





#### Grossesse et HCD

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European Reference Network for rare or low prevalence complex diseases

Network Inherited and Congenital Anomalies (ERNICA)



#### Outcome Improvement

Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia Study Group

5203 patients over 25 years Overall mortality 28.2%



Average % Mortality at Long Term Contributing Centers

- 1- How will pregnancy affect the patient's disease?
- 2- How will the presence of a disease alter the course of pregnancy and the health and well being of the fetus?
- 3- How does the management of the pregnant woman with the particular disease differ from management of the nonpregnant patient?
- 4- The physician is scared for the fetus and the obstetrician for the affected organs
- 5- Lack of knowledge of pregnancy physiology leads to unnecessary pregnancy terminations

# Diagnosis during pregnancy

#### Systematic Review

Maternal Bochdalek Hernia during Pregnancy: A Systematic Review of Case Reports

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- Clinical features of 43 cases of maternal CDH complicating pregnancy
- Asymptomatic to life-threatening complication
- Routine repair for maternal CDH is recommended
  - More symptoms in 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> trimester
  - Risk of visceral strangulation and obstruction
  - Greater visceral displacement in to thorax by enlarging uterus
  - Later stage of pregnancy, operative closure may be difficult

	Mean Age (Years)	28.5
	Gestational age when maternal BH was diagnosed by i	maging
	First trimester Second trimester Third trimester Postpartum	antenatal 1(2%) 13(30%) 14(33%) 15(35%)
	Parity	
	Primigravida Multiparous NA	19 (44%) 16 (37%) 8 (19%)
	Location of maternal BH	
	Right side Left side	6 (14%) 37 (86%)
	Hernia defect size (cm)	5.6
	Number of herniated organs	
	1 organ 2 or 3 organs	9 (21%) 18 (42%) 14 (33%)
	NA	2 (46%)
/	Type of herniated organs	
	Stomach Small bowel	27 (63%) 14 (33%) 20 (79%)
	Spleen	9 (21%)
	Pancreas	4 (9%)
	Omentum	11 (26%) 3 (7%)
	kidney	1 (2%)
	Liver	1 (2%)
	Appendix	3 (7%)
-   -	Surgical methods	
	Laparotomy	19 (44%) 10 (23%)
	Laparoscopy	5 (12%)
	Assisted thoracoscopy	1 (2%)
	Laparotomy and thoracotomy	5 (12%)
	Non-surgical treatment	3 (7%)
- I	Gestational age at hernia surgery	25 (50%)
	Antepartum period Postpartum period Non-surgical treatment	25 (58%) 15 (35%) 3 (7%)
	Hernia repair methods	
	Simple suture	28 (65%)
	Suture with mesh	9 (21%)
	Mesh only No repair	1(2%)
	Unknown	2 (5%)
	Mortality	
	Fetal/neonatal death Maternal death	7 (16%) 2 (5%)
	Mode of delivery type	
_	Normal delivery	16 (37%)
	Cesarean delivery	20 (47%)
	Unknown	7 (16%)
	Bowel obstruction, ischemia, perforation of herniated	organs 19 (44%)
	Pregnancy Outcomes	
	Preterm birth Full term delivery	15 (35%) 16 (37%)
	Unknown	12 (28%)

### Consequences of physiological changes during pregnancy

- Hormonal
- Cardiovascular
  - 40% increase in cardiac output
    - Increased blood volume and ejection volume
  - Increased myocardial contractility
    - Increased cardiac workload and precarious hemodynamic balance
- Ventilatory function: increased respiratory volumes and hyperventilation
- Musculo-skeletal changes

## Adaptation of the thorax during pregnancy



-Chest wall geometry
-Breathing pattern
-Lung and thoracoabdominal
volume variations
-Diaphragmatic thickness and
motion in seated and supine
position *In normal weight range patients*

Non invasive techniques Spirometry by body plethysmography Optoelectronic plethysmography US -12-MHz linear probe

LoMauro A et al. J Appl Physiol 2019

#### Gastro-oesophageal reflux disease



Boeckxstaens G et al. Gut 2014

#### Pregnancy and scoliosis



# And for CDH patients?



- Online survey conducted with CDH international
- 34 women born with CDH reported having been pregnant
- 21% (n=7) women had CDH-related issues during pregnancy
  - CDH recurrence
  - Gastro-esophageal reflux
  - Small bowel obstruction
  - Respiratory distress due to chronic restrictive pulmonary disease termination of pregnancy at 2.5 mo
  - Epidural insertion difficulties due to scoliosis
  - Parietal pain on side of CDH

Median age at survey:

32 years old (IQR: 27-42)



	Complications during pregnancy (n=7)	None (n=27)	р
Age (years old)	40	31	0.08
Left side CDH	7/7 (100%)	18/27 (67%)	0.15
Patch repair	2/5 (15%)	11/26 (17%)	0.99
Reintervention for CDH during childhood	0/7 (0%)	8/27 (27%)	0.16
History of scoliosis surgery	3/7 <b>(43%)</b>	1/27 <b>(13%)</b>	0.02



- "Non-severe" CDH neonates (left, no associated malformation, no reintervention for CDH during childhood) may develop complications related to CDH during their adulthood when pregnant
- Scoliosis could be a risk factor for developing complications during pregnancy for CDH survivors

- High rate of history of scoliosis surgery (43%) vs reported rates of scoliosis between 7-15% in CDH survivors

#### Conclusion

- Prenatal counselling is needed for CDH patients
- Specific complications can occur and should be anticipated
- In case of IVF procedure, only one embryo should be transferred
- Median age of 40 years in our series / Progress in medical and surgical treatment / More severe cases are surviving
- Open vs thoracoscopic repair:
  - Decrease in small bowel obstruction (Putnam et al. 2017)
  - Decrease in chronic lung disease (Okawada et al. 2021)
  - Decrease in scoliosis rate ?
- International survey in collaboration with CDH International
- International study with OBGYN network