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### Podcast The impact of COVID-19 on maternal mental health

In this podcast, Dr Liz Rose and Dr Mano Manoharan talk to CPDO Trainee Editor Dr Jennifer Powell about the effect the pandemic has had on the mental health of women in the perinatal period, highlighting recent case examples from a busy and diverse perinatal psychiatry service. **CPD credits: 0.5**

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