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Retrospective analytical study of total abdominal hyeterectomy for benign gynaecological conditions

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ABSTRACT

Background: Hysterectomy, which is one of the most common surgeries performed on women, dates back to ancient time. This retrospective study was done to determine a baseline data on various indications for total abdominal hysterectomy for benign gynaecological conditions, most common presenting symptoms, and socio-economic status and their histopathology correlation.

Methods: This retrospective study was performed in the department of Obstetrics and gynaecology, in collaboration with Department of Pathology, Gandhi Medical College, Bhopal. Baseline data were collected from inpatient files and histopathology reports to determine the indication for surgery, pattern of gynaecological diseases, and distribution with respect to age, parity, rural, urban, socio-economic status and final histopathology correlation. Histopathology reports were collected from Department of Pathology.

Results: Majority of women undergone TAH for benign gynaecological diseases were in age group of 40-49 years [n=341 (48.99% cases)], multi para and from urban areas (57.26%). most common indication for TAH is fibroid uterus [n=347 (49.85%)]. The most common mode of presentation is excessive prolonged frequent bleeding per vagina (58.14%). Most common histopathology reports of TAH were leiomyoma with chronic cervicitis {n=347 (49.78%)}.

Conclusions: Majority of women undergoing for TAH for benign gynaecological conditions have great satisfaction as they got relieved from their complaints and very minimum post-operative complications, but their long term outcome are still debatable.

Keywords: Abnormal uterine bleeding, Histopathology reports, Post-menopausal bleeding, Total abdominal hysterectomy

INTRODUCTION

Hysterectomy word derived from Greek word hystero 'uterus', 'ektome,' 'cutting out of' is the surgical removal of uterus. Hysterectomy, which is the most common surgical procedures performed on women, is mainly associated with noncancerous conditions.¹

Though a number of minimally invasive surgical options for hysterectomy do exist now and are promising like endometrial ablation, thermal balloon therapy and uterine artery embolization, but restricted availability, poor knowledge, high cost and need follow-up limit them from being widely used. Therefore hysterectomy, abdominal or vaginal, still remains the widely accepted and practised treatment of choice for majority of gynaecological diseases. In developing countries, especially in rural areas, due to limited resources available women usually present very late to health care facilities and desire a permanent cure to their diseases at the cheapest rates available.²

This retrospective study was done to determine a baseline data on various indications for total abdominal hysterectomy for benign gynaecological conditions, most common presenting symptoms, and socio-economic status and their histopathology correlation.

METHODS

This retrospective study was performed in the department of Obstetrics and gynaecology, in collaboration with Department of Pathology, Gandhi Medical College, Bhopal.

This is a tertiary level teaching institute catering to the needs of adjoining rural population.

All women (reproductive age group or post-menopausal) who underwent major gynaecological surgery (total abdominal hysterectomy with or without salpingo-oophorectomy) were included in this study since January 2013 to December 2015.

Emergency obstetric hysterectomy and hysterectomy for malignant diseases were excluded.

The ethical approval of this work was obtained from ethical committee of Gandhi Medical College Bhopal.

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Histopathology reports were collected from Department of Pathology.

Pre-operative information including patient demography, major medical history, and indications for hysterectomy, immediate post-operative morbidities and histopathology correlations were collected and analysed by Performa.

Exclusion criteria

- Suspected malignant gynaecological conditions
- Obstetric hysterectomy
- Vaginal hysterectomy

RESULTS

The total number of Hysterectomy performed for benign gynaecological disorders during the three year period was 1112, out of which 696 were abdominal hysterectomies for benign gynaecological conditions, which accounts for 62.59%.

Total vaginal hysterectomies were 416 (37.41%). Out of TAH 55.06% (n=383) were TAH with BSO followed by

34.36% (n=239) were TAH with USO followed by 10.57% (n=74) were only TAH.

The socio demographic characteristics was shown in Table 1 and Table 2 revealed that the majority of women who were undergone hysterectomy were in their fifth and forth decade of life. The mean age is 46.1 year with range from 20 to 65 years.

Table 1: Case distribution according to age for TAH.

Age	Number	Percentage
20-29 years	25	3.52
30-39 years	293	42.29
40-49 years	341	48.99
50-59 years	34	4.84
>60 years	3	0.44

Total number n = 696

Table 2: Case distribution of TAH according to parity.

Parity	Number	Percentage
Nulligravida	22	3.08
Para1	32	4.40
Para2	88	12.77
Para3	116	16.74
Para4	224	32.15
Para5	162	23.34
Para6	28	3.96
Para7	18	2.64
Para8	06	0.88

Total number n = 696

Table 3: Case distribution of TAH according to demographic distribution.

Demography	Number	Percentage
Urban	399	57.26%
Rural	297	42.73%

Total number n = 696

Table 4: Case distribution of TAH according to socioeconomic status.

Class	Type	No. of cases	Percentage
I	Upper	6	0.85
II	Upper middle	34	4.89
III	Middle	138	19.83
IV	Lower middle	312	44.83
V	Lower	206	29.60

Total number n = 696

Fibroid uterus

The most common indication for TAH is Fibroid uterus and their correlation with age group, parity and HPR described in Tables 9,10 and Figure 1. Total Number of

Cases for Fibroid Uterus Indication (n) is 347 Out of 696 i.e. (49.85%).

Table 5: Case distribution according to indications for TAH in benign gynaecological conditions.

Indication	No	Percentage
Fibroid uterus	347	49.85
AUB	77	11.06
Adenomyosis	65	9.33
Ovarian mass	62	8.90
Chronic cervicitis	58	8.33
AUB with chronic cervicitis	47	6.75
Endometrial polyp	21	3.02
Post-menopausal bleeding	13	1.86
Cervical fibroid	06	0.9

Total number n = 696

Table 6: Case distribution of TAH according to mode of presentation.

Mode of presentation	No	Percentage
Excessive prolonged frequent bleeding per-vagina with pain in lower abdomen (menorrhagia and poly menorrhoea)	405	58.14
Pain in lower abdomen with white discharge per-vagina	209	30.23
Amenorrhoea with pain in abdomen	24	3.52
Mass in abdomen	21	3.08
Dysmenorrhoea	21	3.08
Post-menopausal bleeding	16	2.32

Total number n = 696

Table 7: Case Distribution of TAH according to HPR correlations.

HPR	No	Percentage
Leiomyoma with chronic cervicitis	347	49.78
Chronic cervicitis	159	22.84
Adenomyosis with chronic cervicitis	63	9.25
Simple serous cyst with chronic cervicitis	27	3.96
Leiomyomatous polyp with chronic cervicitis	24	3.52
Leiomyoma with Adenomyosis with chronic certvicitis	22	3.08
Leiomyoma	15	2.21
Serous cyst adenoma	09	1.32
Simple serous cyst	09	1.32
Chocolate cyst	06	0.88
Dermoid cyst	06	0.88
Chronic cervicitis with mucinous cyst adenoma	06	0.88
Chocolate cyst with chronic cervicitis	03	0.44

Total number n = 696

Observations and analysis for total abdominal hysterectomy according to indication

Abnormal uterine bleeding

Indication Abnormal Uterine Bleeding for TAH and its correlation with age group, parity and HPR described Tables 11, 12 and Figure 2. Total number of cases for abnormal uterine bleeding (n) is 77 out of 696 i.e. (11.06%). Immediate post-operative morbidities associated with TAH for benign gynaecological diseases are:

Table 8: Case distribution of TAH according to complications.

Complication		N	%
	Unidentified cause	36	5.1
Febrile morbidity	Urinary tract infection	70	10.2
	Wound infection	19	2.7
Haemorrhage		28	4
requiring transfusion		20	7
Resuturing		28	4
Urinary retention		05	0.7
Deep vein thrombosis		01	0.1
Bladder injury		00	00
Ureteric injury		00	00
Bowel injury		00	00
No complications		509	73.2

Total number n = 696

Table 9: Case distribution of TAH for fibroid uterus according to age.

Fibroid Uterus [Total (n) - 347 (49.85%)]			
Age group	Number of cases	Percentage	
Less than 30 years	03	0.88	
30 - 39 years	166	47.78	
40- 49 years	117	33.62	
50- 59 years	61	17.72	

Table 10: Case distribution of TAH for fibroid uterus according to parity.

Fibroid Uterus [Total (n) - 347 (49.85%)]		
Parity	Number of cases	Percentage
Nulli para	15	4.42
Para 1	09	2.65
Para 2	37	10.61
Para 3	62	17.69
Para 4	160	46.0
Para 5	46	13.27
Para 6	09	2.65
Para 7	03	0.88
Para 8	06	1.77

Table 11: Case distribution of TAH for AUB according to age.

AUB [Total 77 (11.06%)]		
Age group	Number of Cases	Percentage
30-39 years	31	40
40-49 years	46	60

Adenomyosis

Indication Adenomyosis for TAH and its correlation with age group, parity and HPR described in Tables 13, 14 and Figure 3. Total Number of Cases for Adenomyosis (n) is 65 Out of 696 i.e. (9.33%).

Table 12: Case distribution of TAH for AUB according to parity.

AUB [Total 77 (11.06%)]		
Parity	Number of cases	Percentage
Para 1	03	4
Para 2	19	24
Para 3	19	24
Para 4	24	32
Para 5	03	04
Para 6	06	08
Para 7	03	04

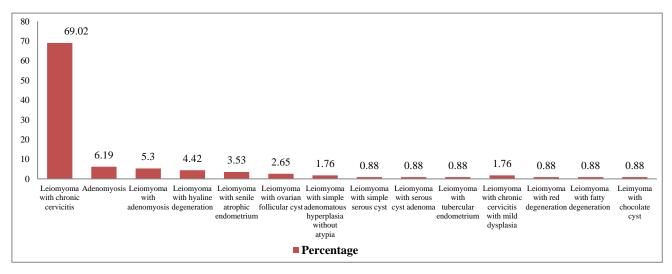


Figure 1: Case distribution of TAH for fibroid uterus according to HPR.

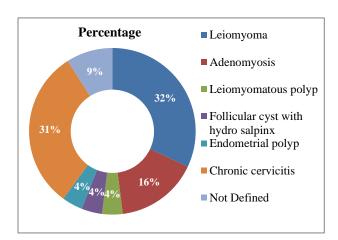


Figure 2: Case Distribution of TAH for AUB according to HPR.

Chronic cervicitis

Indication chronic cervicitis for TAH and its correlation with age group, parity and HPR described in Figure 4, 5

and 6. Total Number of Cases for chronic cervicitis (n) is 58 Out of 696 i.e. (8.33%).

Table 13: Case distribution of TAH for adenomyosis according to Age.

Age group	Number of Cases	Percentage
30-39 years	22	33.33
40-49 years	40	61.90
50-59 years	03	4.76

Total (n) is 65 Out of 696 i.e. (9.33%).

Table 14: Case distribution according to parity in TAH for indication adenomyosis.

Parity	Number of cases	Percentage
Para 1	03	4.76
Para 2	03	4.76
Para 3	16	23.81
Para 4	25	38.09
Para 5	12	19.04
Para 6	03	4.76
Para 8	03	4.76

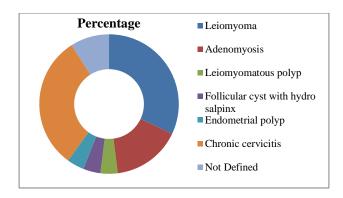
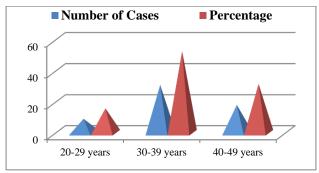


Figure 3: Case distribution according to HPR in TAH for indication adenomyosis.



Total (n) is 58 Out of 696 i.e. (8.33%)

Figure 4: Case distribution according to age in TAH for indication chronic cervicitis.

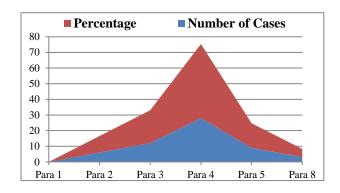


Figure 5: Case distribution according to parity in TAH for indication chronic cervicitis.

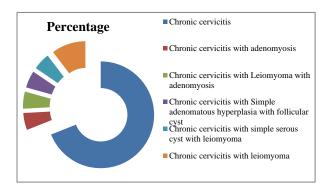
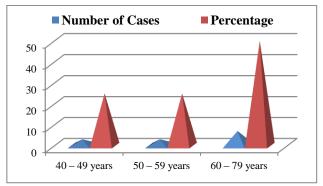


Figure 6: Case distribution according to HPR in TAH for indication chronic cervicitis.

Post-menopausal bleeding

Indication Post-menopausal Bleeding (PMB) for TAH was and its correlation with age group, parity and HPR described in following tables. Total Number of Cases for Post-menopausal Bleeding (PMB) (n) is 13 Out of 696 i.e. (1.86%).



Total (n) is 13 Out of 696 i.e. (1.86%).

Figure 7: Case distribution according to age in TAH for indication PMB.

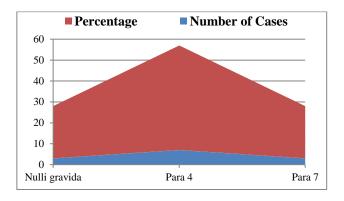


Figure 8: Case distribution according to parity in TAH for indication PMB.

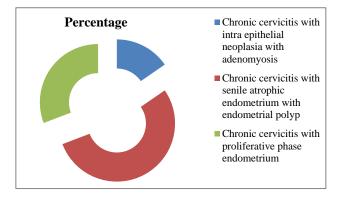


Figure 9: Case distribution according to HPR in TAH for indication PMB.

DISCUSSION

In our study Table 1 shows the majority of women undergone TAH for benign gynaecological diseases were

in age group of 40-49 years [n=341(48.99% cases)]. This is consistent with study of Whiteman MK et al; which states the highest rate of hysterectomy is between the ages of 40-49 years with an average of 46.1 years.² Leung PL et al, that states the age group distribution for TAH were 47±7 years. Owerri Duke A et al. 10,11 Majority of women who had hysterectomy were in their 5th to 6th decades of life. The mean age was 50.1 ± 15.6 years with a range of 30-75 years. In our study Table 2 shows the majority of women were grand multi para parity 4 n=224 (32.15%) and parity 5 n=162 (23.34 This is consistent with study of Owerri Duke A. et al. which states that most of the women undergoing total abdominal hysterectomy were grand multi para, para 5 or more [66 (50.40%)], para 3 and para 4 [40 (30.9%)].11 Omole-Ohonsi A, et al. 2005 and Orji EO, et al, have similar conclusion in their study. 12,13 In our study Table 3 shows the most of the women had undergone abdominal hysterectomy were hailing from urban areas {n399 (57.26%)} which probably shows that the women from urban areas have more awareness about their health issues, easy accessibility to health facilities, follow-up and various treatment options. Table 4 Shows that most of the women undergone TAH belong to lower socio economic status. After distribution under modified Prasad system total percentage in Class IV (44.83%) and Class V (29.6%) is 74.83 % of patients.

This is consistent Cooper R, Luke J et al. Which states that lower socio economic status is associated with increased hysterectomy rates. Table 5 of our study shows the most common indication for TAH is fibroid uterus [n=347 (49.85%)] followed by abnormal uterine bleeding [n=77 (11.06%)] followed by adenomyosis [n=65 (9.33 This is consistent with study of Whiteman MK, et.al. 2008 which state that uterine leiomyoma are consistently the leading indication for hysterectomy. (40.7%) followed by endometriosis (17.7%).

Gimbel H, et al hvae similar conclusion. Leung P L, et al in this study most common indication for Hysterectomy was fibroid uterus [n=688 (73.7%)] followed by menorrhagia [n=270 (28.9%)]. 10,14 In this study Table 6 the most common mode of prsesntation is excessive prolonged frequent bleeding per vagina (58.14%) followed by pain in lower abdomen with white discharge per vagina (30.23%). This is consistent with the study of Chanderdeep Sharma, et al. In our study Table 7 shows the most common histopathology reports of TAH were leiomyoma with chronic cervicitis {n=347 (49.78%)}. 15 Whiteman and Hills et al. This study states that leading indication for TAH was leiomyoma i.e. 40.7%. Chanderdeep Sharma, et al in this study leiomyoma were found in 50.3% cases [n=239] which is consistent in our study.^{2,15} In this study Table 8 shows that he most common complication of TAH is febrile morbidity (unidentified cause 5.1%, UTI 10.2% and wound infection 2.7%). This is consistent with the study of Ballard LA et al and Walters MD et al. In this study Table 9, 10 and Figure 1 shows most common indication Fibroid uterus for TAH is and its correlation with age group, parity and HPR.^{8,9} Table 9 shows the correlation of fibroid uterus with age group of women. Majority of women requiring hysterectomy for fibroid uterus [n=347 (49.78)] were in age group of 30 to 39 years [n=166 (47.78%)] followed by 40 to 49 years [n=117 (33.62%)]. Peddada SD, et al. This study states that incidence of fibroid increases with age, 4.3 per 1000 women years for 25-29 years old and 22.5 for 40 to 44 years old.¹⁶ Table 10 shows that women undergone TAH for Fibroid uterus were most commonly in parity 4 [n=160 (46.0%)].

From Table 11, 12, and Figure 2 shows the distribution of cases of AUB according to age, parity and HPR correlation. The abnormal uterine bleeding is the second most common indication for TAH in our study i.e. 11.01% (n=77). AUB is common indication for TAH worldwide 9 to 14 percent in Hallberg L, et al and Varygas JM, et al. In Chanderdeep Sharma, et al the study shows the prevalence of AUB is 8.8%. In this study Table 11 show the most common age group of women requiring hysterectomy for AUB is 40 to 49 years i.e. similar to study of Chanderdeep Sharma, et al In this study, Figure 2 shows HPR examination of uterus of women undergoing for TAH for AUB shows 32% leiomyoma followed by 16% adenomyosis, leiomyomatous polyp and 31% chronic cervicitis In our study Table 13, 14 and Figure 3 shows distribution of cases of Adenomyosis according age, parity and HPR of uteri. Table 13 of our study shows that the women undergone TAH for suspected cases of adenomyosis [n=65 (9.25%)] were most commonly in the age group of 40 to 49 years [n=40 (61.90)].^{5,15}

This is consistent with study of Chanderdeep Sharma, et al (2013) In this study peak occurrence of adenomyosis was observed in forth decade [n=52 (53.6%)], followed by fifth decade [n=17 (17%)], followed by third decade [n= 16 (16%)]. Vercellini P, Parazzini F, Oldani S, et.al. (1995) this study states that average age of symptomatic women of adenomyosis is usually older than 40 years, although occasionally noted in women in their younger reproductive years. 15,22 Table 14 shows that the peak occurrence of adenomyosis was observed in women of parity 4 and parity 5 [n= 37 (57.13%)]. Followed by para 3 [n=60 (23.81%)]. Vercellini P, Parazzini F, Oldani S, et al, Lee NC, et al, Templeman C, Marshall SF, Ursin G, et al, these study state that increasing parity, early menarche, and shorter menstrual cycle may all be risk factor according to study. Landholm C, Forsgren C et al, and Vercellini P, Parazzini F et al, have similar observation. Figure 3 Endometriosis was observed in hysterectomy specimen in only 1.7% of all women with leiomyoma uterus, only 2.3% had associated endometriosis. 6,7,17,22 Studies that have analyzed the frequency of endometriosis in women who underwent surgery for leiomyoma have suggested a prevalence of about 10%. Vercellini P, Parazzini F et al.22 in our observation the frequency of adenomyosis of women who underwent surgery for leiomyoma was 11.49%, which is

consistent with other observations. Our observation of this very low prevalence could be due to early marriage, early age of first pregnancy, high fertility rate, frequent teen-age pregnancy and protracted breast feeding observed in India. In this study Figure 4, 5, and 6 shows that there were another less common indication for TAH is recurrent post-menopausal bleeding (1.76%, n=13). Causes of post-menopausal bleeding were chronic with intra epithelial neoplasia cervicitis adenomyosis in [15.4% (n=2)], senile atrophic endometrium with endometrial polyp [53.8% (n=7)] and chronic cervicitis with proliferative phase endometrium [30.8% (n=4)]. In studies of Pacheco JC et al, Hawwa JM et al, Lidor A et al and Fortier KJ (1986) possible uterine cause of perimenopausal or post-menopausal bleeding include endometrial atrophy (60%-80%) endometrial polyp (2%-12%), estrogen therapy (15%-25%), hyperplasia (5%-10%) and cancer or sarcoma (10%). 18-21

CONCLUSION

In this retrospective study the most common indication for TAH for benign gynaecological condition is Fibroid Uterus (49.78%) followed by abnormal uterine bleeding (11.01%), followed by adenomyosis (9.25%) followed by Ovarian mass (8.81%) chronic cervicitis (8.37%), AUB with Chronic cervicitis (6.60%).

Majority of women requiring abdominal hysterectomy were in their fourth decade of life. Most of the women hailed from urban areas (57.26%). Women of lower socio-economic status were associated with higher hysterectomy rates (75%). The most common mode of presentation of women requiring abdominal hysterectomy was excessive, prolonged, frequent bleeding per vagina with pain (58.14%). The most common HPR correlation of uteri of TAH were leiomyoma with chronic cervicitis (49.78%), followed by chronic cervicitis (22.84%) followed by adenomyosis with chronic cervicitis (9.25%).

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