
Annotation I: Spontaneous Annular Detachment of the Cervix

The above case reminds me of a case of primi undergoing spontaneous labour, at Holy Family Hospital, Rawalpindi in early 70s. She had some delay in second stage of labour despite strong uterine contractions. At vaginal examination for evaluation of cervical dilation, it was found to be full. But to my surprise, almost dismay, after withdrawing the examining hand, I found a circular structure in it. It looked like a dried annular ring of a fairly/ large onion. I wondered as to whether it was a strange bouge used by a dai, but the patient denied any such interference. It was only after a while that the rare diagnosis of spontaneous Annular Detachment of the Cervix, struck me. In the mean while the young lady delivered a healthy baby.

There after the site of cervical attachment was examined and found to be rather ragged, with surprisingly enough not a drop of blood, thus not requiring any specific treatment.

That was perhaps a case of strong uterine contractions leading to pushing on incompletely dilated cervix, rarely referred to in the literature and as indicated by the author of the above Case Report. She was lost to follow up after her discharge on second day.

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“I will not aid a woman to procure abortion”

Hippocrates