

AN UNUSUAL CASE OF SECONDARY POST PARTUM
HAEMORRHAGE FOLLOWING LOWER SEGMENT
CAESAREAN SECTION

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An unusual case presentation of this following lower segment caesarean section is reported.

Case Report

Lower segment caesarean section (L.S.C.S.) was done on 22 years old booked antenatal patient (2nd gravida—para 1) for cervical dystocia and foetal distress by the junior resident. Her post-operative period was normal with no evidence of infection. The abdominal wound healed well by the 7th post-operative day. On 8th post-operative day she had a severe bout of haemorrhage for which the uterine cavity was explored and was found to be empty. Histopathological report showed bits of decidual tissue with inflammatory reaction. She had a moderate continuous bleeding lasting for 5 days from 21st day onwards for which she was treated conservatively. Blood counts, bleeding and clotting time and platelet count were found to be within normal limits.

On 30th post-operative day she had a sudden life threatening haemorrhage with which she collapsed on the bed. An emergency second exploration was thought necessary by the senior surgeon which revealed well involuted empty uterus and a well healed lower segment scar. Tissue histopathology was insignificant. Her blood counts and platelet counts were again found to be within normal limits.

On 37th day the patient started massive haemorrhage. Immediate replacement of blood loss was made and an emergency laparotomy was done.

On opening up, uterus was found to be well involuted about 8 weeks size. Caesarean section scar was rather high but apparently healthy. On reflecting the bladder, the scar gave way on the right angle giving rise to sudden spurt of bleeding from right uterine vessels. A localised area of necrosis 2 cms in diameter and old haematoma was found at this angle incorporating the right uterine vessels in it. Subtotal hysterectomy was done.

Cut section of uterus showed localised area of necrosis and haematoma involving the vessels on the right angle. Patient made an uneventful recovery. In all, patient had 16 blood transfusions.

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