

Emergency Conditions in Obstetrics and Gynecology

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Some of acute conditions in obstetrics

- bleeding in pregnancy
- postpartal haemorrhagy
- eclampsia
- fetal hypoxia
- embolism
 - amniotic fluid
 - trombosis
 - air embolism

Bleeding in pregnancy

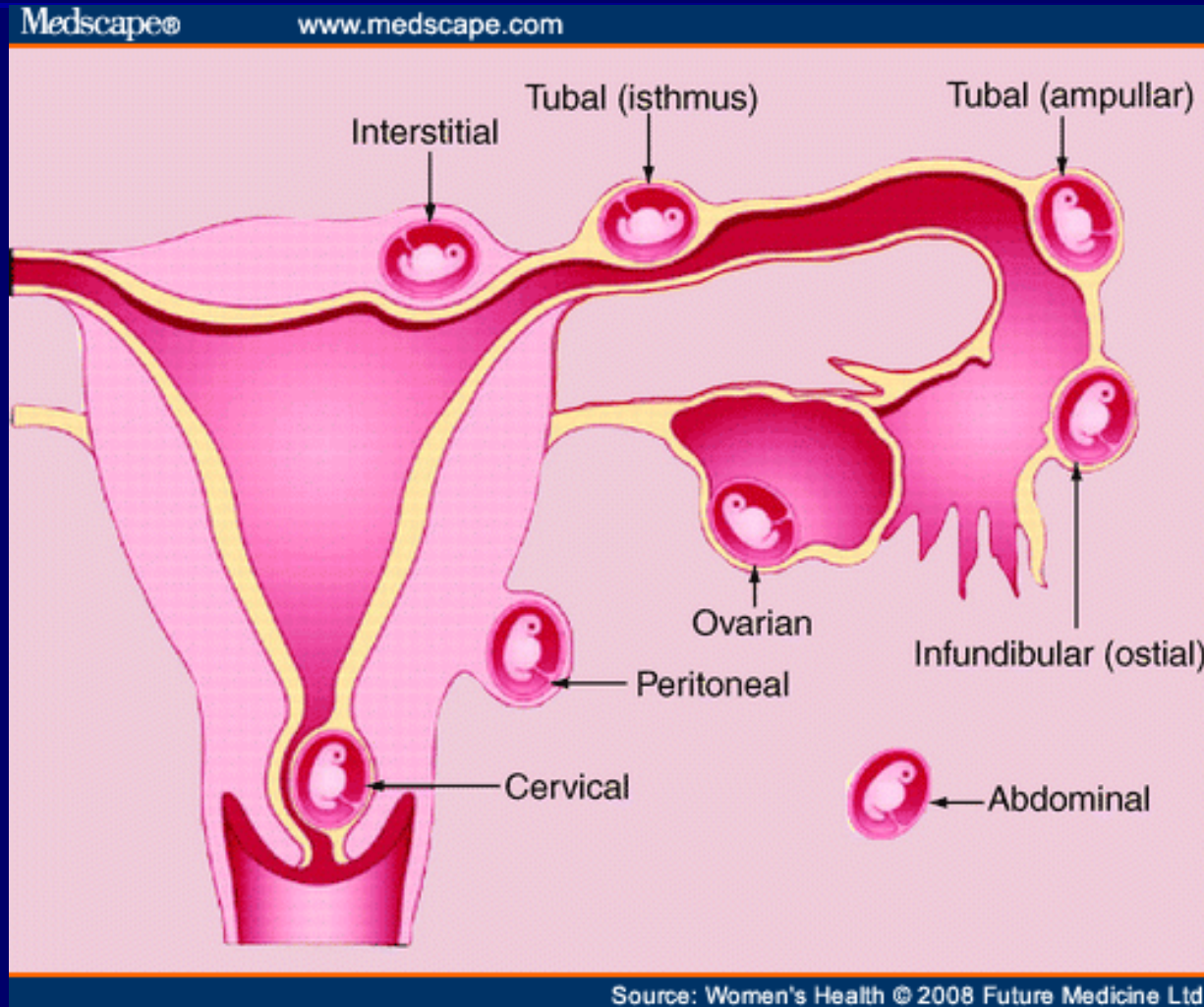
Most important condition in pregnancy

- Ist trimester
 - ectopic pregnancy
 - abortion
- IIInd trimester
 - abortion
- IIIrd trimester
 - placenta praevia
 - vasa praevia
 - placental abruption
- Postpartal haemorrhagy

Ectopic pregnancy

- most common cause of maternal death in 1st trimester
- incidence 10-20/1000 pregnancies
- incidence is increased 3 times due to a sexually transmitted agent

Types of ectopic pregnancy



Risk factors

Table 14.2 Risk factors for ectopic pregnancy

| Risk factor | Odds ratio |
|--|------------|
| High risk | |
| Tubal surgery | 21.9 |
| Sterilisation | 9.3 |
| Previous ectopic pregnancy | 8.3 |
| In utero exposure to diethylstilboestrol | 5.6 |
| Use of IUD | 4.2–45.0 |
| Documented tubal pathology | 3.8–21.0 |
| Moderate risk | |
| Infertility | 2.5–21.0 |
| Previous genital infections | 2.5–3.7 |
| Multiple sexual partners | 2.1 |
| Slight risk | |
| Previous pelvic/abdominal surgery | 0.9–3.8 |
| Cigarette smoking | 2.3–2.5 |
| Vaginal douching | 1.1–3.1 |
| Early age at first intercourse (<18 years) | 1.6 |

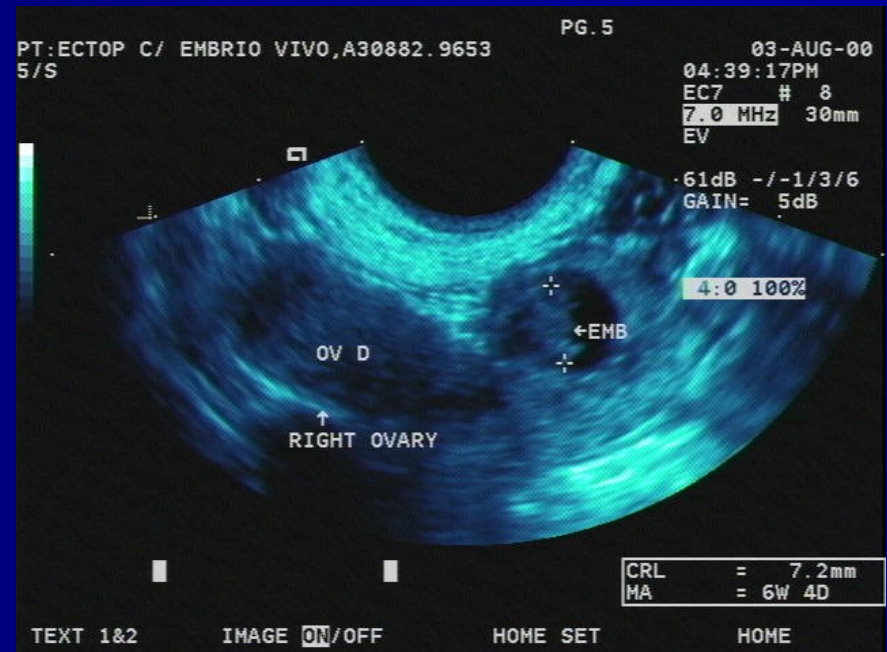
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Symptoms of ectopic pregnancy

- ammenorrhoea – 5-8 weeks
- abdominal pain 97%
- vaginal bleeding 79%
- abdominal tenderness 54%
- history of infertility 15%
- IUD 14%
- previous ectopic pregnancy 11%

Ectopic pregnancy - Examinations methods

- hCG
- gynaecological examination
- ultrasound



Ectopic pregnancy - Examinations methods

- Diagnostic laparoscopy

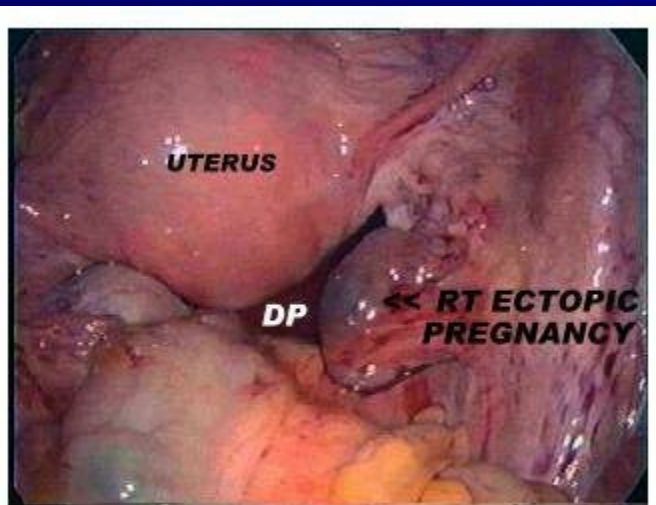
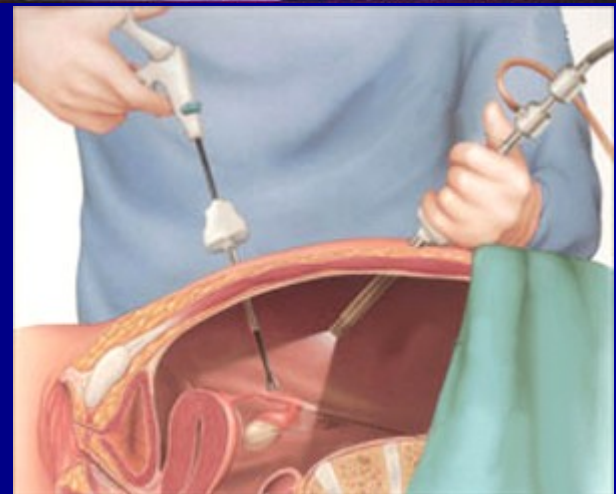
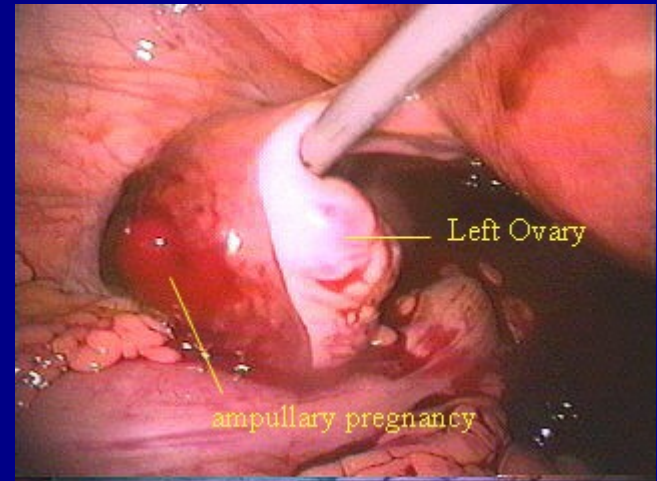


Figure 15:
Right Ectopic Pregnancy (DP= Douglas Pouch)



Ectopic pregnancy - treatment

Surgical

- laparoscopy – 99%
 - salpingectomy - 95 % in CR
 - salpingostomy – rare – high risk of recurrence
 - resection of ectopic pregnancy –
- laparotomy – 1%
 - with life – threatening – heavy blood loss

Medical

- methotrexate



Abortion

- 25 % of women lose a pregnancy at some time in their reproductive lives
- up to 24 weeks of gestation
- recurrent abortion or miscarriage – loss of 3 or more early gestations
- 12 – 15 % of all clinically recognised pregnancies fail spontaneously
- 40% of all pregnancy
- 95% in 1st trimester

Abortion - etiology

- genetic factors 50%
 - chromosomal abnormalities
- infection
- anatomical abnormality of uterus
- cervical incompetence
- social and environmental factors
 - alcohol, toxic agents, smoking
- alloimmune factors
- endocrine dysfunction
 - luteal phase defect
- autoimmune factors
 - antiphospholipid syndrom
- inherited thrombophilia

Diagnosis of abortion

Gynecological examination

- bleeding
- open cervix

Ultrasound – transvaginal

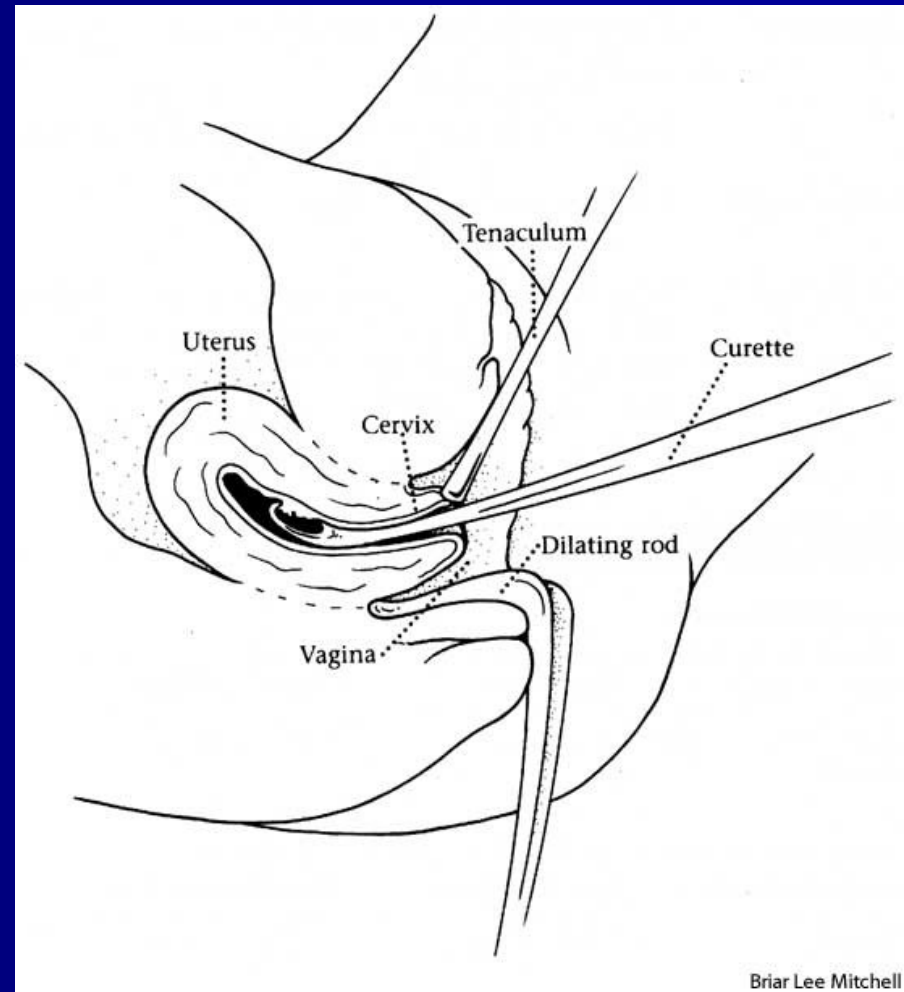
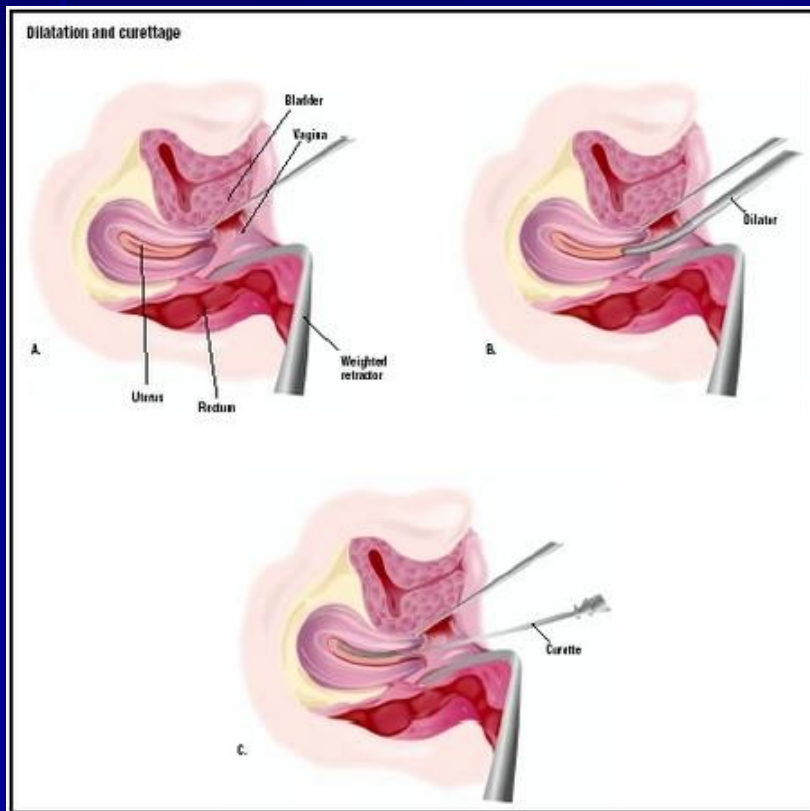
- no FHR
- wiped and irregular shape of gestational sac

hCG

- decrease level

Treatment of abortion

■ curettage

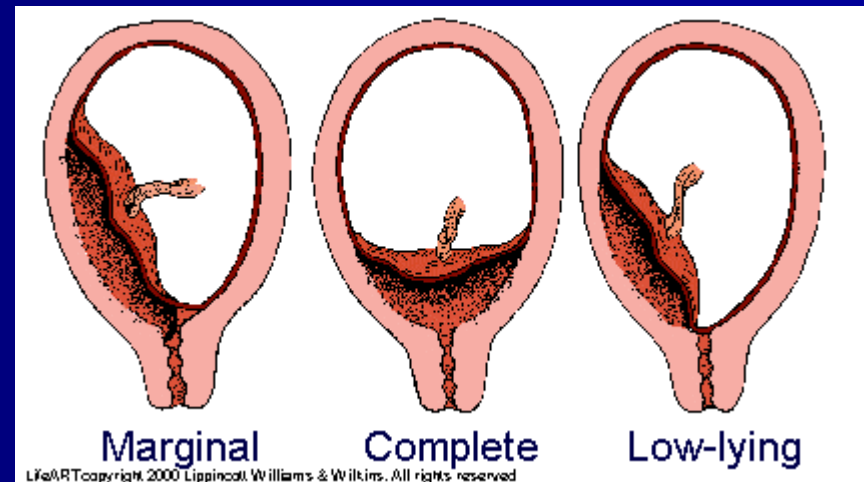


Placenta praevia

Placenta is partly or wholly implanted in the lower uterine segment.

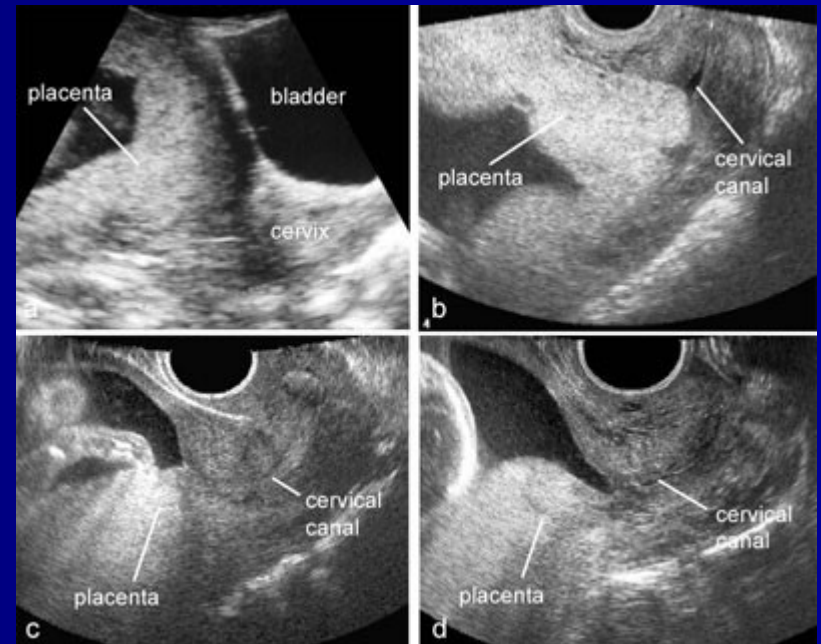
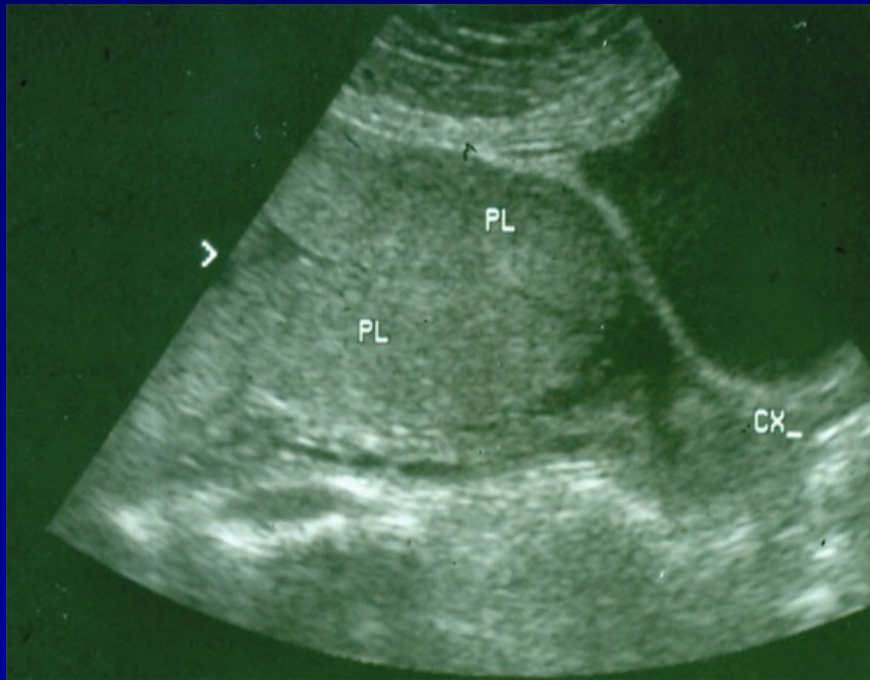
- placenta in lower uterine segment
- placenta praevia marginalis
- placenta praevia partialis
- placenta praevia centralis, totalis

incidence 0,4 – 0,8%



Placenta praevia - diagnosis

- Ultrasonography
 - ultrasound 30 – 32 week



Placenta praevia - diagnosis

Symptoms

- bleeding in the 3rd trimester
- abnormally located and inserted placenta separates from the decidua
- bleeding results from the exposed uterine vessels from the lower uterine segment which is thin
- lower segment has poor contractility and the bleeding can be severe

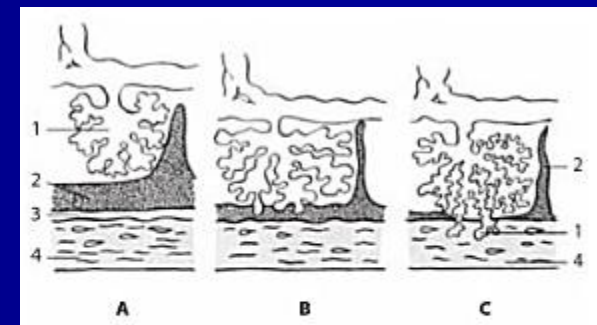
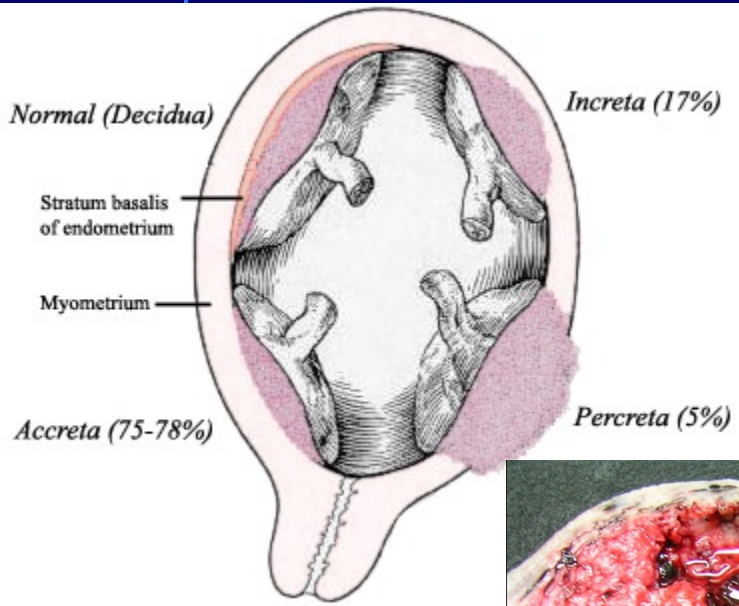
Placenta praevia – clinical management

- expectant management
- hospitalisation 32 – 37 week
- caesarean section 38 week – placenta praevia
- caesarean section for heavy bleeding
- tocolytics are contraindicated
- vaginal delivery – low uterine segment placenta, placenta praevia marginalis

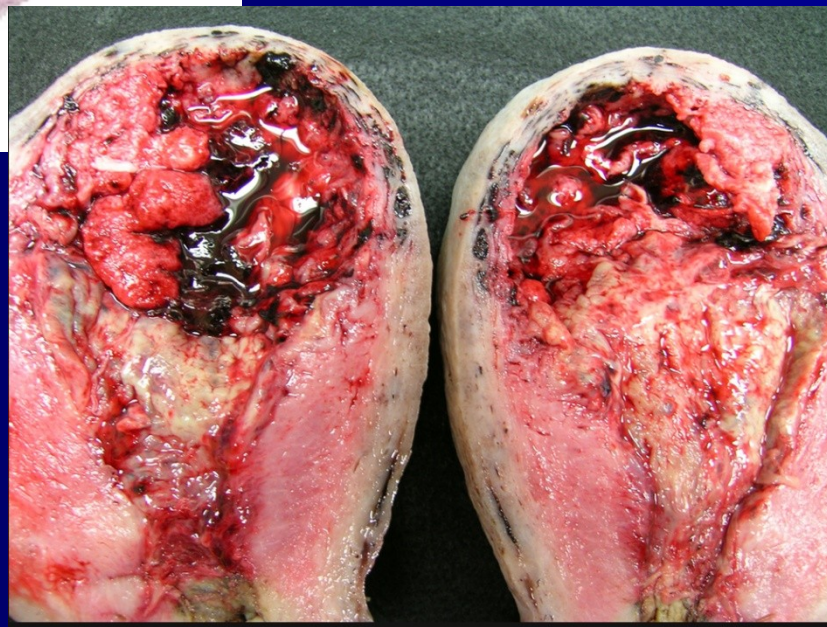
Placenta accreta

- placenta is abnormally adherent to the uterine wall
- placenta adherens - grows into the decidua basalis
- placenta accreta – grows on the uterine muscles
- placenta increta – invade uterine muscles
- placenta percreta – penetrate through uterus
- 1:2500 deliveries
- placenta praevia 10%

Placenta accreta



Obr. 13.44 Typy prorůstání choriových klků (A – normální inzerce, B – *placenta adherens*, C – *placenta increta/accreta*, 1 – choriový klk, 2 – pars compacta decidua basalis, 3 – pars spongiosa decidua basalis, 4 – myometrium)

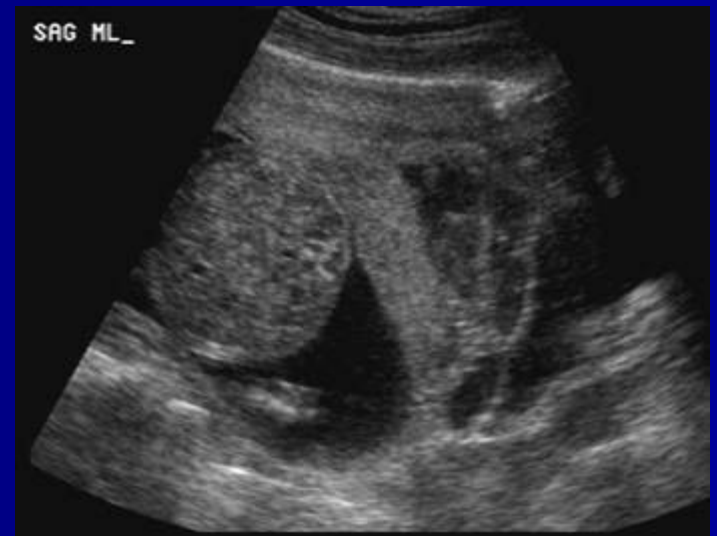
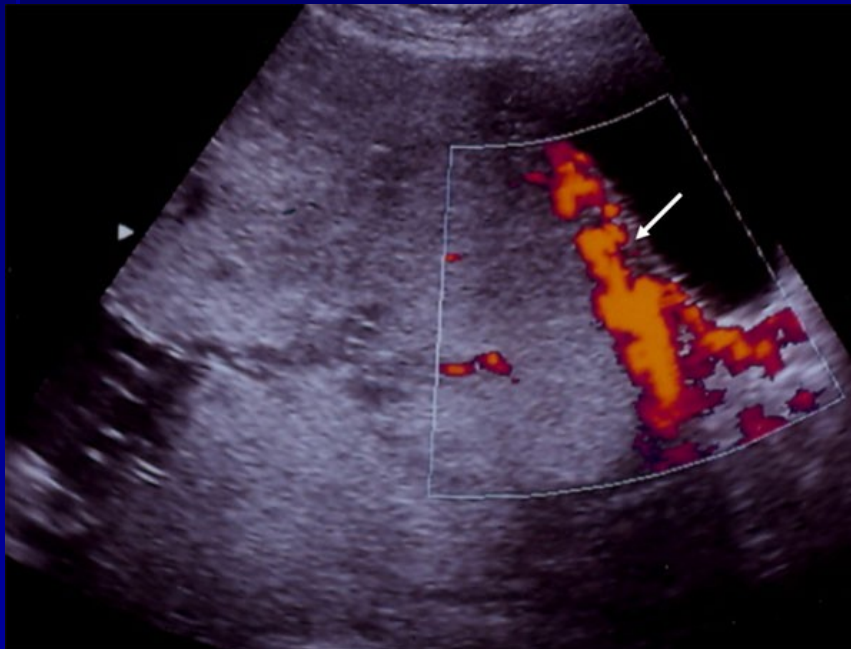


Uterus with placenta accreta
By lunar caustic



Placenta accreta - diagnosis

- Ultrasound
- MRI



Placenta accreta - management

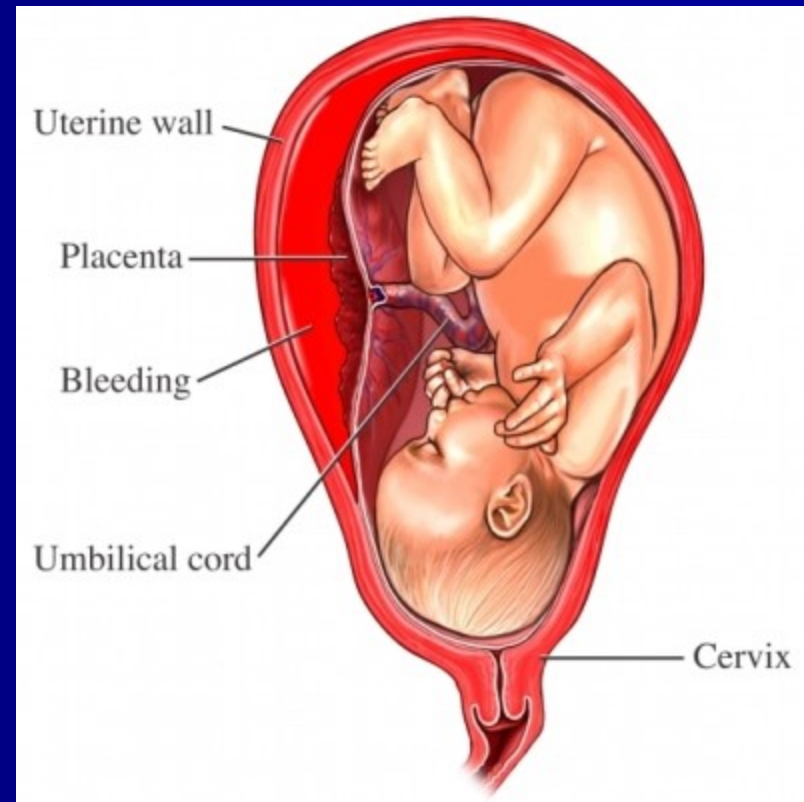
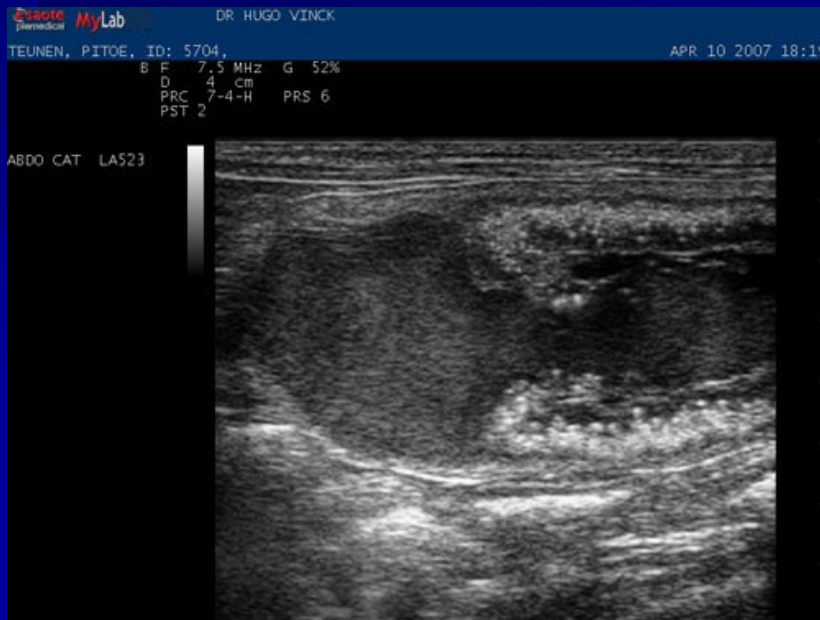
- 90% women with placenta percreta will lose more than 3000 ml of blood during operation
- the diagnosis is made mostly during the caesarean section or labour
- hysterectomy may be necessary by increta and percreta
- pelvic arterial embolisation could be an alternative

Placental abruption

- incidence 1 %
- placental attachment to the uterus is disrupted by haemorrhage
- etiology
 - abdominal trauma
 - uterine decompression
 - prolonged rupture of the membranes
 - unknown

Placenta abruption - diagnosis

- bleeding
- pain – hypertonus
- ultrasound



Placental abruption - management

- expectant management
 - abruption very minor
 - gestation very preterm
- caesarean section
 - immediately by heavy bleeding
 - immediately 32 week above

Postpartum haemorrhage

- uterine atony or hypotony
- retained placenta
- lower genital tract trauma
- uterine rupture

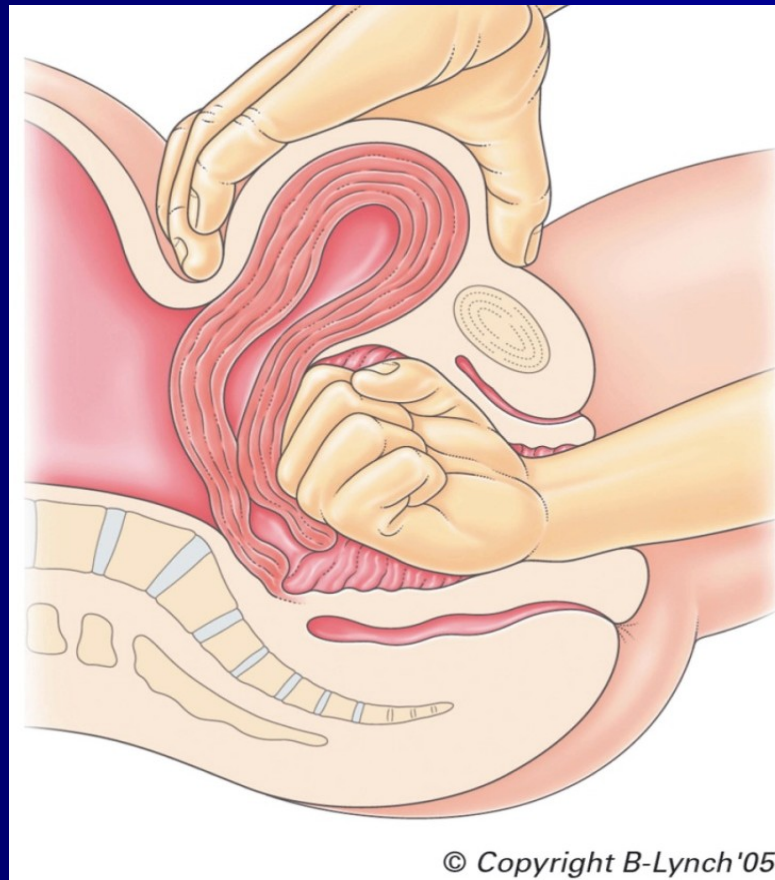
Uterine atony

- uterus contractions and retraction fails to occur
- uterus remains soft , boggy and relaxed
- causes – unknown or retained placenta
- 80% of PPH

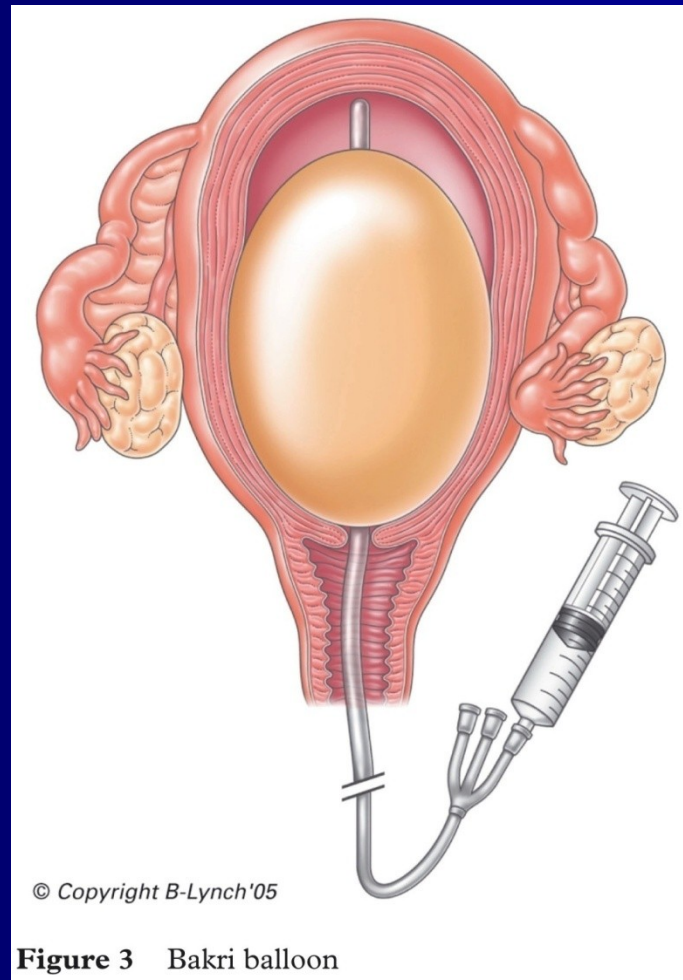
Uterine atony - management

- uterotonics
 - oxytocin, PGE, MEM, carbetocin
- compression of uterus
- curettage
- tamponade – Bakri balloon catheter
- B - lynch compressive suture
- embolisation of pelvic vessels
- ligation of internal iliac vessels
- hysterectomy

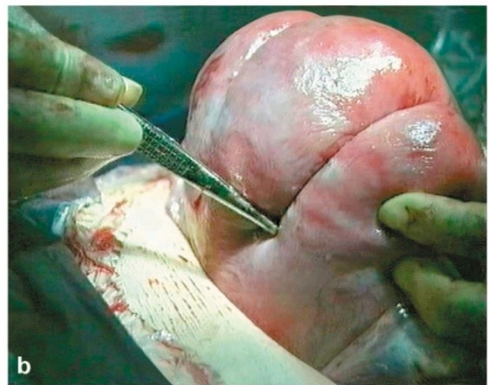
Bimanual compression



Bakri balloon tamponade

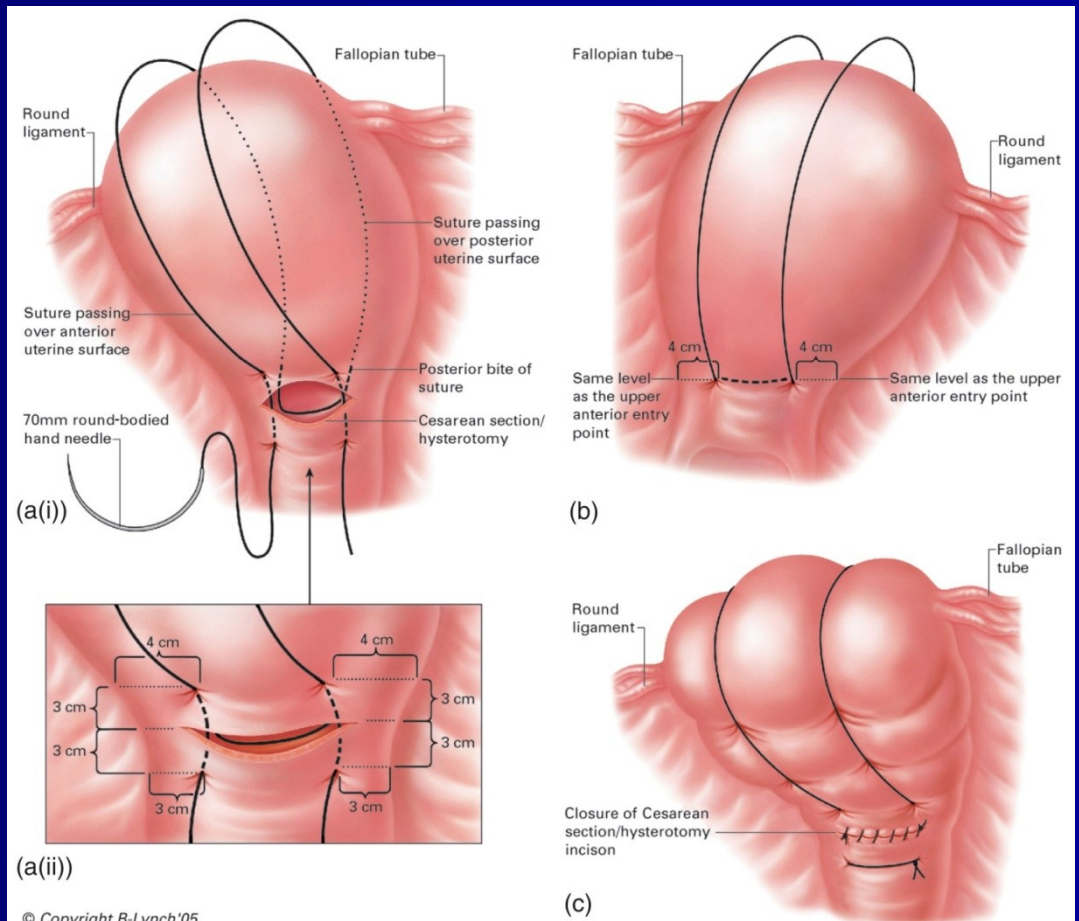


B-Lynch compressive suture



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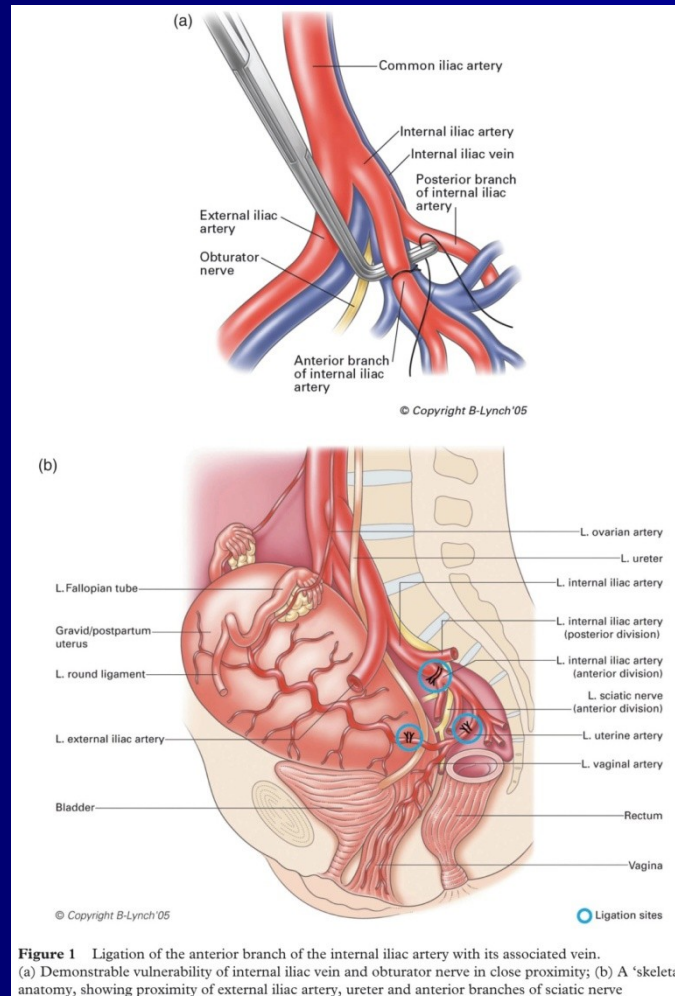
Figure 3 The *in vivo* effect of correct application of the B-Lynch surgical technique seen immediately after successful suture application. No congestion, no ischemia and no 'shouldering' of the sutures at the fundus



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Figure 2a-c Summary of the application of the B-Lynch procedure

Internal iliac artery ligation



Retained placenta

Cause

- constriction of lower part – cervix
- placenta adherens

Management

- manual removal + curettage
- general anesthesia

