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🧗 Biophysical profile versus cardiotocography 🗅 in evaluation of feti in cases of of pregnancy induced hypertension \

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Abbreviations

BPP = Biophysical profile

CTG = Cardiotocography

FHR =Foetal heart rate

IUGR=Intrauterine growth retardation

PIH =Pregnancy induced hypertension

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Introduction and aim of the work Introduction

Pregnancy induced hypertension is diagnosed

When a pregnant woman has a blood pressure of 140/90 mmHg or greater, or a rise of 30 mmHg systolic or 15 mmHg diastolic over baseline developed after 20 weeks gestation (hypertension alone)

If this patient has abnormal oedema or proteinuria or both, it is preeclampsia (Chesley L.C. 1984)

If convulsions develop on top, it is eclampsia.

(The modified classification of American collaegues of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists 1986).

Pregnancy induced hypertension is classified either mild or severe. Severe cases are diagnosed when one of the following criteria is met:

- a- Blood pressure of 160/110 mmHg or greater on two occasions with six hours apart when the patient is at rest.
- b- Proteinuria greater than 5 gm /24 hours or 3-4+ on dipstick.

- c- Oliguria less than 400 ml/24 hours.
- d- Cerebral or visual disturbances. (cotton D.B st al 1988).

The incidence of pregnancy induced hyper-tension (PIH) in the general population of pregnant patients is 5% to 7%, the single most common contributing factor is lack of prenatal care (Devoe O'shoughnessy, 1984)

There are many theories about the aetiology of PIH:

A theory about the possibility of immunological as well as endocrine and genetic mechanisms are involved in the genesis of preeclampsia, also a dietary theory about the role of calcium supplement (Sicotte 1992), a theory about the role of endothelin 1 (Clark et al 1992), and prostacyclin/thromboxane A_2 , vitamine E/lipid peroxides ratio theory(Wang et al 1991a, 1991b).

Anyhow, the hallmark in PIH is vasospasm that produce pathologic changes in organ systems throughout the body (Worly 1984)

There are many factors which are noticed to be percepitating for PIH as: adolescent and eldery

primigravida, obesity, diabetes, multiple pregnancy, essential hypertension, renal disease, and polyhydramnios. (Benedetti et al 1982).

Perinatal mortality is greatly increased secondary to high incidence of prematurity and abruptio placentae (Benedetti et al 1982)

Biophysical profile:

Foetal biophysical profile scoring is a method of antepartum assessment that is based on a survey of five discrete biophysical variables. Judging the foetal condition by dynamic study of a number of functions is the aim of the biophysical profile study using real-time ultrasonography. The variables which are assessed include:

Foetal heart rate, foetal movement, foetal tone, foetal breathing movements and amniotic fluid volume.

This method yields a range of results that may be useful not only in the recognition of risk but also in categorization of the degree of risk (Manning 1990).

Cardiotocography (CTG):

The development of technology permitting the continuous electronic monitoring of the foetal heart rate led to the introduction of antepartum cardiotocography (CTG) by Hammacher (1966).

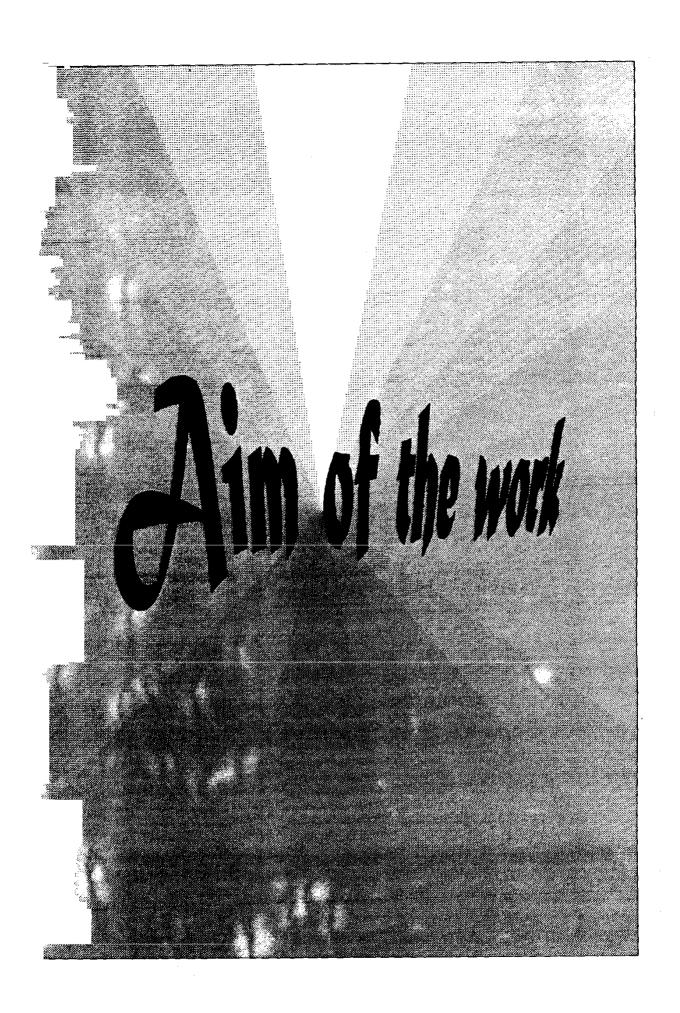
There have been criticisms of the application of the CTG in clinical management before it was fully assessed.

Lumly 1983, kidd et al 1985 faild to demonstrate a beneficial effect on foetal outcome while others believe that intervention on the basis of specific CTG abnormalities prevents poor foetal outcome (Chew et al 1985).

Visual scoring systems have attempted to quantify CTG changes (Hammacher et al 1974, Verma 1984).

Five items which are assessed in CTG:

Basal foetal heart rate, amplitude, cycles per minute, acceleration, and decelerations (early decelerations, late, variable and prolonged decelerations). (Mayer.Menk 1981)





Rim of the work

This study will try to detect the predictive value of cardiotocography versus biophysical profile in evaluation of feti in cases of pregnancy induced hypertension (PIH).

Also, trying to choose which one is better in the evaluation.