

# UNUSUAL CASE OF CRIMINAL ABORTION BY SURMA STICK

## (A Case Report)

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### Case Report

Miss A. K. 18 years old, unmarried girl, with 20 weeks of amenorrhoea came for termination of pregnancy.

Termination of pregnancy was done with 3 plain rubber catheters with all antiseptic and aseptic precautions given 6 hourly. 5 per cent glucose with 10 units of syntocinon were started by I.V. drip after 10 hours. Patient aborted completely within 24 hours with minimal blood

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loss. Patient came for re-check up after one month with complaints of pricking pain in the suprapubic. She gave history that she had introduced metallic surma stick in the uterus for inducing abortion with no response.

Plain x-ray of abdomen and pelvis was taken. A long metallic opacity was seen on the right side of the pelvic region (Fig. 1). Patient was admitted and after reinvestigations, laparotomy was performed under general anaesthesia. Metallic stick was seen piercing the omentum. Stick along with the area of omentum was removed (Fig. 2). Uterus ovaries and both tubes were normal. Bleeding points were tied, there was no fresh bleeding. Abdomen was closed.

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*See Figs. on Art Paper I*