

Placental Abruption- A Pilot Study

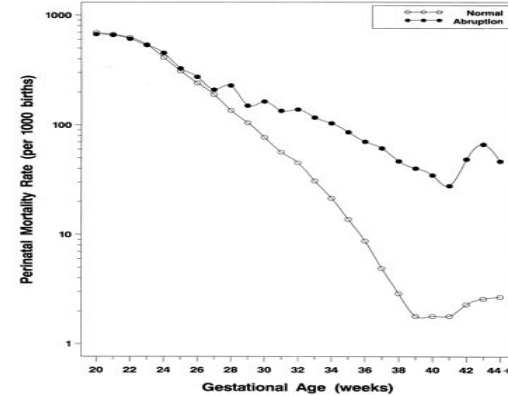
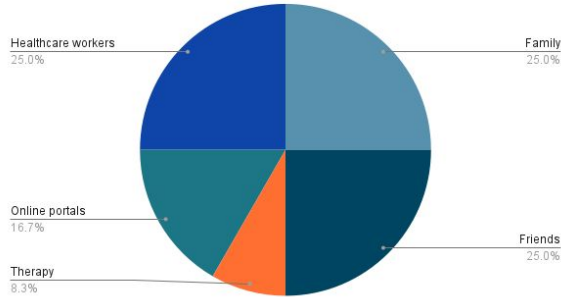
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Abstract

The purpose of the study is to examine the support system available to women who are currently experiencing placental abruption. Through 3 surveys and 2 interviews, a pilot study was conducted to determine the different ways and means women use to seek comfort and support while experiencing placental abruption in their pregnancy. It was determined that most women rely on family, friends, healthcare workers, therapy and various online portals for that support.

Support system for women experiencing placental abruption



Methods

The methods used to conduct this pilot study were surveys and conducting interviews. A brief survey was given to women to fill out where they posed as women who had experienced placental abruption in their pregnancy. Based on their responses they were then asked to participate in an interview which lasted around 40 minutes and it asked women to go more into detail about their experience and the kind of support they had or would have liked to have during the traumatic process

Results & Discussion

After analyzing 3 survey responses and 2 interviews, the results of the pilot study showed that women were more likely to reach out to family, friends and healthcare workers to seek support. It was also determined that a certain number of women relied on online applications such as reddit, quora and other portals that are specifically made available for women going through a traumatic pregnancy.

Survey & Interview questions

1. How many times had you been pregnant prior to the placental abruption occurrence?
2. When did you suspect something was wrong in your pregnancy? What were your next steps?
3. What was your reaction when you were diagnosed with placental abruption?
4. Who did you seek support and comfort from upon finding out about your diagnosis?