

GENERAL SURGICAL EMERGENCIES DURING PREGNANCY

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Abstract

Background: Pregnant patients are most important patients as their health can affect not only one life but two lives together. During pregnancy, 0.2% to 1.0% of women required general surgery for non-obstetric problems. The aims and objectives of this study were to study the common causes of acute abdomen in pregnancy and their management. **Methods:** Our study of 200 pregnant patients presenting with non-obstetric general surgical emergencies over a period of 5 years in a tertiary care hospital from the General surgical department of VSGH Hospital, Ahmedabad, India from year 2015 to 2019. **Results:** The mean age of the patients was 27 ± 3.5 years with most of them being in the age group of 26- 30 years. Most commonly affected in the second trimester. Acute appendicitis was the most common surgical emergency in our study group accounting for (44%) of all the emergencies, followed by acute acalculous cholecystitis(20%), acute pancreatitis(16%), cholelithiasis (12%), small bowel obstruction (4 %),trauma(4 %). **Conclusion:** Early detection and early management in pregnancy may resulted in better outcomes for mother as well as her children. Therefore, early diagnosis and

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