"A Study of Rupture Uterus Maternal and Foetal Outcome"

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I. Introduction

By definition uterine rupture means breach in the continuity of the uterine wall beyond 28 weeks of gestation. If it occurs before 28 weeks it is said to be perforation. In True or complete rupture, uterine cavity communicates with peritoneal cavity and is associated with bleeding into peritoneal cavity involving the uterine vessels. In occult or incomplete rupture, uterine cavity and peritoneal cavity doesn’t communicate and is separated by visceral peritoneum or broad ligament, may be associated with large amount of bleeding concealed within layers of broad ligament. In silent rupture or scar dehiscence peritoneum is intact and fetal parts can be seen through membranes it is also called as windows, not associated much blood loss. Uterine rupture is a life-threatening event for mother and baby & is a potentially catastrophic event during childbirth. Uterine rupture typically occurs during the active labour, but can occur even in late pregnancy. Uterine rupture is a major obstetric hazard. In India it still accounts for 5-10% of all maternal deaths. The perinatal mortality ranges from 80 to 95%.

Aims and objectives:
To determine the
1. Incidence
2. Etiology
3. Risk factors
4. Complications
5. Feto-maternal outcome

II. Materials And Methods

It’s a 5 years retrospective study of 52 cases of rupture uterus in women during the period of JAN’2010 – DEC’2014 at RIMS Kadapa.
Study variables are –
1. Age Groups & parity
2. Incidence
3. Socio - demographic characteristics of patients
4. Causes
5. Management options,
6. Feto - maternal outcome (morbidity & mortality)

III. Results And Analysis

Among 32,400 deliveries during the period of 5 years (Jan’2010 – Dec’2014 at RIMS- kadapa, A.P., India.) 52 women had uterine rupture during this period. Present study incidence is 1.6 in 1000
Causes identified

Risk factors identified for rupture uterus
1. Sociodemographic factors :
   • Low levels of literacy,
   • Marriage at an early age,
   • Socioeconomic deprivation,
   • Desire for large family,
   • Low prevalence of contraceptive use
   • Ineffective performance of MCH services
2. Prior lower segment caesarean section
3. Multi gravida with prolonged or obstructed labour
4. Low lying or abnormal placentation
5. Iatrogenic
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IV. Discussion

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V. Conclusion

Rupture uterus is the indirect index of the obstetrical care. The most frequent cause in rural areas being obstructed and neglected labour resulting in high perinatal, maternal mortality and morbidity, this is followed by scar rupture.

To reduce this high incidence of rupture uterus effective MCH services to be exercised at all the levels of health care delivery system in developing countries like India to maintain the safe motherhood

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