Uterine Inversion

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Acute inversion of the uterus

• Definition

- _Turning inside out of the fundus into the uterine cavity
- _Rare and serious obestetric emergency
- _Immediate management of shock and mannual repositioning of the uterus both reduce the morbidity and mortality

• Incidence

- _depends on geographic locationeg. 3 times higher in india than USA
- _decrease with active management of third stage

Causes

• mismanagement of third stage (premature traction on umbilical cord and fundal pressure before separation of placenta)

• Uterine atony

• Fundal insertion of the morbidily adherent placenta

Mannual removal of placenta

Short umbilical cord

• Placenta praevia

• Connective tissue disorder(Marfan syndrome, Ehler-Danlos syndrome

• 50%-no risk factor, no mismanagement of third stage

Classification

- First (Incomplete)-fundus extend to but not beyond the cervical ring
- Second (Incomplete)-extend beyond the cervical ring but remain within the vagina
- Third (complete)- extend down to the introitus
- Fourth Degree(Total)-vagina also inverted

Symptoms

- Sudden cardiovascular collapse
- PPH and Hypovolaemic shock
- Severe abdominal pain

Clinical presentation

Signs

- shock is out of proportionate to Bleeding
- Lump in the vagina
- Abdominal tenderness
- Absence of uterine fundus per abdomen
- Polypoidal red mass in vagina with placenta attached

Differential Diagnosis

- UVP
- Fibroid polyp
- Postpartum collapse
- Severe uterine atony
- Neurogenic collapse
- Coagulopathy
- Retained placenta without inversion

Management

Resuscitation and repositioning simultaneously

Nonsurgical methods

- Manual replacement(Johnson method)-43-88% immediate reduction
- Hydrostatic method at OT(O'Sullivan method)
- Uterine rupture must be excluded first
- Placenta should be delivered only after repositioning and complete correction
- Uterotonic drugs
- Antibiotics cover

- Role of tocolysis
 - In presence of cervical constriction ring
 - Magnesium sulphate, nitroglycerine, terbutaline
 - Adverse effect of tocolytic mediated reduction in uterine tone---- PPH

Surgical methods

Abdominal procedure

Huntingdon's method

- Haultains' method
 - Cervical ring is incised posteriorly with longitudinal incision

Recent techniques

• Under laparoscopic guidance

• Laparotomy and silastic cup used from above

• Skills and Drill training

