

CASE REPORT

Acute Appendicitis in Pregnancy; a Case Study

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Abstract

Abdominal pain is one of the most common complaints during pregnancy, which is constantly debated due to its numerous differential diagnoses. Acute appendicitis is the most common problem requiring surgery during pregnancy and has a prevalence of 1 in 1500 pregnant women. Existing studies have declared that acute appendicitis during pregnancy is diagnosed with delay in 30 - 35% of cases. This can have severe side effects and may even lead to death of the mother or fetus. Strong clinical suspicion of the physician in addition to taking proper advanced paraclinical measures can reduce errors in this regard. To emphasize the importance of this subject, we have reported a case of appendicitis during pregnancy.

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