INCARCERATED VAGINAL PESSARY – A REPORT OF TWO CASES



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CASE SUMMARY

CASE REPORT 1:

68 year old female P8L7A1 with previous normal vaginal deliveries with no complications,LCB-25 Yrs back,attained menopause 15 yrs back, presented to OPD With the complaints of supra pubic pain & difficulty in micturition. Patient is a known case of pelvic organ prolapse for which ring pessary was inserted 2 years back by a general practitioner

She was not given any instructions regarding her follow up visits

There was no history of bleeding discharge or pain.

 She was known diabetic for 5 years on OHA'S

Menstrual history was normal

No other significant history

*** ON EXAMINATION,** General condition fair Not anemic PR - 84/min **BP - 130/80 mm Hg** CVS - S1S2 (+) **RS – NVBS** P/A - soft

speculum examination showed a polythene ring vaginal pessary displaced vertically in the anteroposterior axis.

The posterior semicircle of the pessary was embedded in the posterior vaginal wall with a 2 cm band of vaginal epithelium over the pessary



CASE REPORT 2 :

* 75 years old female P4L4 with previous normal vaginal deliveries,LCB – 35 years back and attained menopause 20 years back

 Known case of prolapse for 10 years presented to OPD for her for routine 3 monthly pessary review,

known hypertensive on treatment
 for 10 years

Menstrual history was normal.

No other significant history

ON EXAMINATION,

General condition fair Not anemic **PR - 78/min BP - 110/80 mm Hg** CVS - S1S2 (+) **RS – NVBS** P/A - soft

speculum examination revealed ring pessary was embedded in the lateral vaginal wall with a 3 cm band of vaginal epithelium over the pessary



Rectal examination – rectal mucosa was intact

For both the patients pessaries were removed under IV sedation by cutting the ring pessary with a scapel The vaginal bed after removal was smooth without any erosion or ulceration.

Re-examination of the rectum showed intact mucosa

Patient withstood procedure well.

Post-operatively, she was on antibiotics, analgesics and antacids

Follow up of the patient after 6 weeks showed

Not only a healthy vagina & cervix, but no further descend of cervix

CARCERATED VAGINAL

 Pessary which is displaced from its original position & becomes embedded in the vaginal or cervical mucosa

ARCERATED VAGINAL

 If left in situ for years, it may erode intothe the rectum or bladder causing RECTO-VAGINAL /VESICO VAGINAL FISTULA

COMPLICATIONS

- foul smelling vaginal discharge
- * Infection
- * Bleeding
- Itching & irritation
- * Incarceration
- Displacement with VVF & RVF
- Interruption with Intercourse&contraception
 - Vaginal carcinoma

FOLLOW UP

 Patient should return 1 to 2 weeks after initial insertion & then at 3 monthly intervals

Patient should be asked about symptoms like foul smelling vaginal discharge ,bleeding, pain &discomfort

FOLLOW UP

Symptoms of voiding difficulty

Symptoms of UTI should be elicited

 Look for proper positioning & lack of undue tension on the vaginal wall

 The pessary is then removed & the vaginal &cervical surfaces are carefully inspected for any evidence of erosion & ulceration

Suspicious lesions should be biopsied

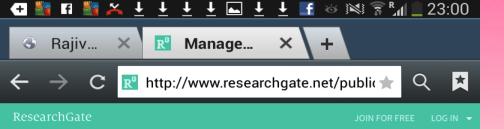
If the patient is satisfied with her pessary & if the inspection is negative, it can be reinserted If a new erosion or ulceration is present,but was not present before,it may probably due to pressure effect

In such cases withholding the pessary for 2-3 weeks & local oestrogen cream can be used Once the vaginal & cervical surfaces become normal,the pessary can be reinserted or a different size pessary can be tried

CONCLUSION

 Selecting a correct sized, non irritant & pliable material like polythene & silicone & proper instructions to the patients regarding follow up make the long term use of pessary a safe alternative for surgery in selected cases

REVIEW OF LITERATURE



Article

Management of Incarcerated Vaginal Pessaries

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ABSTRACT

Uterine procidentia is relatively common among white multiparous women. The incidence increases with age in association with other predisposing factors. Conservative management of uterine prolapse is rare today, perhaps due to definitive results with surgical therapy and the high incidence of earlier hysterectomy. Still, physicians should become familiar with pessary use and its complications. Three conservatively managed cases of pessary incarceration are reported. Applications of estrogen cream improved the condition of the vogine, permitting removal of the incarcerated pessary a few day later. Careful instruction of patients and relatives about follow-up care can prevent such complications.

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The use of pessaries in vaginal prolapse

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Abstract

Pessaries are frequently used in cases of vaginal prolapse. Many different type of pessaries have been used in the past and are still in use today. In general it is considered to be a safe and simple form of therapy but little is known on the succes rate, the indications and the optimal management. We give an overview of the history, type, indications and complications of pessaries, and give guidelines for daily practice.

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USE OF VAGINAL PESSARIES







Fig. 1. Thick band of granulation tissue causing entrapment of the pessary.

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