TRICO BASSOR (HAIR BALL)

(A Rare Case of Intestinal Obstruction in Obstetrics)

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Introduction

Intestinal Obstruction during pregnancy is a rare occurrance. Similarly an ideal hair-ball is equally rare. Since both were seen together, the case is presented.

CASE REPORT

Mrs. K.B., gravida 2 with one full term delivery, was admitted on 18-6-83 with 7 month's amenorrhoea and history of stools not passed since 7 days, vomiting and abdominal pain.

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The general condition of the patient deteriorated, when she developed tachycardia and abdominal distension. The patient was dyspnoeic. She had hyperperistalsis and abdominal tenderness. A plain X-ray of abdomen showed multiple fluid levels.

At laparotomy, intestines were found to be distended. On following ileal loops, a collapsed segment was found about one and a half feet away from the ileo caecal junction. A hard non-indentable mass was found in ileum. About 2" long ileotomy incision was made and 4" long saucer shaped hair ball was removed. Ileotomy incision was sutured in 2 layers. Abdominal wound was closed in layers. Patient started passing flatus on third day and passed stools on fourth day. Later recovery of the patient was uneventful. The patient was discharged on tenth day and is now nearly full