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## **Pre-eclampsia, hypertension and the premenstrual tension syndrome.**

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A total of 261 of 17,000 pregnancies were complicated by pre-eclampsia/hypertension in pregnancy. Seven to twelve years later 237 were available for follow-up together with 33 women, who had a normotensive pregnancy in 1969-1973. The association between pre-eclampsia/hypertension and the premenstrual tension syndrome has been studied. Women with present hypertension complained significantly ( $P$  less than 0.05) more of premenstrual sadness than the normotensive women. However, women with previous pre-eclampsia/hypertension in pregnancy did not have more premenstrual symptoms than women in general, on the contrary, women with a history of severe pre-eclampsia had less symptoms.

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