

FOREIGN BODY IN THE URINARY BLADDER

(A Case Report)

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Kaushik and Mathur (1981) reported a case of foreign body in the bladder for termination of a mid-trimester pregnancy. We report here a case where some herbal root was used to terminate a first trimester pregnancy in an unmarried girl from a rural area and which was found inside the urinary bladder at operation, leaving the uterus untouched.

CASE REPORT

Smti. M. K., 18 years, unmarried girl was admitted into Barthakur Clinic and Hospital, Gauhati on 30-3-82 with the history of 2 months' amenorrhoea and an attempt at abortion by introducing some herbal roots 5 days back, which was found in the village indigenously. The patient said that she thought that the stick had gone

through the urethra and initially she had passed red urine and had dysuria as well.

On pelvic examination the uterus was found to be anteverted, 10 weeks size with closed cervix. A puncture mark was seen at the anterior fornix from where blood was oozing. On palpation in the anterior fornix patient felt a pricking sensation in the suprapubic region, the other fornices were normal. No lump could be palpated. Urine was blood stained on catheterisation. Exploration through anterior fornix was decided upon and was done under general anaesthesia. By suprapubic cystostomy the root—foreign body was extracted intact from inside the urinary bladder. It was 11 cm long and 2 mm in diameter.

Medical termination of pregnancy was done by suction evacuation method under direct vision before closure of the abdomen. The bladder was closed in two layers and a urethral catheter was kept indwelled for 2 days.

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