

FOREIGN BODY IN THE BLADDER FOR TERMINATION OF MID-TRIMESTER PREGNANCY

(A Case Report)

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A number of foreign substances are employed for inducing criminal abortion e.g. intrauterine pastes, fluids, strong soap solution, potassium permanganate and intrauterine instruments. Of all these intra-uterine instruments in the form of pins, needles and wooden sticks are the commonest and probably the cheapest and easily available. As reported by Agarwal and Devi (1976) the use of foreign bodies is limited only by their availability, patient's imagination as well as her state of desperation. A case is reported here where a patient from rural area inserted a wooden stick in the bladder for terminating mid-trimester pregnancy. The patient did not admit the history of induction till the time of operation.

CASE REPORT

Smt. L. B., 30 years, married woman was admitted to Zanana Hospital attached to R.N.T. Medical College, Udaipur on 26-11-1979 with the history of 4 months' amenorrhoea and prickly sensation in the region of perineum followed by hematuria and dysuria since 12 hours.

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Menstrual history—Menarche 13 years age, Past cycles normal.

Obstetrical history—3 full term normal deliveries all conducted by dais at home.

Uterus was enlarged to 16 weeks. On pelvic examination, a small abrasion was seen on the left side of the urethral meatus. Cervix, was closed, uterus anteverted and enlarged to 16 weeks size. A cord like structure about 3 inches long and half an inch thick was palpable in the left lateral fornix which was very mobile and tender. Other fornices were free.

Next day the patient was again examined under anaesthesia and the findings were the same. As self retaining foley's catheter was put in and about 200 cc, of blood stained urine drained. Now the tip of foreign body was felt by the side of the catheter. Hence the final diagnosis was foreign body in the bladder. It was decided to remove it by vaginal cytostomy. An incision about 1 inch long was put in the left lateral vaginal wall, and vaginal flaps were separated apart. As the immobilization was done, one edge of a wooden stick (lying in the bladder) was felt. A wooden stick about 3' long and 5 mm. thick was removed from the bladder. There was a gush of blood stained urine as the stick was removed. Bladder mucosa was repaired by 000 chromic catgut in two layers and the vaginal edges were approximated by interrupted one 0 chromic catgut sutures.

Postoperative period was uneventful. She was discharged from the hospital after 3 weeks,

with advice to report in the antenatal clinic regularly for which she never turned up.

Summary

A case where patient inserted foreign body in the bladder with intention to terminate 4 months pregnancy is presented.

The foreign body was removed by vaginal cystostomy.

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