

Newborn Renaissance: A fetal interface that can affect two lives at once

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Introduction

Pregnancy is a normal physiologic process that can result in pathologic conditions. Pregnancy has various distinct characteristics, including a utero-placental interface, physiologic stress that can lead to pathologic conditions, and a maternal-foetal interface that can effect two lives at the same time or separately. Pregnant women may develop critical illness as a result of deteriorating preexisting disorders, diseases that occur concurrently with pregnancy, or pregnancy-specific ailments. Successful maternal and neonatal outcomes for parturients admitted to a maternal critical care facility rely heavily on multidisciplinary input from critical care physicians, obstetric anaesthesiologists, obstetricians, obstetric physicians, foetal medicine specialists, neonatologists, and other concerned specialists to the medical or surgical condition. In affluent countries, the number of pregnant women requiring maternal critical care unit admission is quite low, ranging from 0.9 to 1%; nevertheless, in our country, critically ill parturients are admitted at rates ranging from 3% to 8%. The need for critical care in two-thirds of pregnant women is typically unanticipated at the time of conception. We'll look at critical illnesses in pregnant women, with a focus on pregnancy-related ailments, in this review. In India, maternal death rates are still relatively high, notwithstanding a recent downward trend. [1] According to India's National Family Health Survey 4 (2015–2016), institutional births grew from 38.7% to 78.9%, while child deliveries by caesarean section jumped from 8.5 percent to 17.2%. [1] Maternal death rates have also decreased, from 254 in 2004–2006 to 167 in 2011–2013. [2] Approximately 800 maternal deaths occur every day around the world. [3] According to a study from the Netherlands, pregnant women with significant maternal morbidity have a case fatality rate of 1:53. [4] A lack of knowledge, communication gaps, and poor resuscitation abilities have all been cited as key causes to poor outcomes in resuscitation patients. . An anatomically challenging and physiologically compromised patient is a typical pregnant parturient. When there is underlying illness in pregnancy, such as eclampsia, pulmonary oedema, or trauma, these alterations are accentuated. There are several key physiologic changes that can affect resuscitation during pregnancy. Because of the increased stroke volume and the higher maternal heartbeat,

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cardiac output increases by 30–50% during pregnancy. The drop in mean arterial pressure is attributed to a decrease in systemic vascular resistance, which may be mediated by an increase in endogenous vasodilators such as progesterone, oestrogen, and nitric oxide. The expanding uterus may compress the aorta, increasing afterload, and compressing the inferior vena cava, reducing cardiac return. In the supine posture, which is the most favourable for resuscitation, this can result in hypotension. In the supine posture, which is the most favourable for resuscitation, this can result in hypotension. In a term gravida, left uterine displacement (LUD) is a critical procedure for improving cardiac output since it increases preload by more than 25% while also reducing afterload. Manual LUD involves lifting the uterus with two hands cephalad and displacing it to the left side, or placing a double pillow or wedge under the right hip. The uterus enlarges and elevates the diaphragm, reducing functional residual capacity (FRC) by 10% to 25% during pregnancy. Higher tidal volume and minute breathing are caused by increased serum progesterone levels, which might lead to moderate alkalosis and compensatory renal bicarbonate excretion. In pregnant women, decreased FRC reserves and increased oxygen use result in fast onset of hypoxia in response to apnoea.]In the woman, the oxyhaemoglobin dissociation curve shifts to the right (a higher partial pressure of oxygen is required to achieve maternal oxygen saturation), but in the foetus, it shifts to the left. Pregnancy also causes changes in renal tubular functioning, a narrowing of the oncotic pressure-wedge pressure gradient, which increases the risk of pulmonary oedema, and progesterone-mediated gastroesophageal sphincter relaxation, all of which enhance the risk of pulmonary oedema. Oedema of the upper airway caused by hormonal changes might impair visibility during laryngoscopy and increase the risk of bleeding. During pregnancy, creatinine clearance increases to 120–160 mL/min, while serum creatinine levels drop. The United Kingdom's Confidential Enquiry into Maternal and Child Health emphasised the significance of early detection

and management of critically unwell pregnant women, as well as the systematic use of Maternal Early Warning Scoring Systems for obstetric patients. Early detection of critical illness is vital for a good outcome for both mother and child. Acute Physiological and Chronic Health Evaluation (APACHE) and Sequential Organ

Functional Assessment (SOFA) scores, for example, may not predict mortality as reliably during pregnancy as they do outside of pregnancy. The physiologic changes in pregnancy, such as an increase in heart rate, a change in white cell count, or even a fall in normal creatinine readings, are one of the causes for this variation.