

# PERSISTENT LEUCORRHOEA DUE TO FOETAL BONES INSIDE A POST MENOPAUSAL UTERUS

(A Case Report)

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A postmenopausal woman presented with persistent chronic leucorrhoea resistant to treatment. On hysterectomy her uterus was found to contain foetal bones which must have been lodged there for many years.

## CASE REPORT:

A 55 year old woman came for continuous, profuse, offensive vaginal discharge since the past 5 years. She was married for 40 years and she had 3 full term normal deliveries and 3 abortions. All these 3 first trimester spontaneous abortions occurred at home between her first and second full term deliveries. (Last child birth 22 years ago, last abortion 33 years ago). Her menstruation had been regular and normal. She attained menopause 5 years ago.

On examination, the cervix was very unhealthy and bled on touch. Pelvic findings

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were normal. A conization was done and the tissue sent for biopsy contained a small piece of bone which could not be explained. The cervix would not heal despite treatment and since malignancy was a possibility, abdominal panhysterectomy was performed.

The cut uterus revealed two pieces of bone lodged loosely in the endometrium (Figure). On histopathology they were found to be foetal bones. The report on the uterus was severe chronic metritis, endometritis and cervicitis.

The post operative progress was uneventful and the patient remained free of symptoms now.

## Discussion

During the child bearing age group such a clinical presentation would not be considered uncommon. How the foetal bones remained inside the uterus for so many years is perplexing. What is perhaps more intriguing is her obstetric history. The patient insisted she did not have an abortion after her last delivery 22 years ago.

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