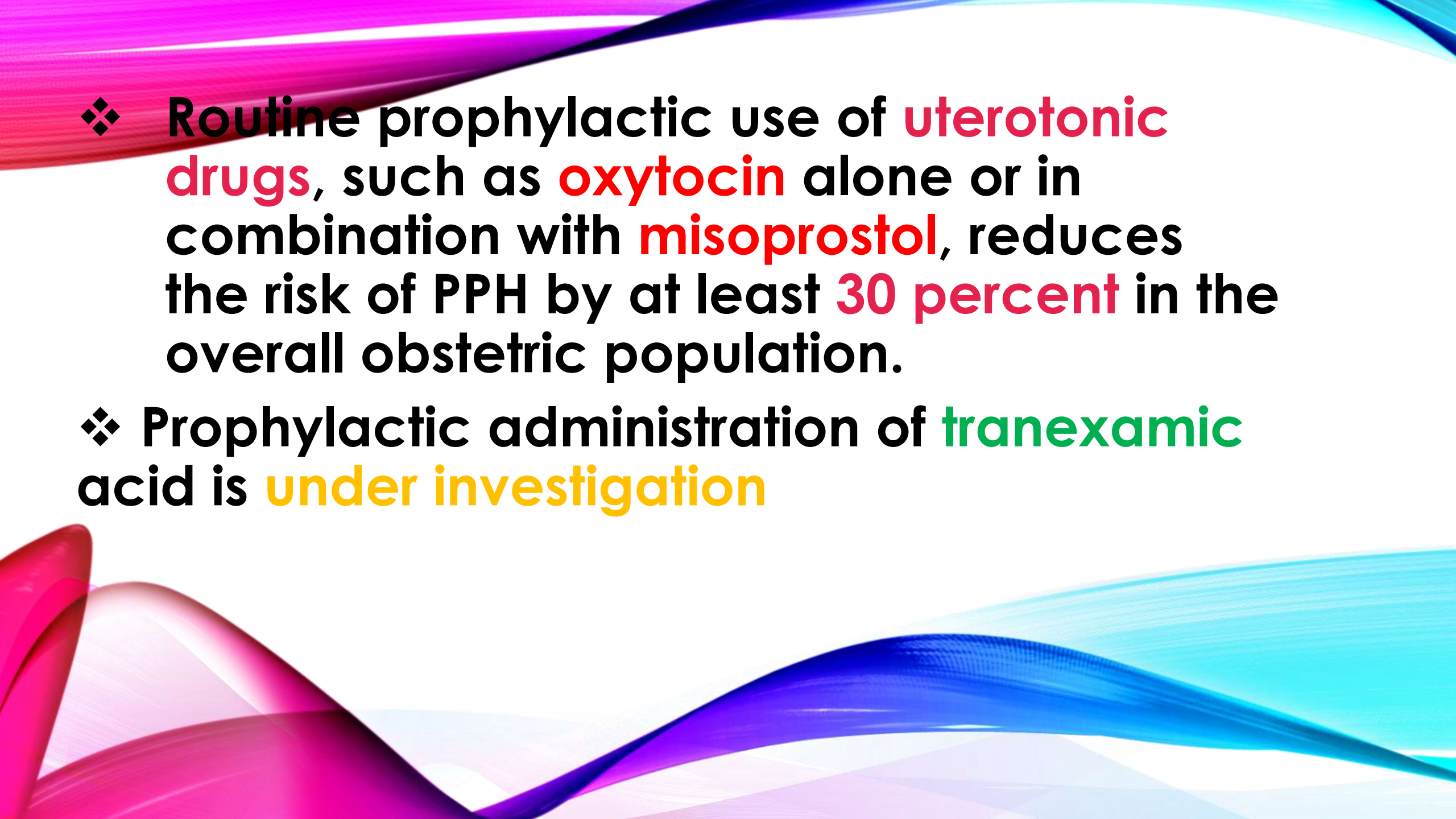
--Planning for these patients involves **ensuring availability** of **resources** that might be needed, including personnel, medication, equipment, adequate intravenous access, and blood products.

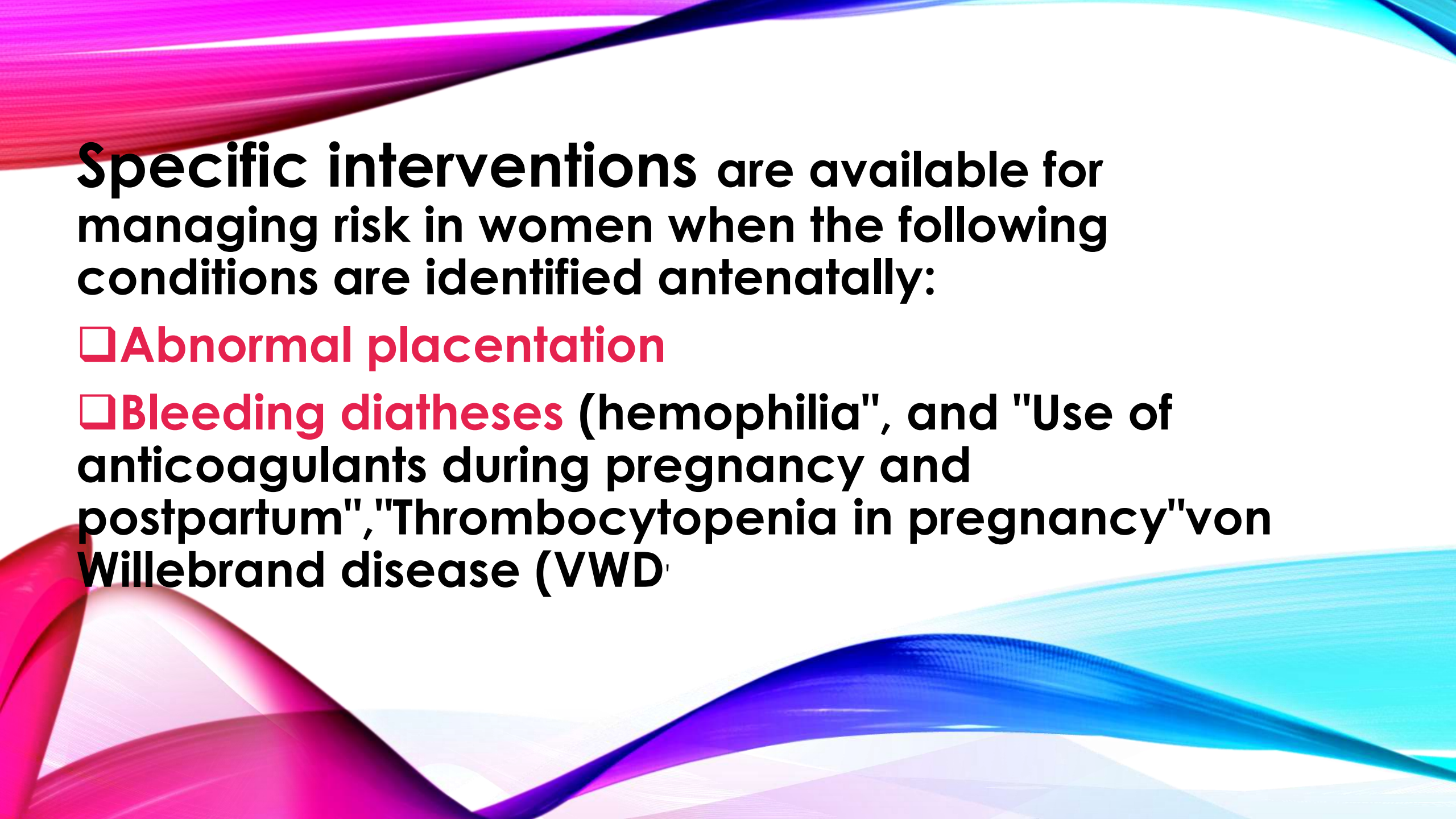
--The American College of Obstetricians recommends that women identified prenatally as **high risk for PPH** (eg, placenta accreta spectrum, prepregnancy body mass index >50, clinically significant bleeding disorder, or other surgical/medical high risk factor) **should plan** to be delivered in a **facility** that has an appropriate level of care for their needs

Intrapartum, **blood should** be typed and screened for women with a **medium risk factor** for PPH (eg, prior uterine surgery, multiple gestation, grand multiparity, prior PPH, large fibroids, macrosomia, body mass index >40, anemia, chorioamnionitis, prolonged second stage, oxytocin >24 hours, magnesium sulfate administration)

- **and typed and crossmatched** for those at **high risk** of PPH (eg, placental previa or accreta, bleeding diathesis, two or more medium risk factors for PPH).

-- Use of a **cell saver** (blood salvage) should be considered for women at increased risk of PPH, but is not **cost-effective** as a routine in all cesarean deliveries

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- ❖ Routine prophylactic use of **uterotonic drugs**, such as **oxytocin** alone or in combination with **misoprostol**, reduces the risk of PPH by at least **30 percent** in the overall obstetric population.
 - ❖ Prophylactic administration of **tranexamic acid** is **under investigation**



Specific interventions are available for managing risk in women when the following conditions are identified antenatally:

❑ Abnormal placentation

❑ Bleeding diatheses (hemophilia", and "Use of anticoagulants during pregnancy and postpartum", "Thrombocytopenia in pregnancy" von Willebrand disease (VWD)

✓ However, for most patients, **knowledge of risk factors** for PPH **is not useful** clinically because many women without risk factors experience PPH, and most **high-risk** women do **not experience** significant hemorrhage (risk of severe hemorrhage ranges from 2 to 7 percent).

✓ As an example, although the **California** obstetric hemorrhage quality improvement toolkit classifies patients as **low, medium, or high risk** for PPH, in a validation study, the incidence of severe PPH (ie, necessitating transfusion) in the three groups **was 0.8, 2.0, and 7.3 percent**, respectively, and only 22 percent of severe PPH cases occurred in the high-risk group .

The **California risk classification** scheme is as follows:

Low risk

- Singleton pregnancy
- ≤ 4 previous vaginal deliveries
- No previous uterine surgery
- No history of PPH
- No known bleeding disorder

Medium risk

- Prior uterine surgery
- > 4 previous vaginal deliveries
- Multiple gestation
- Large fibroids
- Chorioamnionitis
- History of PPH

High risk

- Morbidly **adherent placenta** or placenta previa or low lying placenta
- Hematocrit <30 percent and other risk factors
- Active bleeding (greater than show) at admission
- Known **coagulopathy**
- Platelet count <100,000

➤ Since hemorrhage may occur in **low-risk women**, a postdelivery management plan should always consider **not only the blood loss** at delivery, but also **any complications that may increase the risk of continued bleeding**.

➤ While evidence is lacking regarding the optimal approach to medium term postpartum management in women who have experienced PPH, it seems reasonable to **prolong** the duration of postpartum **oxytocin administration** when the cause was atony.

➤ In addition, monitoring the **CBC and coagulation** profile is advisable in any woman at risk for coagulopathy or symptomatic anemia from acute blood loss

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