



MANAGEMENT OF PLACENTAL ADHESIVE DISORDERS

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PLACENTA ACCRETA



- First described in the 20th century

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|-----------|---------------------|
| – 1930-50 | → 1/30000 |
| – 1950-60 | → 1/19000 |
| – 1980 | → 1/7000 |
| – Today | → 1/500-2500 births |

C/S ↑

- Mortality !
- Emergency peripartum hysterectomy !

Normal (Decidua)

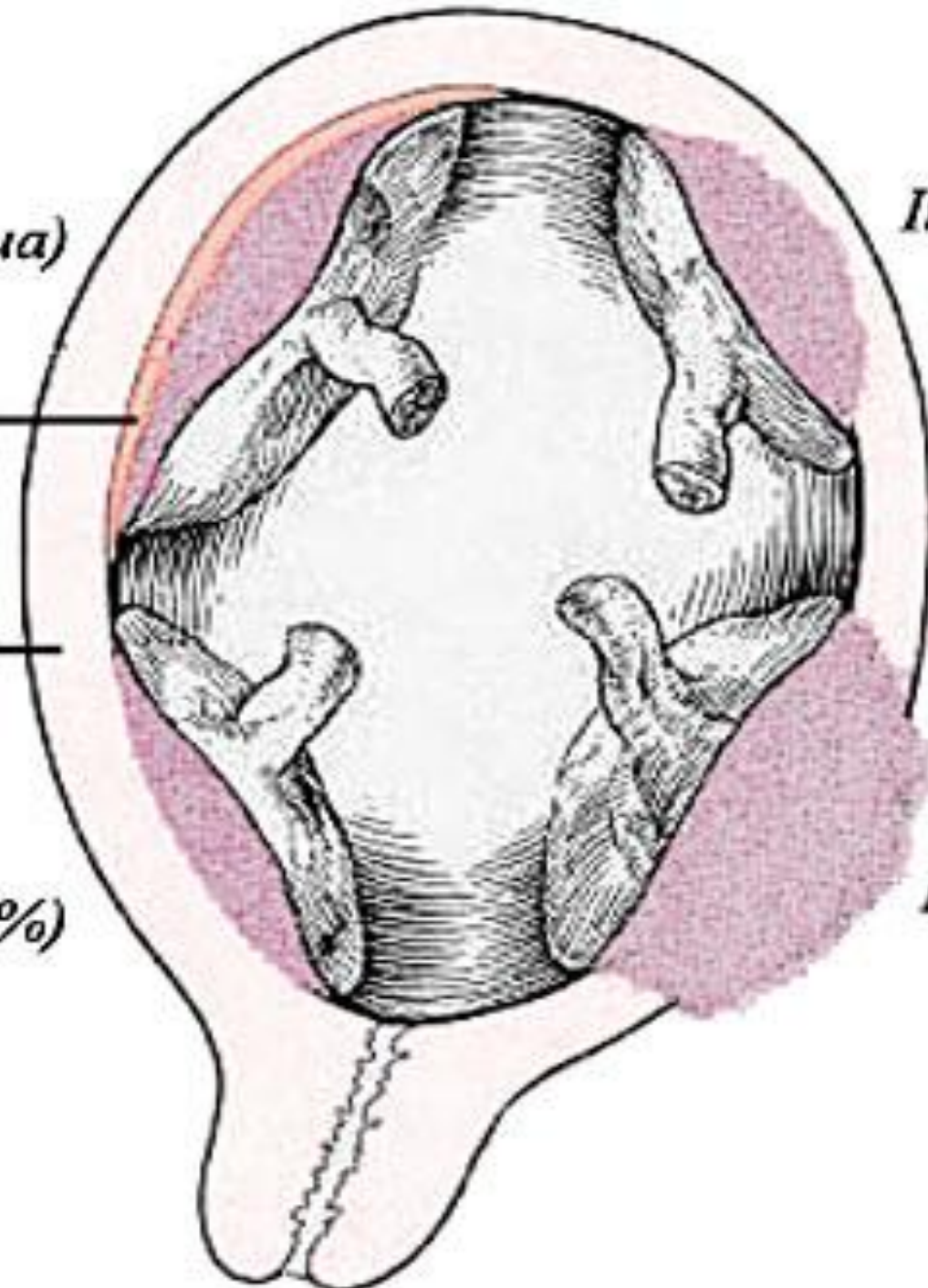
Stratum basalis
of endometrium

Myometrium

Increta (17%)

Accreta (75-78%)

Percreta (5%)



RISK FACTORS

- Placenta previa
 - Previous C/S
 - Myomectomy
 - Multiple pregnancy
 - Grandmultiparity
- Previous uterine surgery (myomectomy, C/S)
- Asherman syndrome
- Submucous myoma
- Advanced maternal age
- Female fetus

ACCRETA !

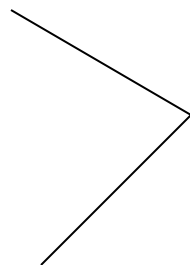
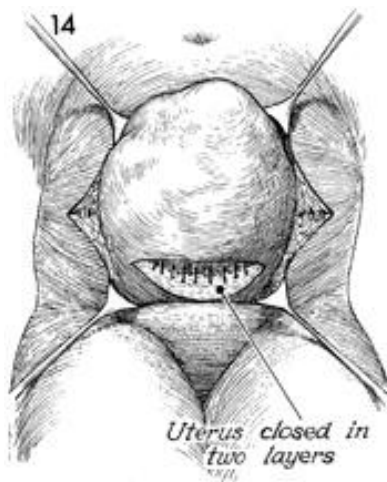


| C/S | Placenta previa | Normal Placenta |
|------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Primary | 3.3 | 0.03 |
| 2 | 11 | 0.2 |
| 3 | 40 | 0.1 |
| 4 | 61 | 0.8 |
| 5 | 67 | 0.8 |
| ≥ 6 | 67 | 4.7 |

Uterine sutures at prior caesarean section and placenta accreta in subsequent pregnancy: a case-control study

S Sumigama,^a C Sugiyama,^b T Kotani,^a H Hayakawa,^c A Inoue,^d Y Mano,^a H Tsuda,^a M Furuhashi,^e O Yamamuro,^f Y Kinoshita,^g T Okamoto,^h H Nakamura,^b K Matsusawa,ⁱ K Sakakibara,^j H Oguchi,^k M Kawai,^l Y Shimoyama,^m K Tamakoshi,ⁿ F Kikkawa^a

- Interrupted sutures better than continuous



Maternal/fetal risks ↑
>36 w, invasion degree

Scarring process after surgery



Abnormal vascularization

Localized hypoxia



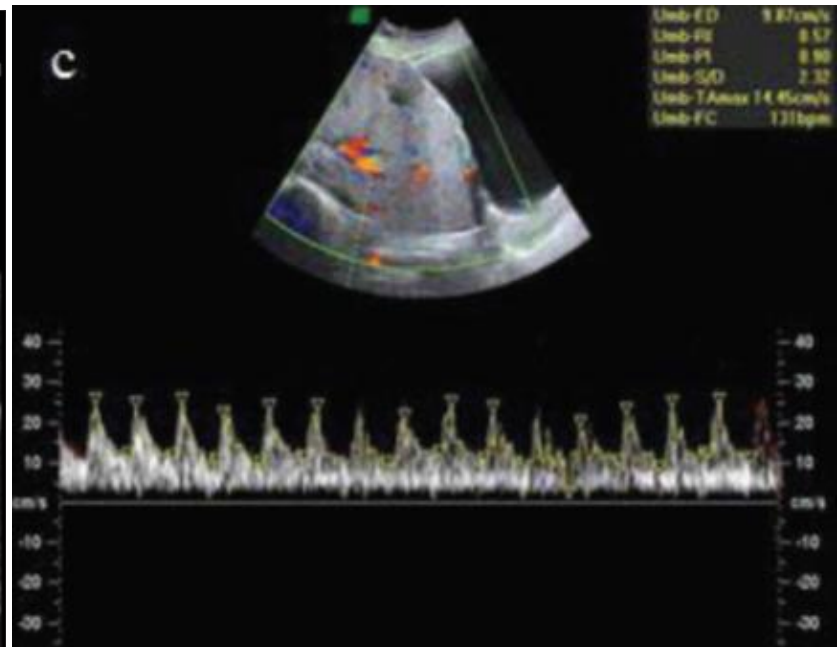
Defective decidualization and
Excessive trophoblastic
invasion

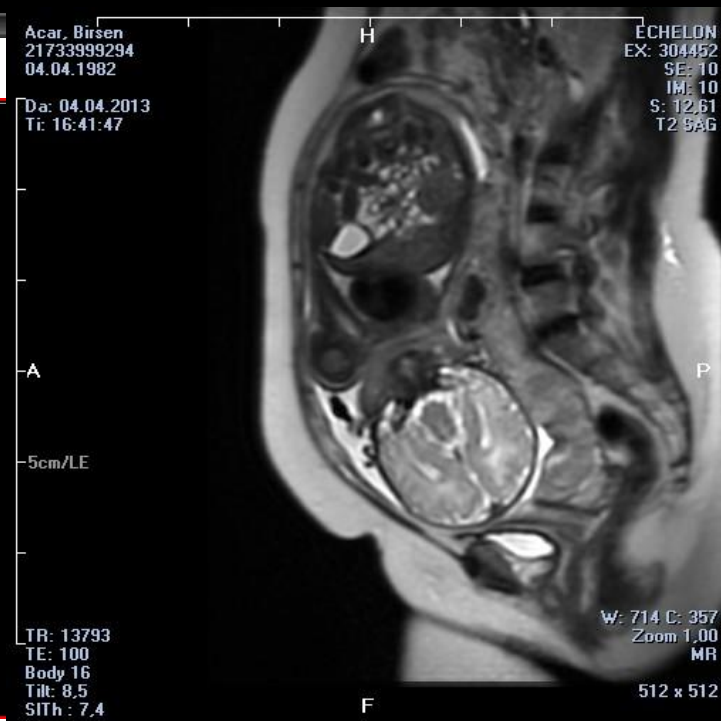
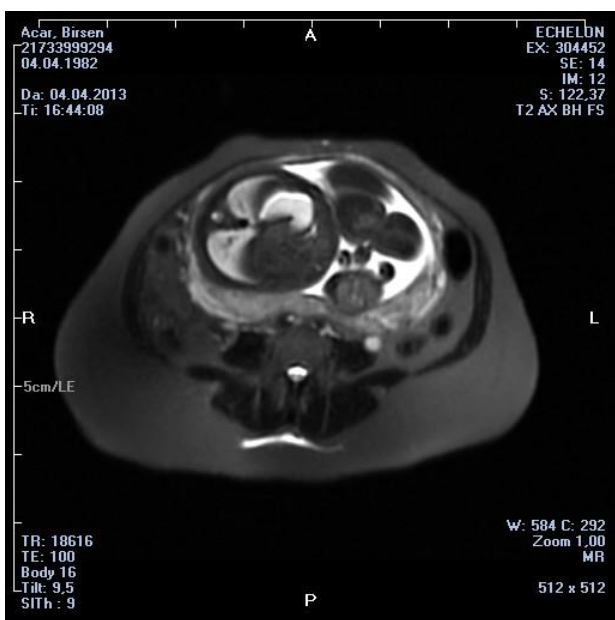
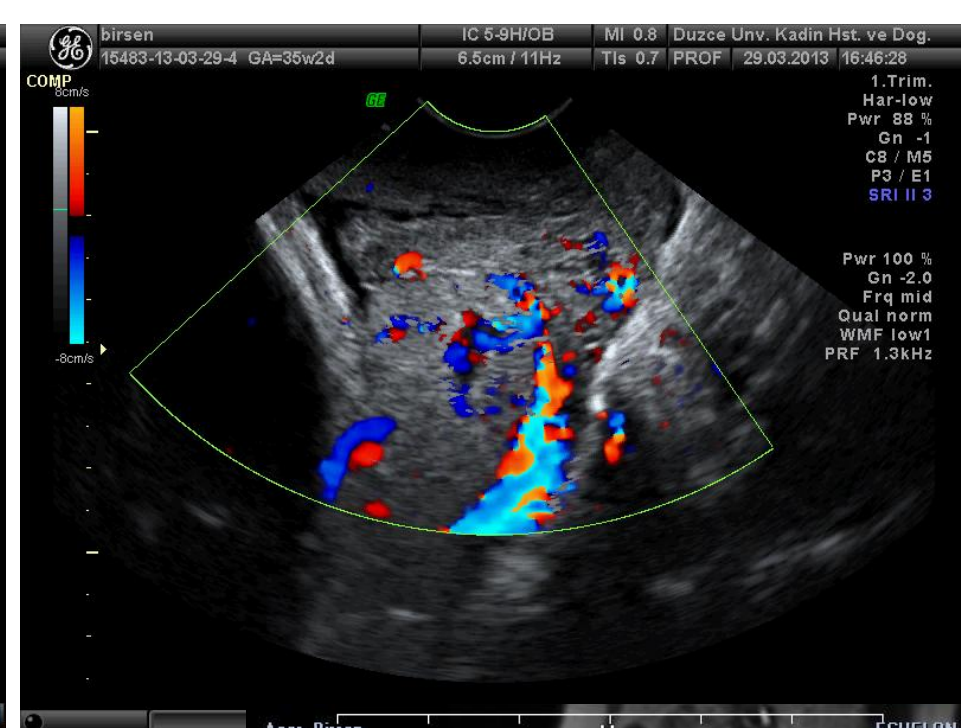
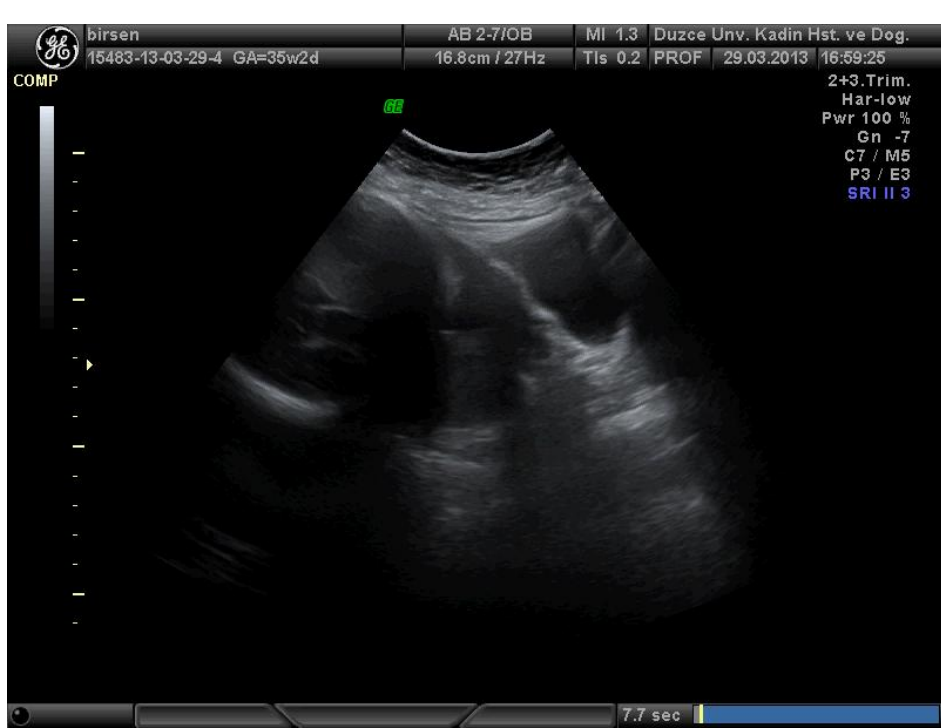


DIAGNOSIS

- Usually by US
 - Sensitivity % 80
 - Specificity % 95
- MRI
 - Confirm the diagnosis
 - Delineate the presence or extent of accreta









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RAB 2-5L/OB

20.0cm / 38Hz

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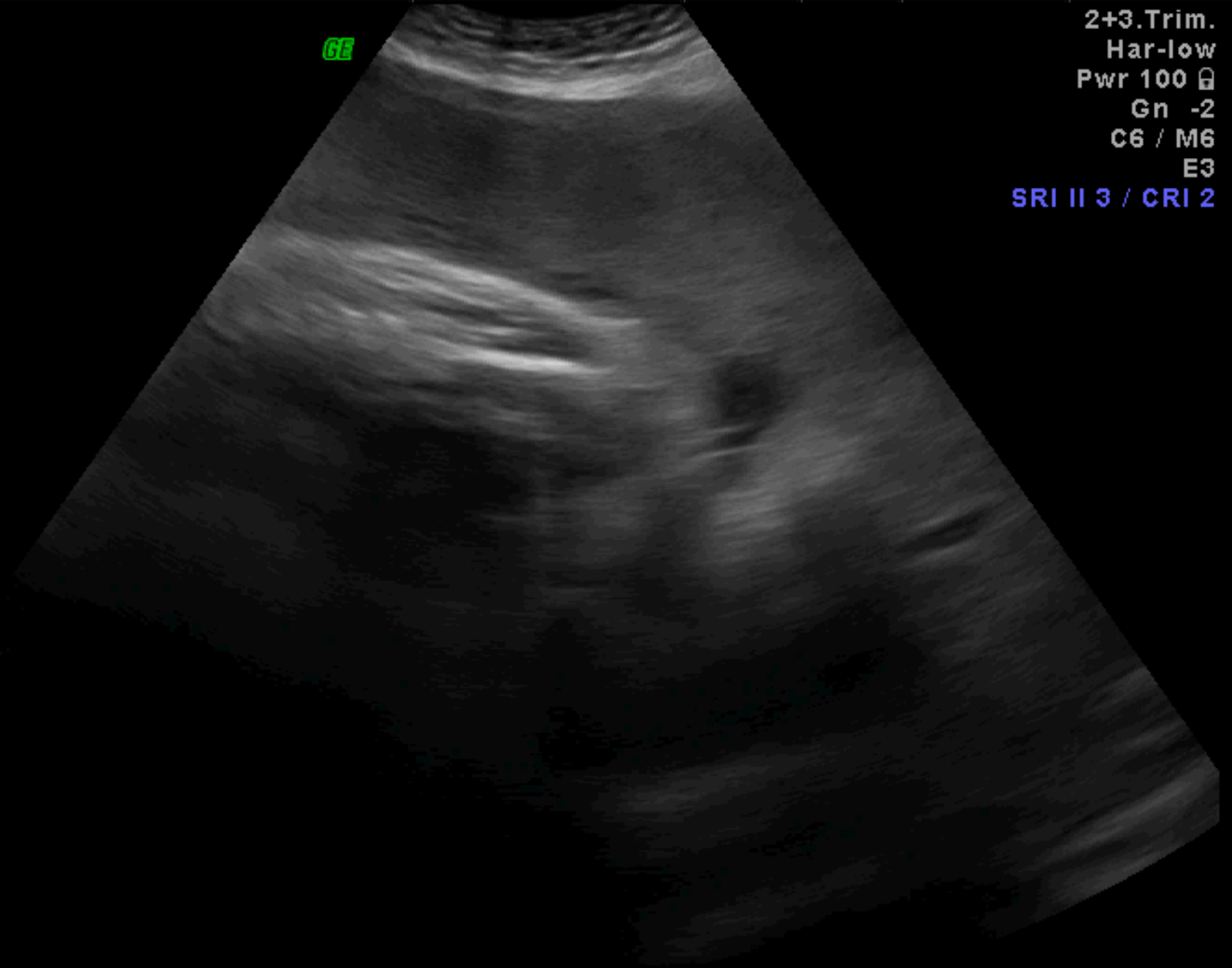
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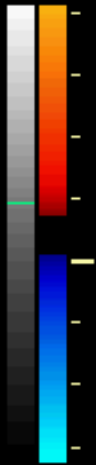
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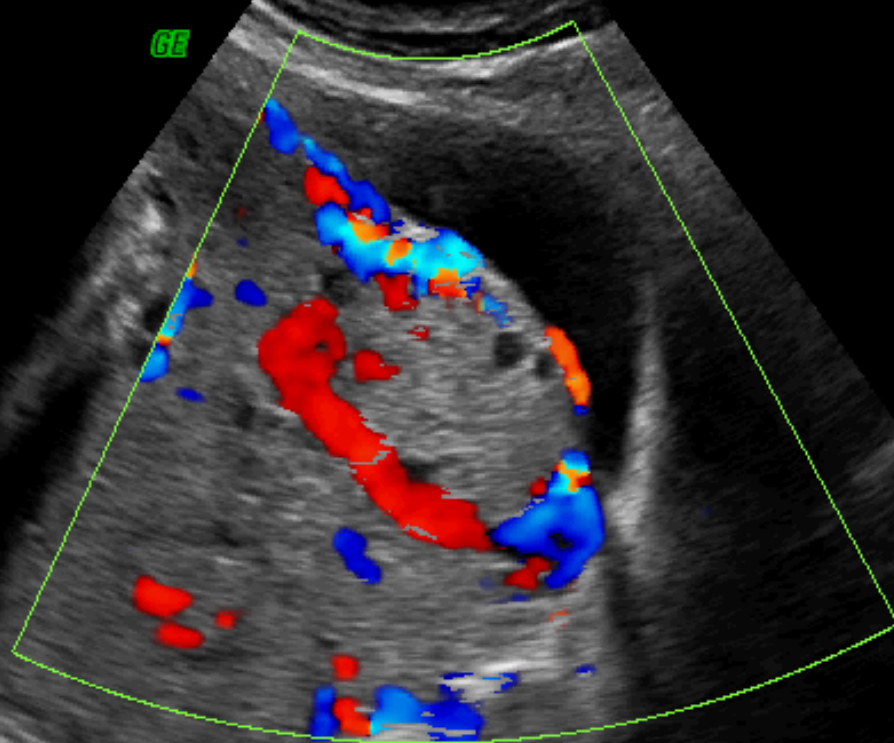
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-25cm/s

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Frq mid

Qual norm

WMF low1

PRF 1.8kHz

2.7 sec



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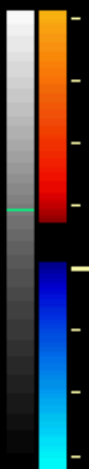
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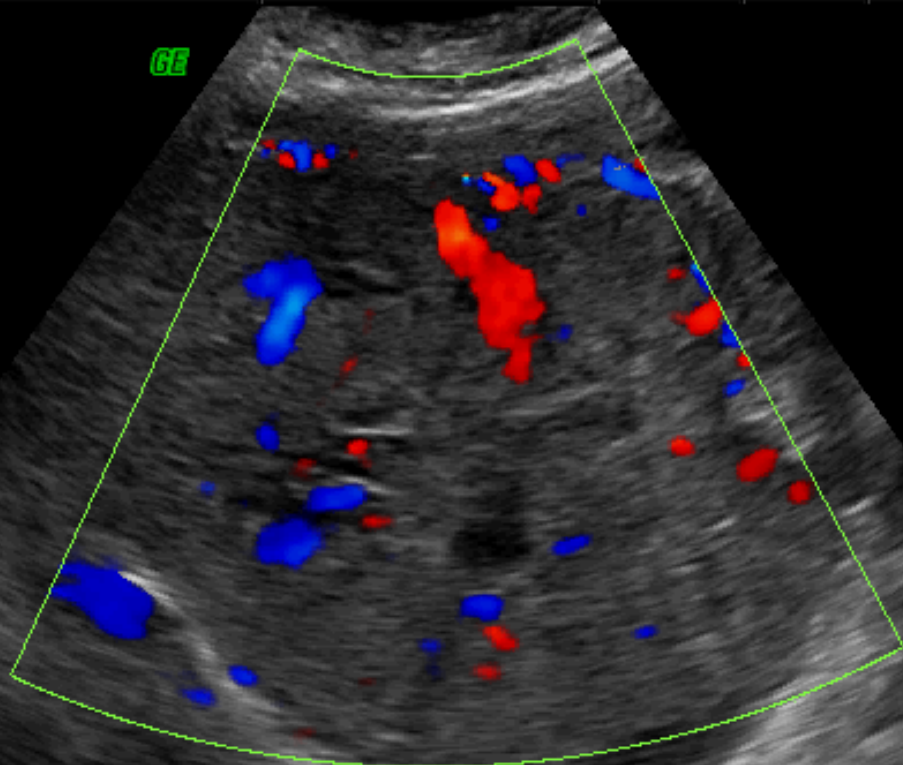
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6.9 sec

ANTENATAL DIAGNOSIS

- Prepare and counsel for treatment options and complications
 - Consent for C/S Hysterectomy
 - If placenta is left in situ
 - Inform patient risk of complication (sepsis and delayed hemorrhage)
 - Multidisciplinary approach



PRECAUTIONS IN THE ANTENATAL PERIOD

- Hct
- Blood group
- Fe (oral/IV)
- Betamethasone
- Referral to tertiary center

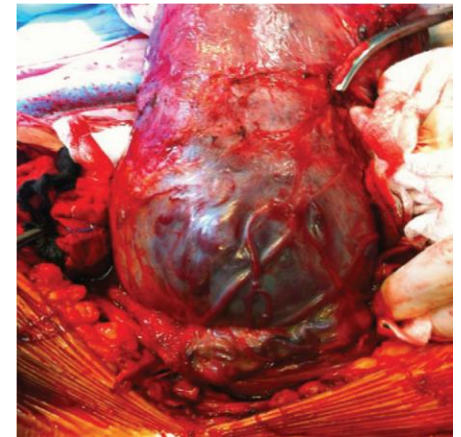


OPTIMAL TIMING OF DELIVERY

35-36 w in cases of suspected accreta
In the absence of any bleeding

34-35 w after steroid administration
Without AF confirmation of fetal lung maturity

- Optimize outcome for the mother
 - 93% report hemorrhage after 35w
 - shorter OR times,
 - lower frequency of transfusions,
 - lower ICU admission



BALLOON OCCLUSION OF THE AORTA OR INTERNAL ILIAC VESSELS

- Utility?
- Prevent excessive blood loss during resection of the lower uterine segment
- Place into the Int. Iliac A. preop and inflate during the dissection
- There is a need for larger studies / RCT



Extirpative
Method

C/S
Hysterectomy

PROCEDURES

Conservative
Treatment

One-step
Conservative
Surgery

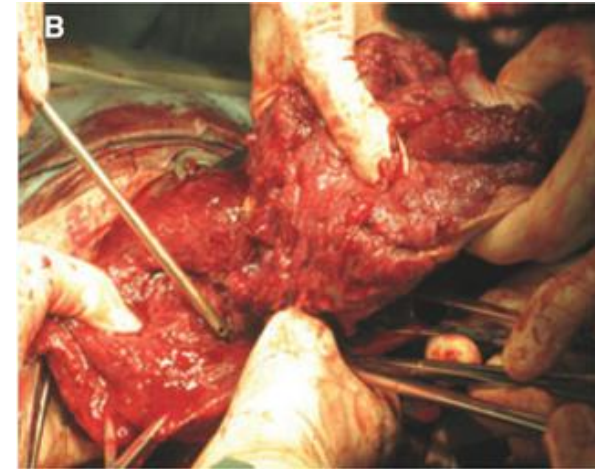
Placenta accreta with an anterior previa

Vertical fundal incision

Avoid placenta and reduce the risk of massive PPH

EXTIRPATIVE METHOD

- Undiagnosed accreta
- Forcible manual removal
- Higher rate of massive PPH and peripartum hysterectomy

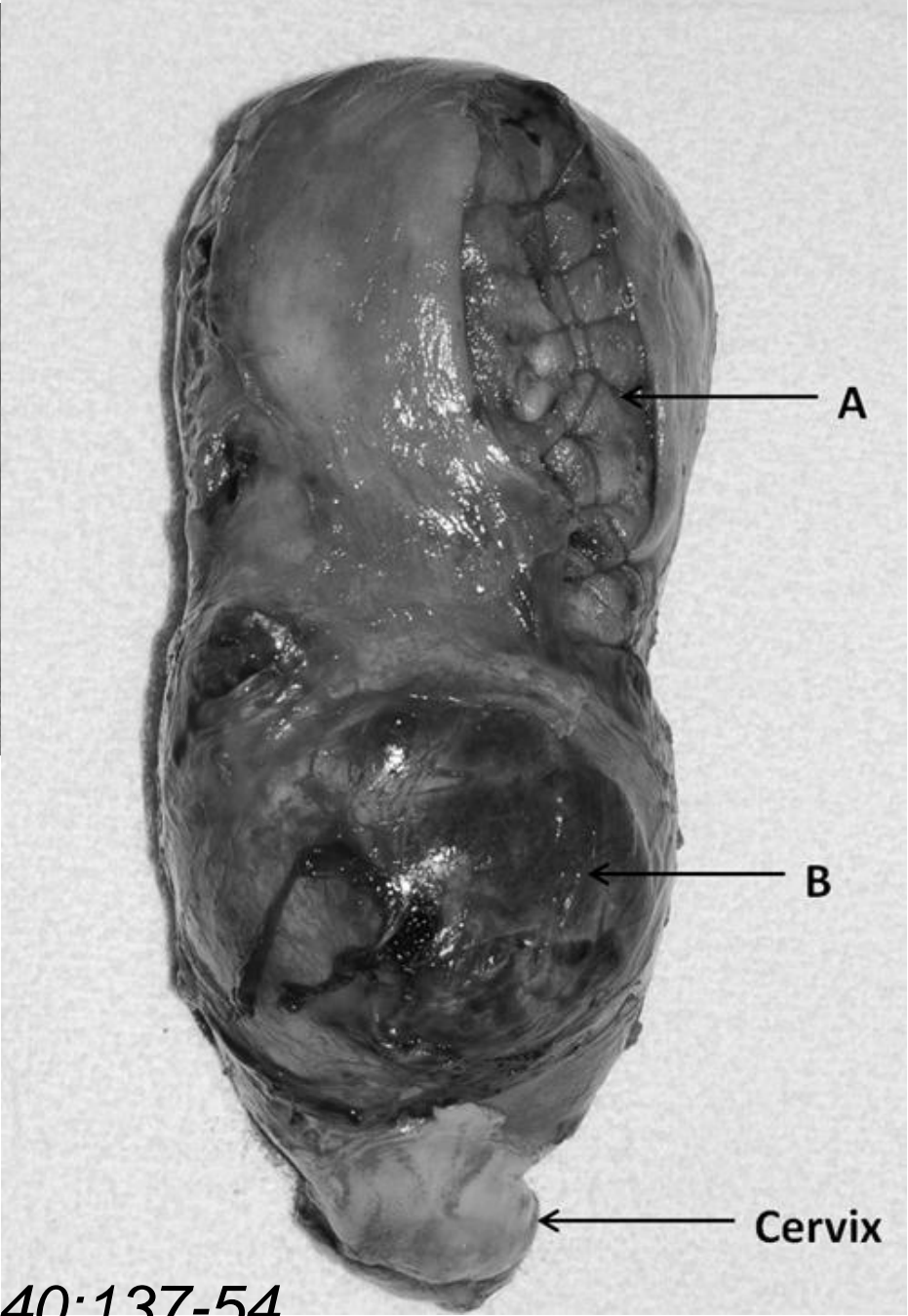
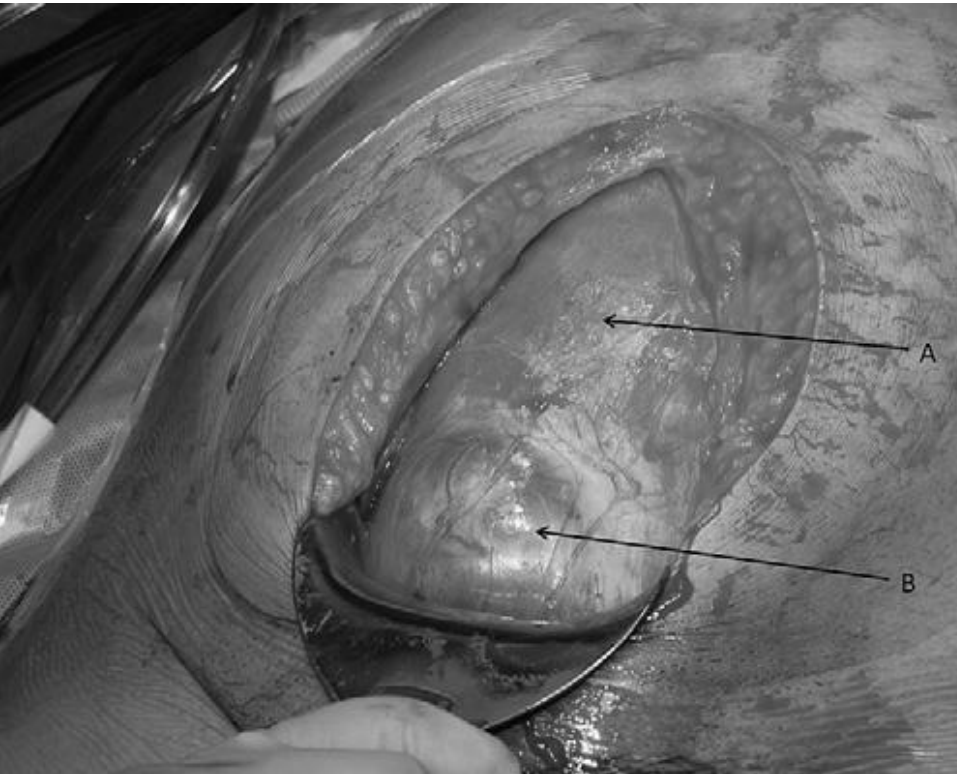


Should be abandoned when other procedures are available

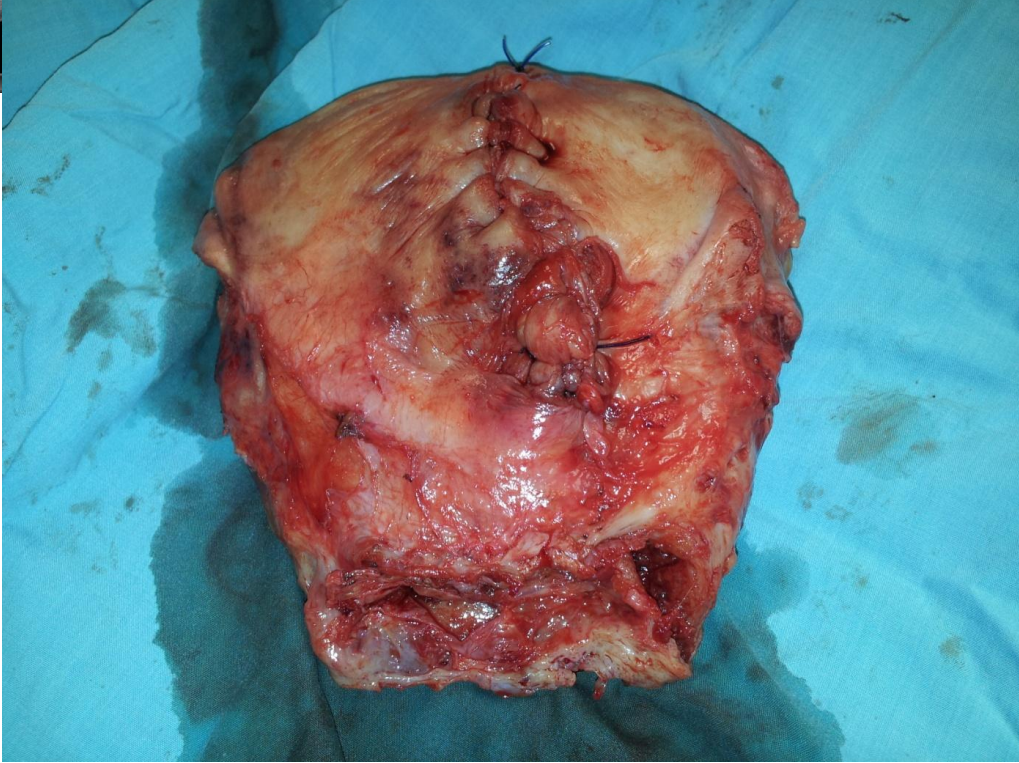
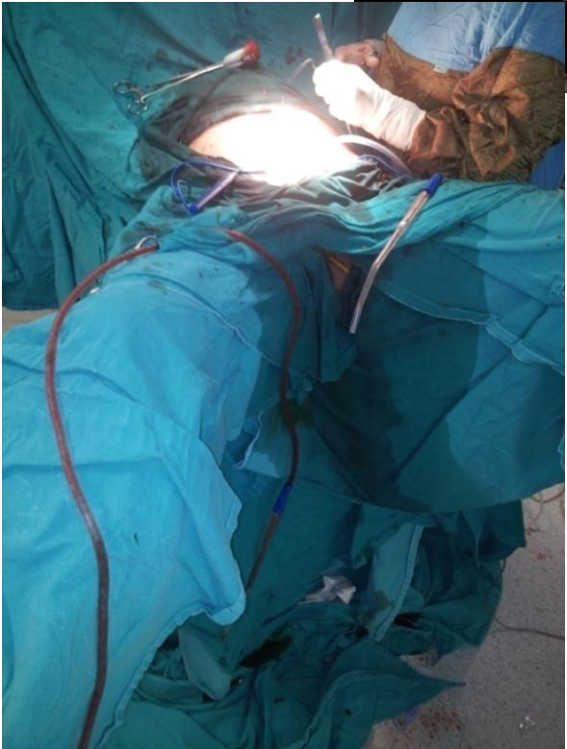
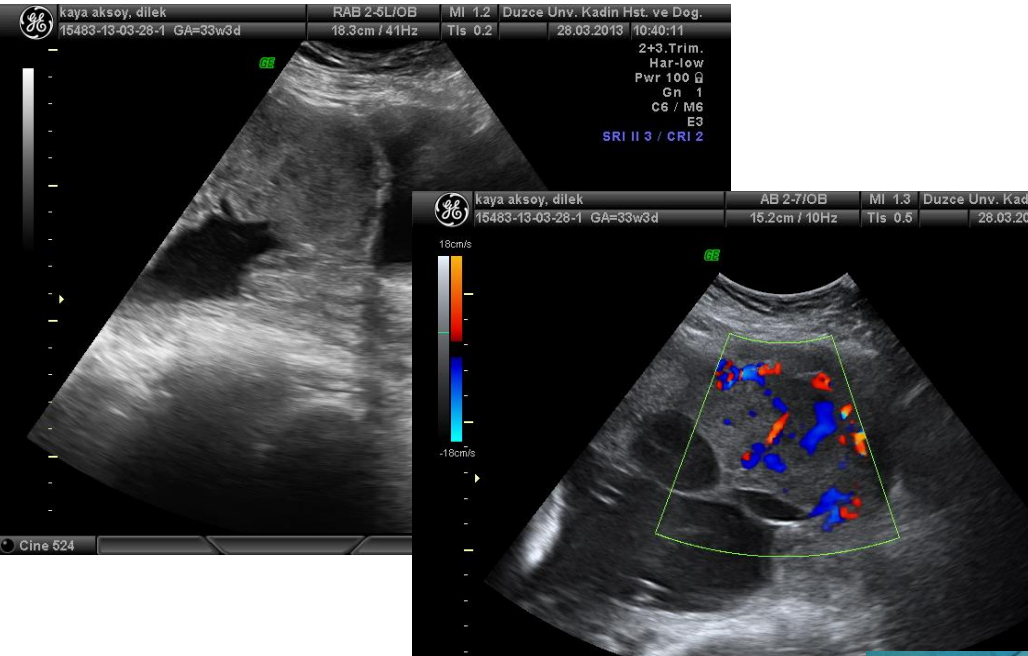
C/S HYSTERECTOMY

- Currently recommended by the ACOG
- Maternal mortality relatively low
- Mortality 7 % with placenta percreta

Without attempting to remove the placenta
have lower complication rate



Obstet Gynecol Clin N Am 2013;40:137-54



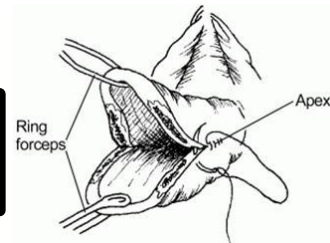
Prior to skin incision all required blood products (RBC, FFP, and PLT) should be available



Decide for balloon occlusion or embolisation catheters

Individualize choice of anesthesia
Regional anaesthesia may have fetal benefits but it may limit the ability to manipulate the abdominal contents for retractor placement

Place a ring forceps on the cervix





Midline vertical incision (exposure)

Inspect entire pelvis

Identify placental abnormalities,
Perform hysterotomy away from placenta
(Fundal or posterior uterine wall)

Not disrupt placenta after delivery of the infant

Uterotonics

Some reports recommend avoiding to limit placental disruption,
Other data suggest that reduce uterine atony and limit uterine bleeding

Use of ancillary procedures ----- No benefit (Prophylactic Int.Iliac A. ligation)



Hysterotomy incision should be closed

Do not perform hysterectomy in a standard fashion


Ligate the vascular channels coursing to the uterus within the retroperitoneum

Visualize ureters, divide utero-ovarian ligaments
pack the ovaries

Open vesico-uterine peritoneum
dissect bladder without placental disruption



Ligate uterine a. and its collateral channels,
avoid disrupting the wall (thinned and friable)



Dissect until below the placental tissue
Requires additional dissection of the plane between
the bladder and uterus/placenta



Often necessary to perform a cystotomy to fully
separate the bladder from the uterus

Elevate LUS/cervix
Amputate uterine fundus with placental mass

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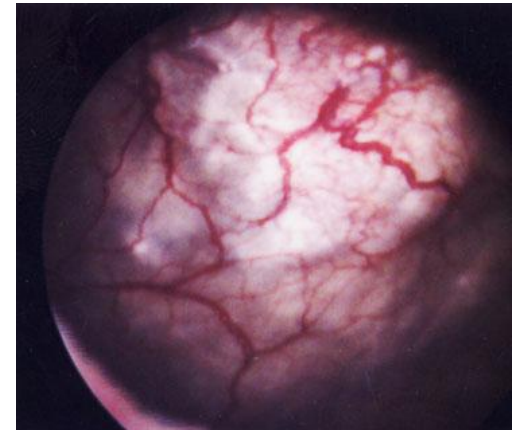
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PLACENTA PERCRETA WITH BLADDER INVASION

- Bladder is most frequently invaded organ
- Morbidity is severe and high (72.2%)
- Maternal mortality 5.6%
- Preoperative ureteral catheter
minimize complications
- Morbidity is low in conservative than
radical treatment



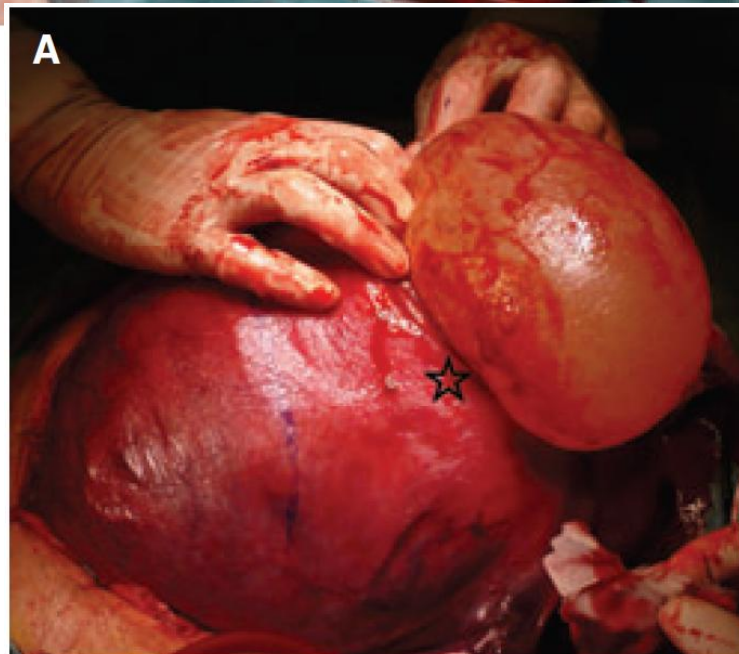
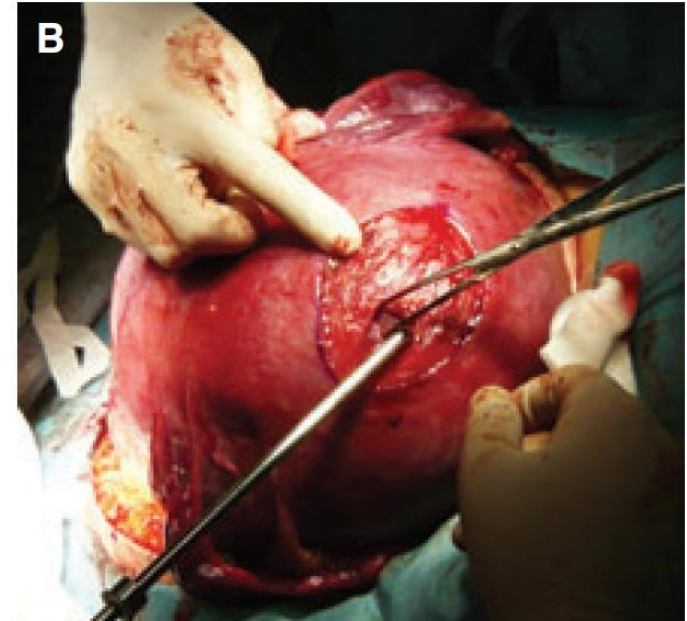
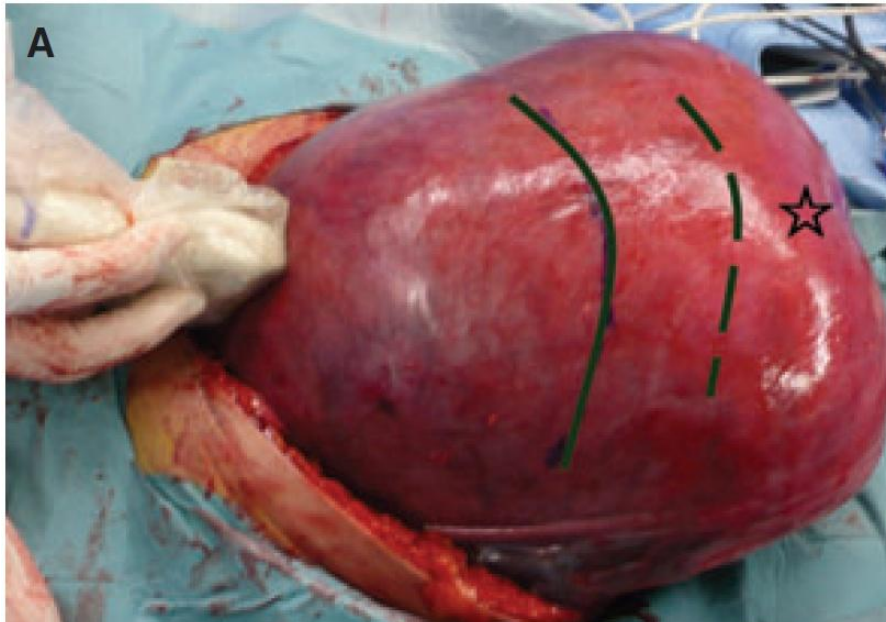
URETERAL STENTS?

- Lower morbidity (18% vs 55%, $p= 0.018$)
- Nonsignificant reduction in ureteral injury (0 vs 7%)
- For considering routine use further evaluation is required
- In recent American surveys
 - 26-35 % reported using ureteral stents



Transverse uterine incision

Kotsuji F et al BJOG 2013



CONSERVATIVE MANAGEMENT

- Placenta is left in situ for resorption
- Severe long-term complications
 - Hemorrhage and infections
 - 58 % risk of hysterectomy up till 9 months after delivery

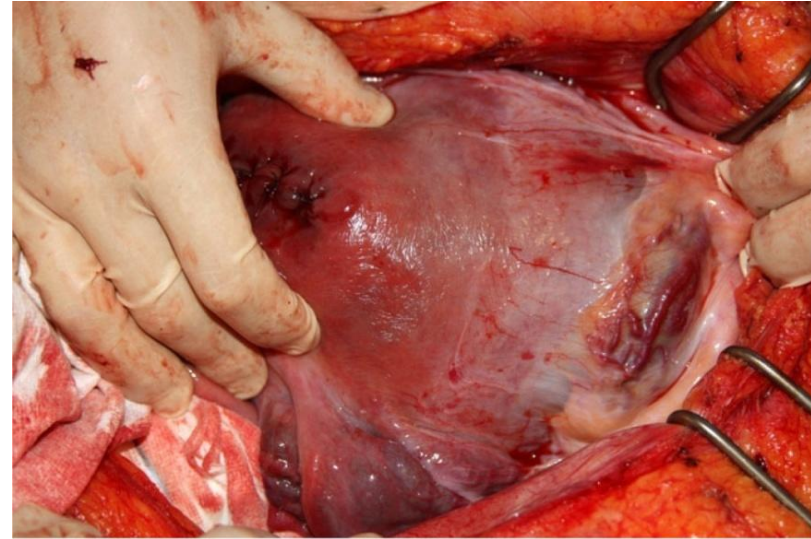
If percreta is diagnosed in the operation



Deliver the infant



Leave the placenta



Close the uterus and book the woman for second surgery (local resection or hysterectomy) at a later time and/or at another more resource-advanced hospital (within 24 h)

Chantraine F. et al. Acta Obstet Gynecol Scand 2013;92:369-71

Clausen C et al. Acta Obstet Gynecol Scand 2014;93:138-43

Fitzpatrick KE et al. BJOG 2014;121:62-71

CONSERVATIVE MANAGEMENT

- Close follow up for development of any complications (weeks to months)
- Most common complication is **fever**

Endomyometritis or florid sepsis

Inflammatory response to tissue necrosis

Prophylactic broad-spectrum antibiotic
should be used

MONITORIZATION OF CONSERVATIVE MANAGEMENT

- No data available
- Prophylactic antibiotics for 5 days
- Discharge on the 8th postop day

MONITORIZATION

Follow up weekly until the complete resorption

Clinical
Examination

Bleeding
Temperature
Pelvic pain

Pelvic US

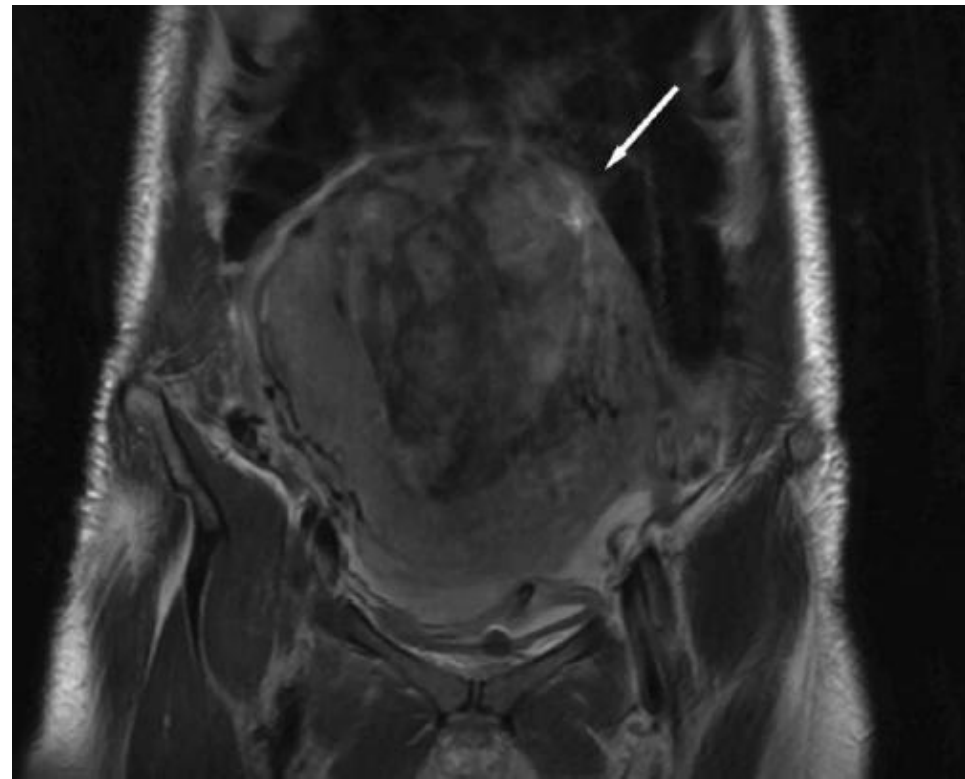
Volume of
retained tissue

Laboratory

CBC, CRP
Vaginal
culture

CONSERVATIVE MANAGEMENT

- 167 women
- Failure 22 % (required hysterectomy)
 - 18 primary hysterectomy for intraoperative bleeding,
 - 18 underwent a delayed hysterectomy
- Severe morbidity occurred in 10 women
- One death due to MTX complication
- Spontaneous placental resorption (75%)
 - Average interval 13.5 w (range 4-60)



Approximately 10 months after her uterine preservation surgery, the patient had an unplanned repeat pregnancy. At 26 weeks of gestation, ultrasonogram

Fig. 2. Hysterectomy specimen with fundal rupture and recurrent placenta accreta.

Deshpande. Uterine Rupture After Placenta Accreta. Obstet Gynecol 2013.

Deshpande NA et al Obstet Gynecol 2013;122:475–8

GENTLE REMOVAL OF PLACENTA SUSPECTED ACCRETA?

- Cause severe bleeding with the risk of maternal complications and hysterectomy
- Attempt gently to remove the placenta only in cases of unconvincing findings of accreta

MTX FOR ADJUVANT TREATMENT?

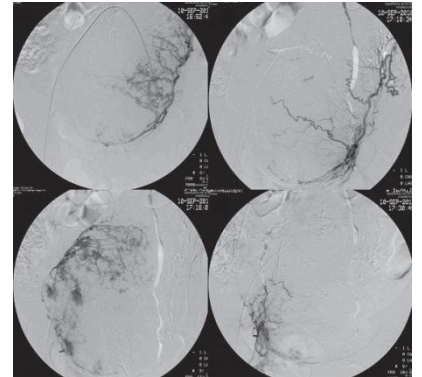


- Acts only on rapidly dividing cells
 - Trophoblastic proliferation does not occur at term
- Controversy regarding effectiveness
- MTX → neutropenia or medullary aplasia
- Lack of consensus regarding
 - Optimum dosing, frequency or route of administration

RCOG does not recommend routine use

Preventive uterine devascularization in the absence of bleeding?

- Very limited data to answer
- Preventive devascularization
 - Embolization, BUAL, BHAL
- Less effective in cases of placenta accreta
- May have harmful effects
 - 2 cases of uterine necrosis occurred in 62 women (French study)



Further evaluation is required

ONE-STEP CONSERVATIVE SURGERY

- Resecting the invaded area together with placenta and performing reconstruction
- Palacios et al has reported 45 patients
 - 44 were uneventful and only one was complicated by a recurrence of accreta

!! Achieving hemostasis may be very challenging for an inexperienced team

CONCLUSION

- C/S hysterectomy is “**gold standard**”
- Conservative treatment is a valid option
 - For percreta with bladder invasion
 - For young women with fertility desire
 - Who agree to close follow-up monitoring
- Prospective PACCRETA study has been launched to answer some of the questions

In France, 182 centers, 270 000 deliveries annually; 120 placenta accreta



**No woman
should die
giving life!**