PERFORATION OF UTERUS BY LIPPE'S LOOP

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Here an interesting case of perforatioh of uterus by Lippes loop is reported.

CASE REPORT

Patient S.K. aged 27 years had loop insertion done on 5-1-77 personally, 6 weeks after the last delivery which took place on 22-11-1976. She had 2 abortions of 5 months gestation and 2 full term deliveries. Loop insertion was done without any difficulty on 5-1-1977 and the patient was asked to come for follow-up after 1 week. She came for check-up after 15 days complaining that she cannot feel the thread of the loop which was there till two days after insertion and has pain in the left iliac fossa. On examination, it was found that patient's condition was good. There was no mass or tenderness on abdominal examination.

On speculum examination the cervix was healthy but no thread was seen. Patient was sent for X-ray pelvis for evidence of loop with-

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out trying to feel the loop in the uterine cavity with the sound or trying to remove the loop in the O.P.D. The X-ray showed (Fig. I) loop in the left iliac fossa which looked exactly like a calcified round worm. Patient was kept under observation for almost a year and the loop was removed on 5-12-1977 after laparotomy. Before laparotomy second X-ray was done (Fig. II) which showed the loop above the brim of the pelvis lying transversely. On laparotomy the loop could be removed easily as there were only few flimsy adhesions with the omentum at both ends of the loop. The uterus was normal and no signs of perforation seen. Patient was not willing for sterilization as the only son was one year old. Post operative period was uneventful. Patient became pregnanct two months after the laparotomy.

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