MANAGEMENT PLACENTA PERCRETA SUCCESSFULLY WITH TOTAL ABDOMINAL Hysterectomy
A CASE REVIEW:

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Abstract

Background: Placenta accreta spectrum is one of the most serious complications of placenta previa and is frequently associated with severe obstetric hemorrhage usually necessitating hysterectomy. The management of placenta accrete spectrum will be discussed here and is essentially the same. The following discussion of management of placenta accreta spectrum applies to all depths of placental invasion. Incidence: In 1950 placentaaccreta was rare, occurring 1 in 30,000 deliveries in the United States. During between 2008 and 2011 in a cohort of over 115,000 deliveries in 25 hospitals in the United States reaching 1 in 731 deliveries. The marked increase has been attributed to the increasing prevalence of cesarean delivery in recent decades. The incidence of placenta accreta spectrum will also increase due to increasing of cesarean section rate. Case: Mrs.44 yo, G3P2 36-37weeks live, previous cesarean section 2 time, placenta previa totalis, placenta percreta. She’s comes with a chief complaint of lower abdominal cramps, patients regularly antenatal care at obstetrician. Ultrasound finding, a single fetus lives at transvers lie, dorso superior, corresponding to 36-37 weeks, placenta previa, placenta percreta (PAI:83%). This patient planned for elective conservative surgery management, due to cesarean section and or cesarean hysterectomy. Discussion: Surgical conservative management giving birth a baby without a placenta, followed by a hysterectomy, has been shown to reduce the risk of bleeding and the need for blood transfusion. The discovery of placenta accreta spectrum earlier when antenatal care, better birth planning than multidisciplinary science included fetomaternal, gyneco-oncologist, anesthesiologist, thorac& cardiovascular surgeon, radiology intervention, intensivist - obstetric intensive care, urologist and neonatology can determine the success of handling cases of placenta accreta spectrum so as to reduce maternal, fetal morbidity and mortality. Conclusions: The discovery of placenta accreta spectrum earlier when antenatal care, planning delivery is better than multidisciplinary science. Management with corporal incisions away from placental implantation, giving birth baby without a placenta, followed by a hysterectomy, has been shown to reduce the risk of bleeding and the need for blood transfusion.

Keyword: placenta previa, placenta accreta spectrum, increta, percreta and adhesiva
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INTRODUCTION

Management of patients with placenta accreta spectrum (placenta accreta, increta, or percreta) varies widely in the United States[1]. Although the impact of placenta accreta spectrum on pregnancy outcomes is well described, no randomized trials and few studies have examined the management of pregnancies complicated by this disorder. As a result, recommendations for its management are based on case series and reports, personal experience, expert opinion, and good clinical judgment. The management of placenta accreta, increta, and percreta will be discussed here and is essentially the same, except when a percreta extends to extraterine tissue. Unless otherwise noted, the following discussion of management of placenta accreta spectrum applies to all depths of placental invasion. The clinical features and diagnosis of placenta accreta spectrum are reviewed separately[2].

Incidence placenta accreta is much more common than placenta increta and percreta. In a pooled analysis of results from two series involving a total of 138 histologically confirmed, abnormally implanted placentas from hysterectomy specimens, the types and frequencies of abnormal placentation were[3,4]: Placenta accreta79%, Placenta increta14%, Placenta percreta 7%. In 1950, placenta accreta was rare, occurring in 1 in 30,000 deliveries in the United States[5,7]. During the 1980s and 1990s, the incidence markedly increased, reaching 1 in 731 deliveries between 2008 and 2011 in a cohort of over 115,000 deliveries in 25 hospitals in the US[5,6]. The marked increase has been attributed to the increasing prevalence of cesarean delivery in recent decades[8].

Clinically, the placenta becomes a problem during labor when the placenta is not completely separated from the uterus and is followed by massive obstetric hemorrhage, causing DIC, hysterectomy, repair of ureteric, bladder, intestinal or neurovascular structures, adult respiratory distress syndrome, transfusion reactions, electrolyte imbalance, and kidney failure[10]. Maternal deaths with placenta percreta were reported to be as high as 20% and the average perinatal mortality was 30%. Maternal death can occur despite optimal planning, transfusion management, and surgical treatment. Placenta percreta causes 7% -10% of cases of maternal death in the world[11].

Management by a multidisciplinary team and delivery in a tertiary care facility improve outcomes and lower complication rates[17,18]. We schedule a multidisciplinary conference with all the key care participants at least two weeks prior to planned delivery to ensure that all necessary preparations are completed and management plans implemented[18].

The multidisciplinary team includes maternal-fetal medicine specialists, anesthesiologists, neonatologists, interventional radiologists, and blood bank and nursing personnel. It is desirable to have a surgeon in the operating room who has extensive experience with wide dissection of the parametrium and exploration of the retroperitoneum in the event this expertise is required for control of bleeding, bladder resection, and/or isolation, partial resection, and/or reimplantation of the ureters. Some obstetrician gynecologists have this experience, general surgeons, urologists, and vascular surgeons also have expertise in this area. A urogynecologist, urologist, or gynecologic oncologist should be consulted in cases where there is expected bladder involvement or if the surgeon does not have the requisite surgical expertise[17].

If an appropriate multidisciplinary team and support services are not available at the site the patient plans delivery, she should be transferred to a tertiary facility that has the capability to
most effectively manage major intraoperative hemorrhage and provide postoperative intensive care[17,18].

CASE REPORT
The 44-year-old woman claimed to be pregnant with her third child with a gestational age of 36-37 weeks. There was no previous history of abortion. Patients sent by obstetrician comes with chief complaints of abdominal cramps from 1 day before admission to hospital, contractions, blood slime and water broke was denied. The history of bloody and spotting at the beginning of pregnancy is also denied by the patient. And patients still felt the fetal movement until now. Patients antenatal care at the obstetrician 5 times and never to midwife, the last control on August 6 2018 doctor said the fetal was good condition, but the placenta covered the birth canal, doctors also say that the placenta is likely to penetrated to the uterine muscle. So that the patient was planned for elective cesarean section on August 8, 2018. The patient's history of vaginal discharge was recognized, but not itchy and odorless. Micturitions and defecations was in normal limits. History of asthma bronchiale, hypertension, diabetes mellitus, and heart disease in patients and families is denied. Based on history, patient's was menarche at 12 years of age, regular cycle, with a period of 6-7 days without dysmenorrhea. Birth history is 2 times with details: first child aged 15 years, male, birth weight 4800 g, aterm, cesarean sections due to macrosomia at Meuraxa Hospital Banda Aceh, and the second child was 13 years old, male, birth weight 4500 g, aterm, cesarean sections due to previous cesarean sections 1 time, macrosomia at Harapan Bunda Hospital Banda Aceh. This is currently the 3rd pregnant.

Physical examination was found that the general condition of the patient was good with awareness of compos mentis, blood pressure 120/80 mmHg, pulse 80 x/minute, breathing 22 x/minute, temperature 36.6 C, BMI 25 kg/m². Generalized status within normal limits. Obstetric states in patients was obtained by fundal height 27 cm, head at left side, dorso superior, no contraction, fetal heart rate 150 x/minute, genitalia inspection found vulva and urethra within normal limits, inspeculo examination found smooth postio, ostium uteri closed, negative fluxus, positive fluor albus, negative valsava and negative nitrazine test. vaginal touché examination is not performed.

Blood count laboratory on August ⁷th 2018 obtained hemoglobin 11.1g/dl; hematocrit 33%; leucocyte 8.900ul/m³; platelets 322.000ul/m³; random blood glucous 106gr/dl; ALT 56mg/dl; AST 48mg/dl; ureum 11mg/dl; creatinine 0.50mg/dl. The impression is within normal limits. Cardiotocographic examination was obtained with reassuring of fetas state with a baseline of 145x/minute.

From the ultrasound examination on August ⁰⁷th 2018, a single fetus, fetal heart rate positive, transvers lie dorso superior. The implantation of placenta on the anterior corpus extends to covered ostium uteri internum, maturation grade 1, lacunae appears grade 1, clear zone was negative, bridging vessel positive, myometrial thickness 0.7mm, PAI score 6 correlated with the possibility of placenta accrete 83%. Fetal biometry; BPD 95mm, HC 322.6mm, AC 338mm, FL 75mm, AFI 3cm single deepest pocket, estimated fetal weight 3538 gr. Conclusion single fetus live transvers lie, head at live side, dorso superior ~ gestational age 36-37 weeks, placenta previa totalis, placenta percreta (PAI 8 = 83%).

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Figure 1 and 2 Ultrasound examination showed the absence of a normal subplacentalsonoluent layer (clear zone) and lacuna positive Figure 3. Abnormal blood vessels connecting from placenta to the serosa were seen on color Doppler imaging Source: Photo intra operative medical record ZainoelAbidin Hospital Banda Aceh, MR 1181009

Diagnosis of this patient is G3P2 36-37 wga singleton live transvers lie head on left side dorso superior, previous caesarean section 2 time (interval delivery time 13 years), placenta previa totalis, placenta percrete. In this patient, elective conservative surgical management is planned, namely cesarean section to cesarean hysterectomy involving multidisciplinary science on August 8th 2018 performed cesarean section with a corporal incision birth of female baby with birth weight of 3500g, Apgar score 8/9, body length of 50cm, balard score according to 38-40 weeks, the impression of term neonate appropriate for gestational age.

Figure 4. Severe adhesion between peritoneum with lower uterine segmen
Figure 5. Placenta adhesive was invased until uterine serosa
Figure 6. Fetal cord and placenta invasion Source: Photo intra operative medical record ZainoelAbidin Hospital Banda Aceh, MR 1181009

Intra operative shows that the placenta implants in the anterior corpus extends to cover of the ostium uteri internum and there is obtained the placenta invades to the uterine serous layer and there is no invasion from the placenta to the vesica urinaria or other intra-abdominal organs. So it was decided to do a hysterectomy without giving birth to the placenta first. But in this case there was no ligation of the hypogastric artery or tourniquet on the lower of the uterus segmen.
DISCUSSION
Placenta accreta spectrum should be suspected in women with placenta previa, especially those implanted in the anterior corpus, and a history of cesarean or other uterine surgeries[3]. In these patients fetal ultrasound was found transvers lie with placenta previa totalis and anterior implanted placenta, also obtained lacunae and bridging vessels with doppler examination (PAI score 8) according to 83% probability. Based on anamnesis results, physical examination and other investigations can be made diagnosed in these patients with G3P2A0 36-37 wga transvers lie head at the left side dorso superior, previous caesarean section 2 time, placenta previa totalis, placenta accreta. This patient management plan is surgical conservative management with corporal incisions away from placental implantation, giving birth to a baby without a placenta, followed by a hysterectomy, has been shown to reduce the risk of bleeding and need for blood transfusion.

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The pathogenesis of morbidly placenta accreta spectrum includes defects in the fibrinoid layer of nitabuch or in the decidua basalis caused by a variety of insults like excessive curettage, infection or previous uterine surgery[29,30]. Pathophysiology also includes excessive trophoblastic invasion[27,29]. Placenta previa is also a risk factor[6]. In our patient, placenta previa and cesarean history 2 time is risk factor was observed, there might have been excessive trophoblastic invasion. The increased rate of placenta percreta is due to the increased cesarean section rate[28,29].

PRENATAL SCREENING FOR PLACENTA ACCRETA SPECTRUM DISORDERS

| Clinical screening |

Several risk factors for placenta accreta spectrum disorders have been identified. These include advanced maternal age, multiparity, previous uterine surgery including curettage, assisted reproductive techniques, and previous cesarean section[14]. The most commonly described risk factor is the combination of previous cesarean delivery and placenta previa[15]. This combination also poses other problems, including increased risk of prenatal bleeding, access to the fetus for delivery, and the relatively poor contractility of the lower segment leading to greater postpartum blood loss[16].

The prevalence of placenta accreta spectrum disorders in the general population of pregnant women is around 1.7 per 10 000 pregnancies[14,15]. However, the incidence of placenta previa accreta is 4.1% in women with one prior cesarean delivery and 13.3% in women with two or more previous cesareans, and continues to rise with the number of prior cesareans[14]. Thus, focusing the screening of placenta accreta spectrum disorders on this group is more productive in terms of diagnostic yield. All women found to have an anterior low-lying (placental edge <2 cm from the internal cervical os after 16 weeks of gestation) or placenta previa should be asked if they have had a previous cesarean delivery during prenatal consultations and, if they do, they should be referred to a center with expertise in the prenatal diagnosis of placenta accreta spectrum disorders[14,15].

The management of placenta accreta spectrum included placenta accreta, increta, and
percreta will be discussed here and is essentially the same, except when a percreta extends to extraperitoneal tissue. Unless otherwise noted, the following discussion of management of placenta accreta spectrum applies to all depths of placental invasion. The clinical features and diagnosis of PAS are reviewed separately[14]. All patients with suspected placenta accreta are counseled about the diagnosis and potential sequelae (eg, hemorrhage, blood transfusion, cesarean hysterectomy, maternal intensive care unit admission). Consultation with a maternal-fetal medicine specialist is desirable, and transfer to a center of excellence for placenta accreta is strongly advised. For patients with placenta previa-accreta, prenatal care follows typical guidelines for management of placenta previa. Nonstress tests and/or biophysical profile scores are not performed routinely, but are used in pregnancies that have standard indications for these tests (fetal growth restriction, preeclampsia, oligohydramnios, and soon)[20].

A significant proportion of cases of placenta previa are associated with placenta accreta spectrum disorders, particularly if the uterus is scarred and the placenta is anterior and/or covering the cervix. Even if no villous tissue is invading the uterine myometrium, access to the fetus is complicated by the position of the underlying placenta, the lower uterine segment adjacent to the placenta is highly vascularized, and major hemorrhage can still occur. It would be incorrect to believe that major morbidity should be expected only if prenatal diagnosis of placenta accreta spectrum disorders has been made[14].

Algoritma Management PlasentaAcreta Spectrum

### PROCEDURE

#### ALTERNATIVE CONSERVATIVE SURGICAL PROCEDURES

![Source: The A Team, maternal fetal medicine div. Obstetric & Gynecology department Dr. Soetomo General Hospital, Universitas Airlangga, Surabaya 2018](image-url)
One-step conservative surgery

This surgical procedure has been described primarily by one author\[^{38}\]. It consists of resecting the invasive accreta area (partial myometrial resection) followed by immediate uterine reconstruction and bladder reinforcement\[^{39}\]. This strategy aims to combine the advantages of both the “leaving in situ approach” of preserving the uterus and cesarean hysterectomy with minimal risk of secondary bleeding or infection. The main steps in this uterine sparing technique can be performed via a modified Pfannenstiel or midline incision (Box 1). It is

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<td>Vascular disconnection of newly-formed (feeder) vessels and the separation of invaded uterine tissues from invaded vesical tissues.</td>
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<td>Upper-segmental hysterotomy and delivery of the fetus.</td>
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<td>Resection of all invaded myometrial tissue and the entire placenta in one piece with previous local vascular control.</td>
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Box 1 and 2 one step and stepwise conservative surgery for Placenta accrete spectrum

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<td>Combined early intravenous uterotonics just before delivery of the fetus.</td>
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<td>Transverse “high” uterine incision at the upper border of the placenta without cutting through the placenta.</td>
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<td>Placental extraction (delayed after pelvic devascularization).</td>
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<td>Proper identification of lower uterine segment by index and ring fingers after identification of internal cervical os by middle finger of left hand.</td>
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<td>Repair of uterine incision.</td>
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In a cohort study of 68 women presenting with placental invasion of the adjacent organs including invasion of the posterior upper bladder section (n=46; group 1) or of the posterior lower vesical section (n=22; group 2), uterine preservation was achieved in 44 out of 46 (95.7%) and 6 out of 22 (27.3%) cases, respectively\[^{3}\]. The indications for the 18 hysterectomies were segmental circumferential rupture greater than 50% (n=13), coagulopathy (n=2), infection (n=1), and uncontrolled hemodynamic instability (n=2). Among the 50 women with uterine preservation, follow-up was available for 42 patients. A normal menstrual cycle returned between 3 and 16 months. Ten women had another uneventful pregnancy and delivery with no recurrence of placenta accrete spectrum disorders\[^{40}\].

The Triple-P procedure

A novel uterine-sparing procedure for placenta accrete spectrum disorders called the “Triple-P procedure” was recently proposed\[^{30,31}\]. The aim of this procedure is to avoid incising through the vascular placental venous sinuses, and to excise the myometrium with PAS disorder tissue and to reconstitute the uterine defect. The main steps of this procedure include: (1) perioperative placental ultrasound localization of the superior edge of the placenta; (2) pelvic devascularization involving preoperative placement of intraarterial balloon catheters (anterior division of the internal iliac arteries); and (3) no attempt to remove the entire placenta with large myometrial excision and uterine repair. If the posterior wall of the bladder is involved, the placental tissue invading the bladder is left in situ to avoid cystotomy\[^{15}\].

A comparison of two periods (i.e. before implementation of the Triple-P procedure (n=11) and after (n=19)) showed no difference in the estimated mean blood loss and rate of
transfusion; however, the rates of postpartum hemorrhage and hysterectomy were lower in the Triple-P procedure group\[30\]. Larger studies are needed to demonstrate the safety and efficacy of this technique\[15\].

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| Preoperative ureteral stents may be placed, although they are of unproven efficacy. We make a vertical skin incision or a Cherney incision and inspect the pelvis for signs of percreta and the location of any collateral blood supply. An intraoperative ultrasound examination may be done to map the placental edge and determine the best position for the hysterotomy incision. We make a vertical hysterotomy at least two fingerbreadths above the placental edge; leaving a myometrial margin between the placenta and incision helps to prevent disruption of the placenta during opening or closing of the uterus\[14\].

After delivery of the infant, the cord is cut, the uterine incision is rapidly closed to decrease blood loss, and hysterectomy is performed. We avoid internal iliac (hypogastric) artery ligation because it is time consuming, operator dependent, ineffective (without hysterectomy) for controlling pelvic hemorrhage in up to 60 percent of cases\[32-33\], and precludes use of selective pelvic angiography and embolization if needed subsequently\[15\].

Management of placenta percreta with bladder invasion may require partial cystectomy. In one review of 54 cases of placenta percreta invading the bladder, partial cystectomy was performed in 24 of the 54 patients\[32\]. Ideally, a urogynecologist, urologist, or gynecologic oncologist should be consulted when the bladder is involved. Cystoscopy or intentional cystotomy at surgery is often helpful for assessing the degree of bladder, and possible ureteral, involvement\[33\].

CONSERVATIVE PROCEDURES OF PLACENTA ACCRETA

Uterine conservation may be considered when the patient very much wants to preserve her fertility. She should be counseled extensively regarding the risks of hemorrhage, infection, possible need for intra or post operative life saving hysterectomy, and even death, as well as suboptimal outcomes (including recurrence or hemorrhage) in future pregnancies. Uterine conservation is also considered when hysterectomy is thought to have an unacceptably high risk of hemorrhage or injury to other organs, which may be mitigated by leaving the placenta in situ\[18,22\].

Uterine conservation with the placenta left in situ — In this approach, the placenta is left in situ after delivery of the newborn and ligation of the cord at its placental insertion site. The hysterotomy is closed in the standard way; uterotonics drugs, compression sutures, balloon tamponade, uterine artery embolization, and/or uterine artery ligation are used, as needed, to manage postpartum hemorrhage\[34\].

Adjunctive therapy with methotrexate therapy has been tried, with no convincing evidence that it improves any outcome in these cases, and clear evidence of drug related harms (pancytopenia, nephrotoxicity); it should not be used. Delayed hysteroscopic resection of placental remnants has been used successfully to expedite resolution of the placenta or treat delayed bleeding and/or pelvic pain, but experience is limited\[35-36\].

The immediate complications, as well as long term outcomes, of women who undergo uterine conservation indicate that this approach should be attempted only rarely, in fully informed patients, or as part of approved clinical trials. This is consistent with a Committee Opinion of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists\[33\]. The prolonged course and significant risks of uterine conservation with the placenta left in situ were illustrated by a systematic review of 10 cohort studies and 50 case series or case reports describing 434 patients with placenta accreta, increta, or percreta managed conservatively (expectant
management, uterine artery embolization, methotrexate therapy, hemostatic sutures, arterial ligation, balloon tamponade)\[^{37}\].

This approach is based on the following evidence-based clinical concepts\[^{15}\]: (1) Cesarean hysterectomy is considered the gold standard treatment for invasive accreta but it remains associated with high rates (40%–50%) of severe maternal morbidity and, in cases of placenta percreta, the mortality rates can be as high as 7% owing to damage to pelvic organs and vasculature. (2) The extirpative method is associated with severe maternal morbidity because it leaves, within the myometrium, placental tissues connected to large feeding vessels, which are responsible for uncontrolled massive obstetric hemorrhage\[^{40}\].

By leaving a placenta accreta in situ after the delivery of the fetus, one can expect a progressive decrease in blood circulation within the uterus, parametrium, and the placenta. This will result in secondary necrosis of the villous tissue and theoretically the placenta should progressively detach itself from the uterus and the percreta villi from the adjacent pelvic organs. Two separate surveys from the Society for Maternal Fetal Medicine (SMFM)\[^{14,15}\] reported that 14.9% of practitioners would attempt to leave the placenta in situ in a hemodynamically stable patient and 32% had attempted conservative expectant management for placenta accrete spectrum disorders. In an older survey on the preferences for surgical versus conservative therapy in cases of placenta percreta, it was found that when adjacent pelvic organs such as the bladder and bowel are involved, the majority of members of the Society of Perinatal Obstetricians, with and without recent experience in the management of placenta accrete spectrum disorders, opted for conservative management (69% and 70%, respectively) compared with 31% when the accreta villous tissue is confined to the uterus (percreta or increta)\[^{37}\].

**CONCLUSION**

This patients reported with management of conservative surgery have a successfully with corporal incisions away from placental implantation, giving birth to a baby without a placenta, followed by a hysterectomy, has been shown to reduce the risk of bleeding and need for blood transfusion.

Preoperative patient counseling should included discussion of the potential need for hysterectomy, the risks of profuse hemorrhage, and possible maternal death. The recommended management of suspected placenta accrete spectrum is planned preterm cesarean hysterectomy with the placenta left in situ because removal of the placenta is associated with significant hemorrhagic morbidity.

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