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A STUDY OF INCIDENCE OF CONGENITAL ANOMALIES IN A TERTIARY CARE CENTRE

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Abstract

Congenital anomalies are also known as birth defects, congenital disorders or congenital malformations. Congenital anomalies can be defined as structural or functional anomalies that occur during intrauterine life and can be identified prenatally, at birth, or sometimes may only be detected later in infancy, such as hearing defects. Congenital anomalies are an important cause of neonatal mortality both in developed and developing countries. It accounts for 8-15% of perinatal deaths and 13-16% of neonatal deaths in India. It is not only a leading cause of fetal loss, but also contributes significantly to preterm birth, childhood and adult morbidity along with considerable repercussion on the mothers and their families.

Aim:- To study the incidence of congenital anomalies and the associated risk factors in Department of obstetrics and gynecology at GovtRajaji Hospital, attached to Madurai medical college , Madurai.

Method:- This study was conducted between OCTOBER 2016 to JANUARY 2017 , among 3088 mothers attending AN op were screened for congenital anomalies Relevant information regarding maternal age, gestational age, sex, birth order and consanguinity was documented. Significant antenatal history like maternal illness, ingestion of drugs, exposure to radiation was recorded. Antenatal ultrasonography (USG) findings were noted, there were 74 babies with congenital anomalies , overall incidence of congenital anomalies was **2.39**

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Result:-

A total of 3088 women who attended AN OP was screened and 74 babies were found to have congenital anomalies and those mothers were admitted and lethal anomalies were terminated. The incidence of congenital anomalies was (2.39%) In this analysis risk factors found to be significantly associated with CONGENITAL ANOMALY were age, increasing parity, most of the cases were diagnosed during second trimester anomaly scan, previous h/o congenital anomalies , and drug intake during first trimester.

Interpretation and Conclusion:-

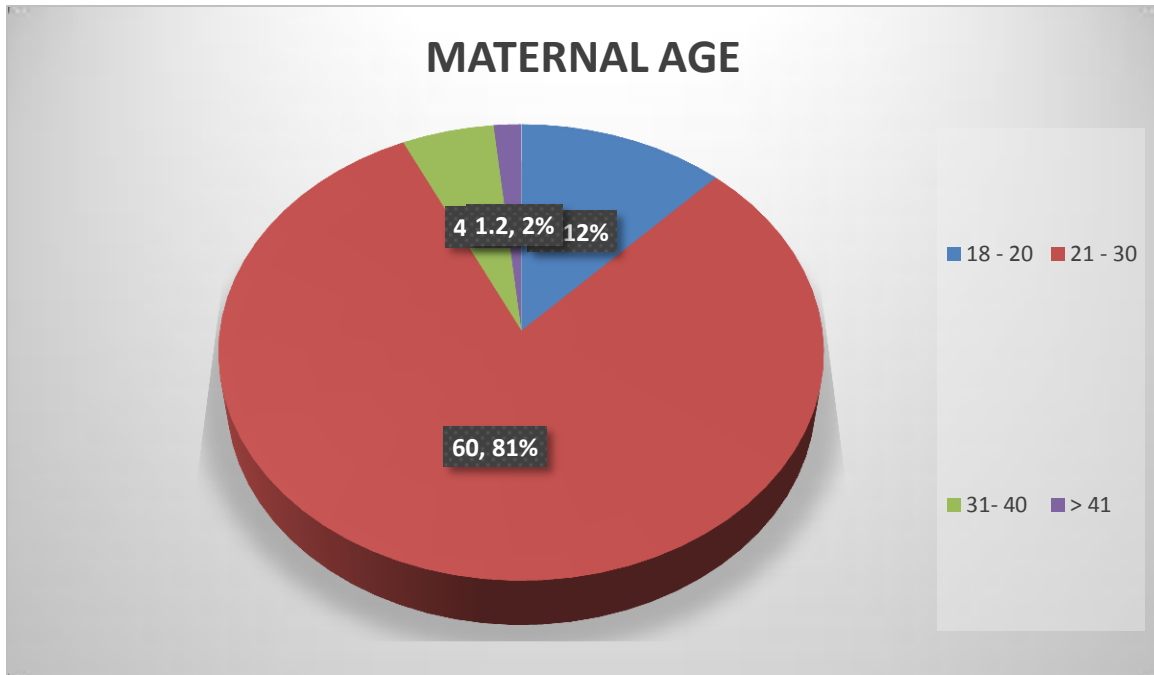
This STUDY has highlighted incidence of congenital anomaly was found to be **2.39%** per cent at GRH Madurai, and the type of congenital anomalies in our locality. Regular antenatal visits and prenatal diagnosis are recommended for prevention, early intervention and even planned termination, when needed.

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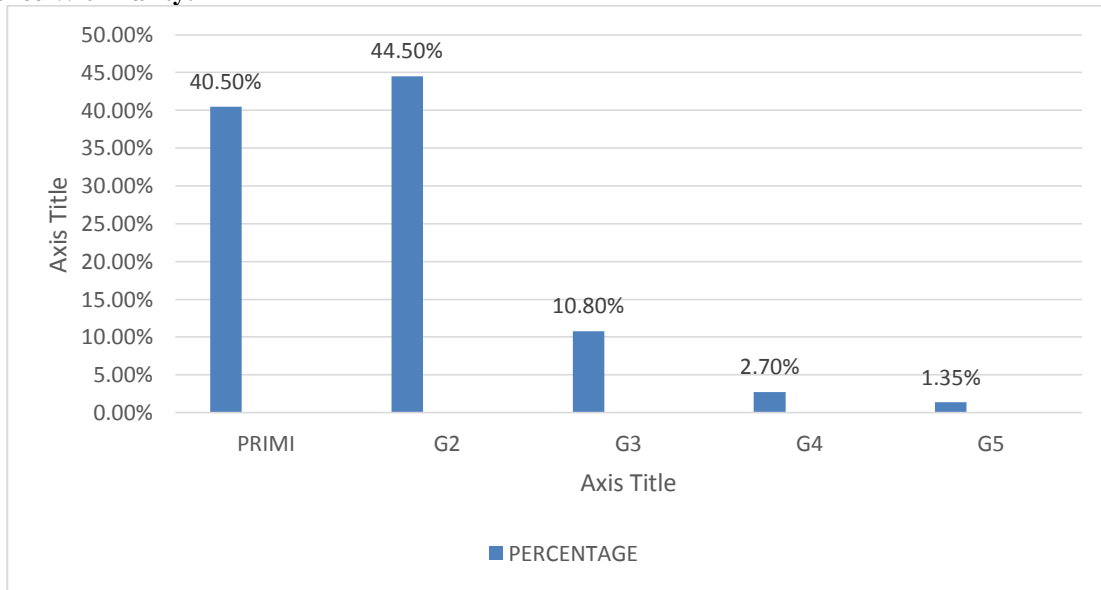
**Study Report:-
Incidence With Maternal Age.**

MATERNAL AGE	NO OF CASES	PERCENTAGE
18 - 20	9	12.1%
21 - 30	60	81.1%
31 - 40	4	5.4%
>41	1	1.35%



Incidence With Parity:-

PARITY	NO OF CASES	PERCENTAGE
PRIMI	30	40.5%
G2	33	44.5%
G3	8	10.8%
G4	2	2.7%
G5	1	1.35%

Incidence With Parity:-**Incidence With Maternal Age.**

GESTATIONAL AGE	NO OF CASES	PERCENTAGE
0 – 13 WKS	2	2.7%
14 – 28 WKS	45	60.8%
29 – 40 WKS	25	33.7%
> 40 WKS	2	2.7%

Consanguinity With Congenital Anomalies.

DEGREE OF CONSAGUNITY	NO OF CASES	PERCENTAGE
NON CONSAGUNOUS	57	77%
1 ST DEGREE	NIL	NIL
2 ND DEGREE	7	9.4%
3 RD DEGREE	15	20.2%

Types Of Anomaly.

SYSTEM	NO OF CASES
CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM	23
GENITOURINARY SYSTEM	9
RESPIRATORY SYSTEM	7
CARDIOVASULAR SYSEM	6
GASTRO INTESTINAL SYSTEM	8
MUSCULOSKELETAL SYSTEM	7
OTHERS	5
SYNDROME	DOWN'S SYNDROME 1

(Table includes all anomalies ,few anomalies with multisystem involvement are also included under each system)

Isolated Soft Markers.

ECHOGENIC INTRACARDIAC FOCI	10
MILD PYLECTASIS	10
ECHOGENIC BOWEL	1
MILD VENTRICULOMEGALY	1
CHOROID PLEXUS CYST	2

Table Showing List Of Anomalies.

Cns	
Anencephaly	4
Hydrocephalus	10
Arnold Chiari Malformations	2
Spina Bifida	7
Menigoencephalocele	1
Cerebellar Hypoplasia	1
Musculoskeletal System	
Ctev	3
Arthrogyposis	3
Hemimelia	1
Respiratory System	
Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia	3
Cpam Type 2	1
Bronchogenic Cyst	1
Hypoplastic Lung Associated With Other Anomaly	2
Cardiovascular System	
Vsd	2
Pda	1
Double Outlet Right Ventricle With Hypoplastic Left Ventricle	1
Fetal Cardiomyopathy	1
Hypoplastic Left Heart Syndrome	1
Genitourinary System	
Arpkd	2
Dysplastic Kidney	1
B/L Renal Cyst	1
Puj Obstruction	2
B/L Hydronephrosis	1
Hydronephrosis	1
Puj Obstruction With Blader Outlet Obstruction	1
Git	
Cleft Lip	1
Cleft Lip & Cleft Palate	5
Fetal Spleenomegaly	1
Fetal Ascites	1
Others	
Fetal Hydrops	3
B/L Meatal Atresia	1
Ovarian Cyst With Internal Hemorrhage	1

Consolidation Of Anomalies:-

LETHAL ANOMALIES	28
NON LETHAL ANOMALIES	26
ISOLATED SOFT MARKERS	20

Results:-

During the study period, 3088 MOTHER were screened in AN OP , those mothers who were carrying anomalous babies were admitted and evaluated , of which 74 babies were found to have congenital malformations, making the incidence of **2.39%**.

The predominant system involved was central nervous system (31.1%) followed by renal system (12.1%) and gastrointestinal system (10.8%) . Talipes (4.05%) was the most common anomaly seen in the musculoskeletal group and likewise cleft lip (1.35%) and cleft palate (6.75%) in GI system and hydrocephalus(13.5%) in CNS.

Regarding the parity of the mothers, 30 were primiparas and rest 33 were multiparas. Cases of congenital anomaly were found in 40% of primipara, whereas in multipara, the proportion was 44.5%. This was not statistically significant. But this was similar with other studies. It has been seen that more than half of the mothers were aged between 20 and 30 years (81.1%) with only 7% of the mothers were over the age of 30 years. The incidence of congenitally anomalous babies born was 12% for mothers <20 years, and 1.2% for >40 years. However, this difference was statistically significant.

In this study 22 mothers had a history of consanguinity and all of them showed some congenital anomaly (29.6%) in their babies, whereas in non-consanguineous couples, the incidence was more. This was found to be statistically significant. Most of the anomalies were detected in second trimester (60.8%).

Exposure to drugs was noted in ONE mothers who was on antipsychotic drugs, and was diagnosed to have congenital malformed baby.

Previous history of congenital anomaly was in one woman who previously had one child with ARPKD was diagnosed and was terminated, her second child was also diagnosed with ARPKD and was terminated.

None of mothers who delivered congenitally malformed babies gave history of exposure to radiation, smoking or alcohol during the pregnancy

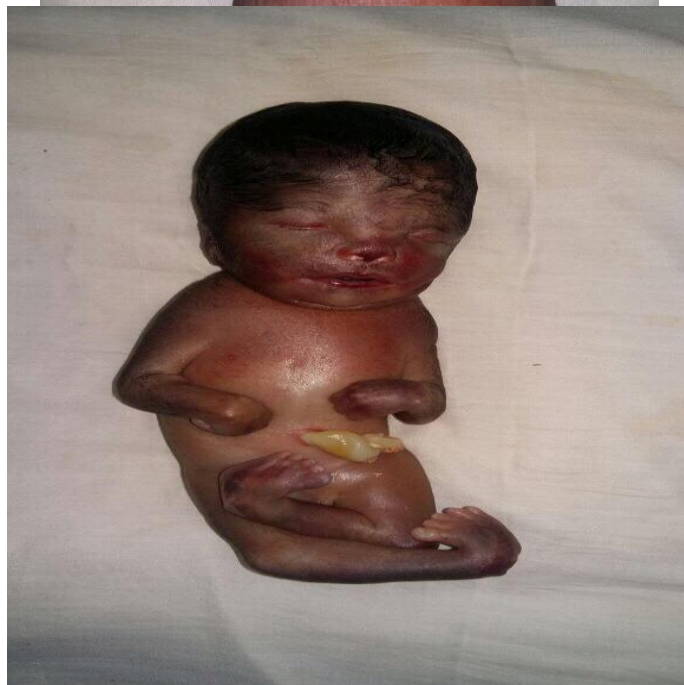




Multiple Congenital Anomalies (Microphthalmia, Fish Mouth, Hemimelia)



Closed spinabifida of thoracic spine with kyphoscoliosis





Arthrogyriposis Multiplex Congenita

Lumbar Myelomeningocele



Cleft Lip



Discussion:-

In the present study, the INCIDENCE of congenital malformations in the newborns were **2.39%**, which is comparable with the earlier studies from India, which reported incidence of 2.72% and 1.9%. [1,2,4,5] Although we got nearly the same result as reported in other studies, [1,2,4,5,7,8,9].

With regard to pattern of congenital anomalies in the study, the most common system involved was central nervous system (33.2%), followed by genitourinary (15%), GIT (11.2%), MUSCULOSKELETAL (10.5%), cardiovascular system (9.1%), etc..Some studies however recorded higher incidence of CNS malformations [2,6,7,8,9] followed by GIT and musculoskeletal system, [9].

Previous studies have reported significantly higher incidence of malformations among the multiparas. Our result is consistent with this finding, which indicates a positive correlation between the birth order and the incidence of congenital anomalies. [5].

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