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Abstract

Objective This study aims to determine the causes of sudden cardiac death during pregnancy and in the postpartum period and patients' characteristics.

There are few studies in the literature

Methods 80 cases of sudden unexpected death due to cardiac causes in relation to pregnancy and postpartum period in a database of 4678 patients were found and examined macroscopically and microscopically.

Results The mean age was 30 ± 7 years with a range from 16 to 43 years. 30% were 35 years old or older. 50% of deaths occurred during pregnancy and 50% during the postpartum period. 59.18% were obese or overweight where

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