

### **R.E.5. Postpartum Atonic Uterus**

#### **Gross:**

- The given specimen shows uniformly enlarged (postpartum) uterus along with its appendages.
- On longitudinal incision all layers are examined.
- Parous: 100 to 120g; 8.7 to 9.4 x 5.4 to 6.1 x 3.2 to 3.6 cm.



Postpartum haemorrhage refers to any amount of bleeding from or into the genital tract following birth of the baby up to the end of puerperium

#### **Types of PPH**

- Primary PPH – occurs within 24 hours of delivery – trauma, atonic uterus.
- Secondary PPH – occurs after 24 hours of delivery within 6 weeks of delivery – infection, endometritis.

#### **Treatment:**

- Uterine massage
- Uterotonic agents – oxytocin, methergine, ergometrine
- Prostaglandins.