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For most women, reproductive years represent a happy and joyful period in their lives. However, pregnancy and postpartum are not without risks and complications that affect not only the livelihood of a young woman but her family as well. Specifically, pregnancy is a vulnerable period in a woman’s life, which can lead to significant morbidity and mortality. Imaging evaluation plays a crucial role in evaluation and diagnosis of common disease processes seen during this important time period. This issue includes imaging evaluation of breast, renal, thyroid, genitourinary and obstetrical disease processes encountered during pregnancy and lactation.

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