

Clinical Manifestations

- Utero-vaginal prolapse may be visible during inspection of the vulva.
- Feeling of something coming down from vagina → discomfort on walking.
- Backache or dragging pain in the pelvis
- Difficulty in passing urine.
- Difficult or painful sexual intercourse
- Frequent micturition or a sudden urge to empty the bladder.
- Repeated bladder infections
- Feeling of heaviness or pulling in the pelvis
- vaginal bleeding
- ↑ red vaginal discharge.

Investigation

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Hematology ◦ Rectal exam ◦ USG ◦ MRI | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Pelvic exam ◦ vaginal exam ◦ X-ray |
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Management

Prevention

Repeated childbirth at short intervals cause uterine prolapse

- women should be advised to avoid pregnancies in quick succession labour.

1st stage

- Avoid leaning down
- Avoid or forceps delivery before full

dilatation of cervix shouldn't be attempted

2nd stage

- Avoid prolongation of this stage
- Perform episiotomy, if overstretching of perineum is feared.

3rd stage

- Avoid Creech's method
- Episiotomy or tears should be carefully sutured.

Puerperium

- Treat chronic cough & constipation
- Avoid strenuous exercises & standing for prolonged time

Physiotherapy

- Early cases of V. prolapse are helped by pelvic floor exercises
- Kegel exercises: are used to tone up pelvic musculature.
These exercises are done 3 times a day for 2 min each.

Pessary Treatment

- A mechanical device for correcting & controlling V. prolapse
- A pessary does not cure V.P., it only holds the genital tract in position.
- Advised for pts who can not undergo

SurgeryTypes

1. Ring pessary

2. Hodge pessary.

indications

- During pregnancy (1st trimester)
- During menopause
- unfit for surgical treatment
- 1st choice
- Before insertion, the pessary is kept in hot water for few mins so that pessary become soft & easy to insert.
- Pessary should be removed, cleaned & reinserted at regular intervals of 6-12 months.

Surgical treatment

- vaginal hysterectomy: most common operation & its indications are:
 - post-menopausal prolapse
 - uterine pathology like small fibroids
 - menstrual disorders such as uterine dysfunctional uterine bleeding.
 - prolapse during childbearing age,
- Burch operation: for relief of symptoms of cystocele. It is performed to treat primary incontinence, it is a surgical procedure in which a sling of the transverse ligament is used when bladder or urethra has

fallen out of its normal position

- The Manchester operation / Fothergill operation: is a technique used in gynaecological surgeries. It is an operation for uterine prolapse, by fixation of the cardinal ligaments.
- It restores normal support of the uterus without removing the uterus.
- Sacrohysteropexy: used to treat uterine prolapse when a woman does not want a hysterectomy. A surgical mesh is attached to the cervix and then to the sacrum, lifting the uterus back into place.