



A Case of Ruptured Rudimentary Horn Pregnancy with Placenta Percreta

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ABSTRACT

Pregnancy in a rudimentary horn with placenta percreta is a very rare condition. It can cause rupture of rudimentary horn and patient will present with complaints of amenorrhoea, pain abdomen and features of shock if there is rupture of rudimentary horn. In our 25 year old primigravida at 16 weeks gestation presented with clinical features of shock. Urgent laparotomy was done after resuscitation. There was hemoperitoneum present about 1.5 litre and it was pregnancy in rudimentary horn and it was rupture of rudimentary horn and placenta was percreta and resection of the rudimentary horn was done and postoperative period was uneventful.

KEYWORDS

Rudimentary horn, Rupture, Placenta percreta, Pregnancy

Introduction:

The prevalence of ruptured rudimentary horn is not precisely known. Mullerian duct anomalies have increased chance of bad obstetric outcome. Patient with Mullerian anomalies presents with amenorrhoea, dysmenorrhoea and sometime as adnexal mass. They can present with recurrent abortions, infertility also. So many times they are diagnosed first time during surgical procedure only.

The aim of presenting this type of case is to awareness about this type of cases and they should always be kept in mind as differential diagnosis.

Case history:

25 years old unbooked primigravida at 15 weeks of gestation presented with complaint of acute pain abdomen and fainting attack. On examination she was dehydrated and cold clammy hands. Pulse rate was 134/minute feeble. Her BP was 88/50 mm Hg. Moderate pallor was present. On doing abdominal examination there was distension in abdomen. Intravenous fluid started. Blood grouping and cross matching done. Blood transfusion started. After initial stabilization emergency laparotomy was done.

Preoperative findings: There was hemoperitoneum around 1.5 liter. Fetus was in abdominal cavity and it was not live. Two horns of uterus are separately seen as shown in (fig 1). There was rupture seen in rudimentary horn and placenta was adhered to the uterus as shown in fig 2. Rudimentary horn was excised and hemostasis secured as shown in (fig 3). Fig 4 shows the fetus with part of placenta. Specimen was sent for histopathology examination. Blood transfusion was given. Postoperative period was uneventful.

Histopathology shows features of placenta percreta.

DISCUSSION:

The incidence of Mullerian anomalies is not very high and rudimentary horn pregnancy is also very rare. They mostly have bad obstetric outcome^{1,2}. There are very few cases in the literature. Similar cases are found by Fouelifack³ et al, Kulkarni⁴ et al and Kanga et al⁵. Sometime these patients are accidentally diagnosed during surgery. The diagnosis and management in poor resource area is very difficult⁶. These patients with Mullerian anomalies present with complaints of dysmenorrhoea, adnexal mass, amenorrhoea. After marriage these patients present with complaint of infertility, recurrent miscarriage. Very rarely they present with ruptured rudimentary horn pregnancy. In our case patient has ruptured rudimentary horn pregnancy with placenta percreta.

These cases should be always kept as differential diagnosis if a patient in reproductive age group presents with acute abdomen. These days because of advanced imaging techniques like 3D USG and MRI these problems can be diagnosed easily and morbidity and mortality can be decreased.

CONCLUSION:

Pregnancy in a rudimentary horn is very rare and sometime diagnosed accidentally during imaging or surgery. We should always keep a differential diagnosis of rudimentary horn pregnancy in a patient with acute abdomen and clinical features of shock. Sometime these patient can present like twisted ovarian cyst or ectopic pregnancy.

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