VOLVULUS WITH TERM PREGNANCY

(A Case Report)

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Introduction

Volvulus is a rare condition, where there is a twist of a viscus on its mesentry so that the blood supply to the intestine is partially or completly occluded leading to the gangrene of the gut. It is not yet proved whether pregnancy plays any role in aetiology of volvulus or not.

Case Report

Mrs. M. aged 35 years para 3 was admitted in Umaid Hospital Jodhpur on 17-11-83 at 2.30 P.M. for amenorrhoea of 9½ months, labour pains since one day, acute distension of abdomen since 2 days difficulty in respiration and inability to pass urine since 4 A.M. on 17-11-83. Abdominal examination revealed that there was marked distention of upper abdomen, veins over abdominal wall were prominent. Exact uterine contour could not be made out, foetal

position and presentation could not be recognised as there was marked tenderness and gaurding all over the abdomen.

Foetal heart sound were absent.

On catheterisation few ccs of high coloured urine was drawn. Cervix was 1/5 dilated thick partially taken up. Membranes were absent vertex at—3 station, pelvis adequate.

On rectal examination faecoliths felt in the rectum. On passing Ryles tube nearly 200 cc of dark coffee colured fluid aspirated out. She was diagnosed as a case of acute abdomen and laparotomy was decided.

On opening the abdomen whole of the abdominal cavity was full of coffee coloured foul smelling fluid giving impression of Pseaudomonas type of infection. Lower segment caesarean section was done and a still born male child was extracted. The gut from caecum to ileum about 2 feet was ballooned up and gangrenous. It was excised and end to end anastomosis was done. During operation patients condition was very low and 2 units of blood was given. Post Operatively also her condition was poor and inspite of all efforts patient expired at 8.22 A.M. on 18-11-83.