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The Unanticipated PAS Case

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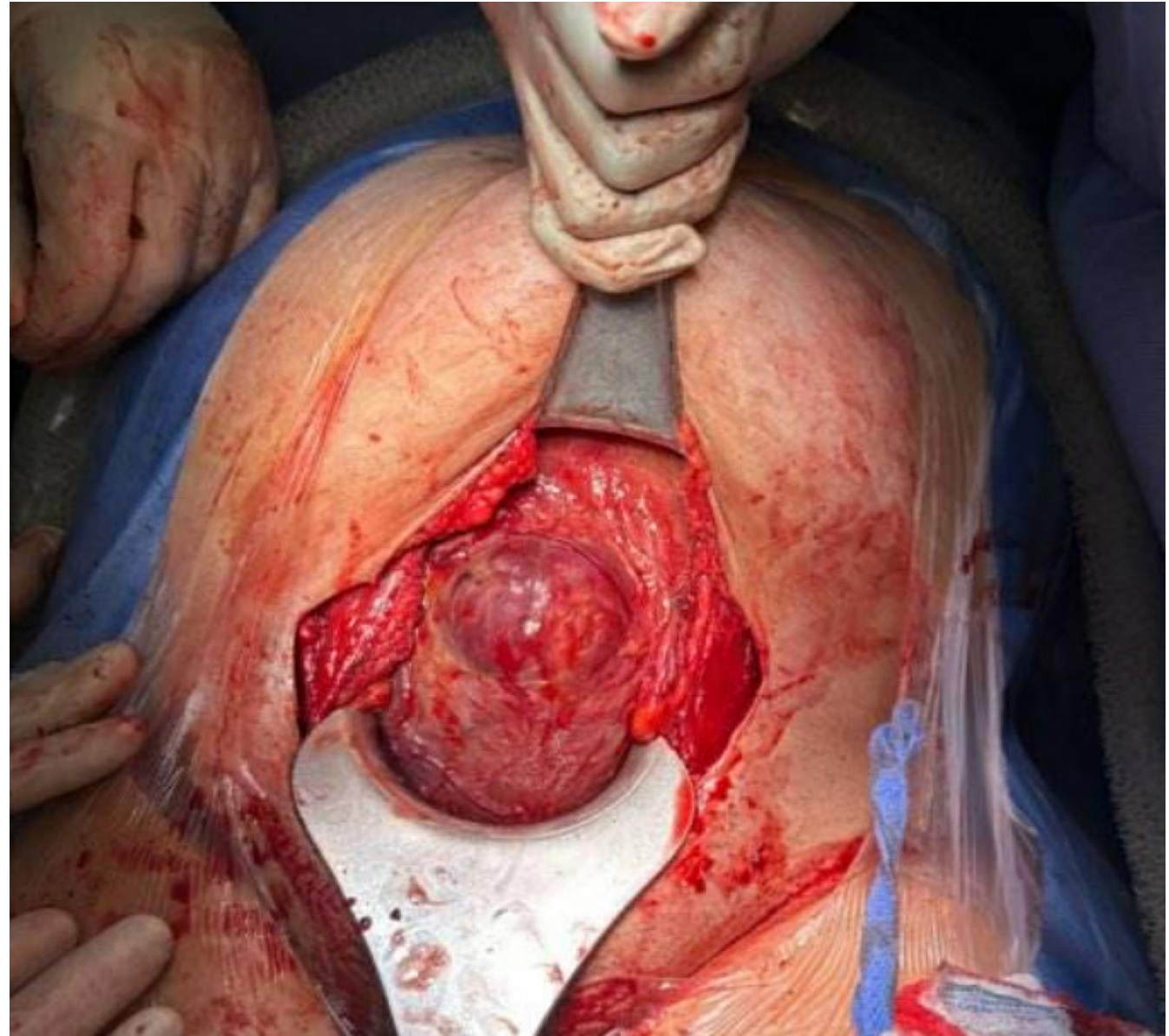
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Introduction

- The screening of Placenta Accreta is based on risk factors and ultrasound markers.
- Prenatal detection 33-50%
- It can be diagnosed after vaginal delivery or at the time of cesarean section



Case

- 39 yo G4P2012 with h/o prior CSx2
- Chronic Hypertension presenting at 33w3d with elevated blood pressure
- Developed Superimposed Preeclampsia with severe features
- Accepted delivery via repeat cesarean section at 34w3d

What should you do next?

- Options:
- A. Close up and transfer our
- B. Continue to deliver

The questions you should ask yourself to determine the plan:

- Is the patient pre operative? Yes / No
- Is the patient stable? Yes / No

Preoperative stable patient

- Contact your nearest PAS center and arrange for transport

Pre operative unstable patient

Mobilize Primary Resources:

- Obstetrician or MFM
- Pelvic surgeon
- Urologist
- Anesthesia
- Neonatology
- OR Personnel

Pre operative unstable patient

Mobilize Secondary Resources:

- Transfusion Medicine
- IR
- Family support

Pre operative unstable patient

Patient preparation:

- At least 2 large bore IV lines 18s
- CBC, CMP, DIC Panel
- Blood products

Preoperative unstable patient

Equipment needs:

- Airways
- Arterial and venous lines
- Hysterectomy set and importantly appropriate retractors
- Ligasure device
- Cysto and stents
- Rapid infuser and blood warmer

Preoperative unstable patient

- Inform your nearest PAS center
- Once all of the above is in place proceed with delivery
- Recommend a midline skin incision
- Ultrasound
- Mobilize the bladder down if safe and no abnormal adhesions
- Avoid cutting through the placenta

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Post delivery of baby

- Do not manipulate the placenta
- Establish if the patient is bleeding or not
- If no bleeding – Close the uterus and transfer
- Double loop PDS for closure of the uterus
- Mass closure of the abdomen

Post delivery of baby

- If the patient is unstable or significant bleeding
- Mobilize the additional team
- Consider hysterectomy
- Control bleeding
- CCU admission
- Refer PAS Center

Intra operative finding suspicious of PAS

Important question is the mother and or the baby stable?

- Yes
 - If stable best to close and transfer

Intra operative finding suspicious of PAS

Notify your PAS referral center

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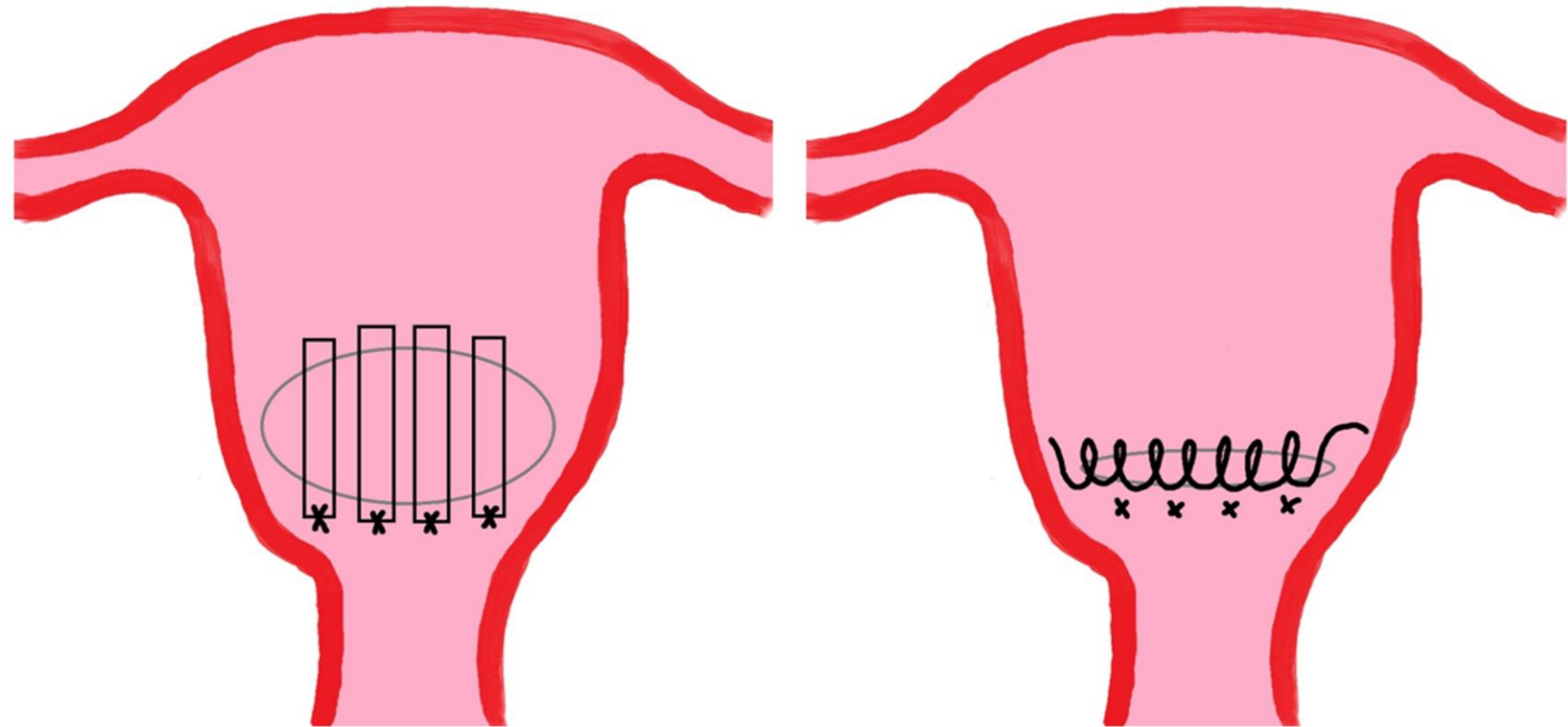
- No
 - Proceed with delivery of the baby – avoid placenta
 - If mom not bleeding after the delivery close the uterus and transfer
 - Mobilize the additional teams immediately
 - Consider activating a MTP

Intra operative finding suspicious of PAS

After the delivery if mom is unstable

- Proceed with hysterectomy or surgery to stop the bleeding.
- If possible best to leave placenta in while performing the hysterectomy.
- If focal area that is attached you can excise the area
- CCU Admission
- Consult PAS center post delivery

Repairing a focal resection



Step 1: mattress sutures from the inferior edge to the superior edge

Step 2: hysterotomy closure in a standard fashion in two layers



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Checklist: Management of Unexpected or Undiagnosed Placenta Accreta Spectrum

Component 1: Management to Prevent & Reduce Morbidity

CRITICAL QUESTIONS

1. Does this hospital have the resources to manage PAS? (Section 3) and if not;
2. Can transport to a PAS referral center be safely arranged?

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Unanticipated case: Vaginal delivery

- Diagnosed by abnormally attached placenta
- Avoid forceful removal
- Activate additional team members
- If bleeding activate a MTP
- Consider if patient is stable to be transferred to a PAS center.
- Use the same check list as above

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