A 35 year old white woman presented with chest pain and breathlessness 10 days following an elective caesarean section. This was her second pregnancy, which had proceeded to term without complications. Up until then, she had been completely fit and well. Her ECGs were found to be abnormal, and the ultrasound study of her heart gave serious cause for concern.

The diagnosis of spontaneous coronary artery dissection

The purpose of this interactive case presentation is to illustrate:

- The diagnosis of peripartum cardiomyopathy
- The investigation, management, and prognosis of the condition
- The risk of subsequent pregnancy
- The diagnosis of spontaneous coronary artery dissection
- The potential complications of the condition
- The management options for spontaneous coronary artery dissection

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