

SECONDARY ABDOMINAL PREGNANCY

(A Case Report)

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A case of secondary abdominal pregnancy having special clinical features is reported.

Case Report

Smit. Shail Devi, H. F., 22 years, primigravida was admitted in Emergency Room on 8th February, 1981 with a history of 11 months pregnancy with foetal movement and breathlessness. Abdominal distension was very marked and she was in deep agony. She was married 8 years back, conceived for the first time in March '80. She had severe pain abdomen at 2 months pregnancy when she was treated she was relieved. Afterwards she had pain in abdomen off and on. Pain was severe on 8-2-1981.

Her previous menstrual cycles were regular, last menstrual period was March 1980.

On abdominal examination there was marked distension and there was tenderness all over the abdomen. The foetal parts were felt with difficulty. Foetal heart was present in right flank.

On vaginal examination, cervix was long, firm with closed os and slight bleeding. The presenting part was very high and the fornices were full. A skiagram of abdomen revealed a high transverse lie with head in right flank and no abnormality.

Laparotomy was performed on 12th February, 1981, under general anaesthesia by subumbilical incision. The peritoneum was found blue and

very thick and it was thought to be uterine wall, but actually it was on cutting the gestation sac a alive female foetus lying in the peritoneal cavity was taken out. The placenta which was adherent to the intestine, omentum and peritoneum was removed as far as possible and the rest of it was left. The uterus was almost normal and the right tube was distorted. A drainage tube was put and the abdomen was closed quickly because there was massive haemorrhage from placental site and patient went in shock. She was resuscitated by giving 600 c.c. whole blood transfusion, vasopressure drugs and cortisone.

On 10th day all stitches were removed and the wound was healthy.

The female baby was normal with signs of postmaturity. Weight was 8.5 lbs. length 54 cm. and reflexes were normal.

Summary

A case of postmature secondary abdominal pregnancy with a living normal female baby without any congenital abnormality is reported. The baby is living at the time of report.

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