

Annotation II: Spontaneous Annular Detachment of Cervix after Cervical Cerclage

An experience in my clinical practice, though with different etiology is of a 22 years lady, primigravida who had a history of cervical cerclage at a private hospital due to cervical incompetence at 15 weeks of pregnancy and presented for further management and delivery in her third trimester at the hospital, I was working in. Her prenatal care at our hospital was un-remarkable. The cervical cerclage was removed on completion of 37weeks. She presented in spontaneous labour at 38 weeks and was delivered by spontaneous vertex delivery. The delivery of placenta was followed by expulsion of a soft donut shaped structure. Thorough vaginal examination raised suspicion of annular cervical detachment leaving behind a raw area on the remaining part of cervix, yet no active bleeding was noticed. The tissue was sent for histopathology and patient was observed for further bleeding or complications. Patient was discharged next day in a stable condition. The tissue histopathological examination confirmed fibrotic cervical tissues. Patient was lost to follow up for further associated problems in her subsequent pregnancies.

Conclusion: Cervical cerclage probably if tightened too much, may cause fibrotic necrosis and detachment of the cervix due to ischemia.

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but
to acquire wisdom one must observe**

Marilyn Savant