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### RESEARCH ARTICLE

#### SPONTANEOUS REMOVAL OF PLACENTA OR MANUAL REMOVAL OF PLACENTA: WHICH IS MORE BENEFICIAL TO THE PATIENTS POST-OPERATIVELY:

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#### Abstract

**Aim:** To assess which method of placenta removal has more beneficial effects, spontaneous removal or manual removal and adhere to practices that benefit the patient.

**Design:** RETROSPECTIVE COHORT STUDY

**Methodology:**

Sample Size: 100

**Inclusion criteria:**

**Postnatal patients Procedure:** This study is a retrospective cohort study. The study population will be postnatal patients who delivered in Chettinad Hospital. After getting informed consent, the procedure will be explained thoroughly to the participants and only the participants who are willing to take part in the study will be selected. The participants were observed on an outpatient basis and those who were readmitted in the postnatal ward. Parturients undergoing cesarean delivery were prospectively randomized to have the placenta removed manually or spontaneously. Patients were excluded from participation if they had received intrapartum prophylactic antibiotics or had been determined to have chorioamnionitis. After delivery of the infant, women in the manual group had the placenta extracted by the primary surgeon, whereas women in the spontaneous group had the placenta delivered by gentle traction on the umbilical cord. All study subjects received perioperative prophylactic antibiotics. Their pre-operative and post-operative reports were analyzed for Haemoglobin counts, their course of antibiotics and days of antibiotics taken post-operatively. Symptomss such as Dizziness, palpitations, headache, Tiredness or weakness were asked to the patients and their complete blood counts report, urine routine reports were collected to be compared pre and post-operatively. This study is an invasive study.

**Study Duration:** 2 months (4/10/2023-04/12/2023)

**Results:**

A total of 100 women were enrolled in the investigation, with 48 assigned to the manual removal group and 52 allocated to have spontaneous removal. There were no statistically significant differences in mean gestational age, frequency or duration of ruptured membranes, frequency or duration of labor, or mean number of vaginal examinations between the two study groups. Postoperative infections occurred in 5 of 52 women in the spontaneous delivery group compared with 12 of 48 women in which the placenta was manually extra

cted. Subset analysis of patients delivered with ruptured membranes similarly demonstrated a statistically significant reduction in the incidence of postoperative infections with spontaneous placental removal compared with manual extraction. There was a similar trend toward a reduction in post delivery infections associated with spontaneous placental removal in women with intact membranes.

**Conclusion:** Spontaneous delivery of the placenta after cesarean delivery is associated with a decrease in the incidence of postcesarean infections and anemia symptoms compared to manual removal of the placenta.

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### **Introduction:-**

Cesarean section (CS) is a life-saving surgery when certain complications occur during pregnancy and childbirth. CS rates have consistently increased in both developing and developed countries in the recent few decades. Based on the recent data from 150 countries, currently, CS accounts for 18.6% of all births, and for the least and most developed regions ranged from 6% to 27.2%, respectively. Despite advances in modern surgical equipment and postoperative care, related risks such as hemorrhage, iatrogenic tumors, thromboembolic events, and infection are still potential threats. Patients with malignant placenta may have influence on the blood loss and clinical outcomes of cesarean section. Additional therapeutic methods can reduce blood loss during cesarean delivery and preserve fertility in pernicious placenta previa patients who are complicated with placenta accrete. Among them, hemorrhage is one of the most common complications of delivery and is considered to be the main cause of preventable maternal mortality in the world. Meanwhile, compared with vaginal delivery, cesarean delivery has a higher risk of hemorrhage. Estimating the amount of blood loss during CS is critical to reducing surgically induced morbidity. However, due to its extremely hard accuracy and poorly reproducible, it is usually underestimated.<sup>8</sup> As complications of CS may cause life-threatening bleeding, appropriate procedures should be taken to reduce intraoperative and postoperative blood loss. The type of uterine incision and the method of placental removing are important factors in determining the outcomes during CS, such as the amount of blood loss. Compared with lower vertical incision or classic incision, lower transverse uterine incision has less operative blood loss. Patients with lower vertical and classic incision could increase operative blood loss.

The method of placental removing is one such procedure that can affect outcomes of cesarean delivery, such as the amount of bleeding during intraoperative and postoperative, the time of operation, the occurrence of postoperative endometritis and may contribute to an increase or decrease in the incidence of CS. But the ideal method of placental removal during CS is still a controversial issue. The choice mainly bases on the surgeon's preference. At present, the research of placenta resection technology mainly focus on "manual" or "spontaneous" removal. Manual placental removal remains a conflicting issue owing to the risk of postpartum hemorrhage, postpartum endometritis, and placental abnormalities in subsequent pregnancies.

### **Sample size:**

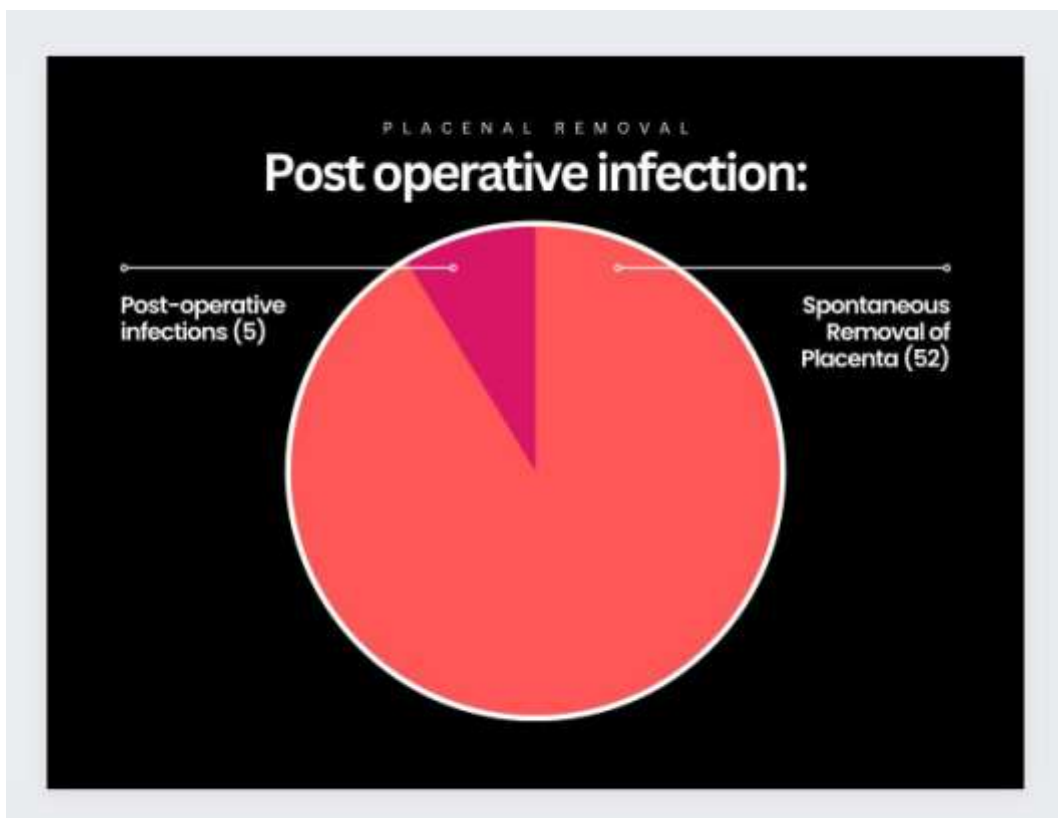
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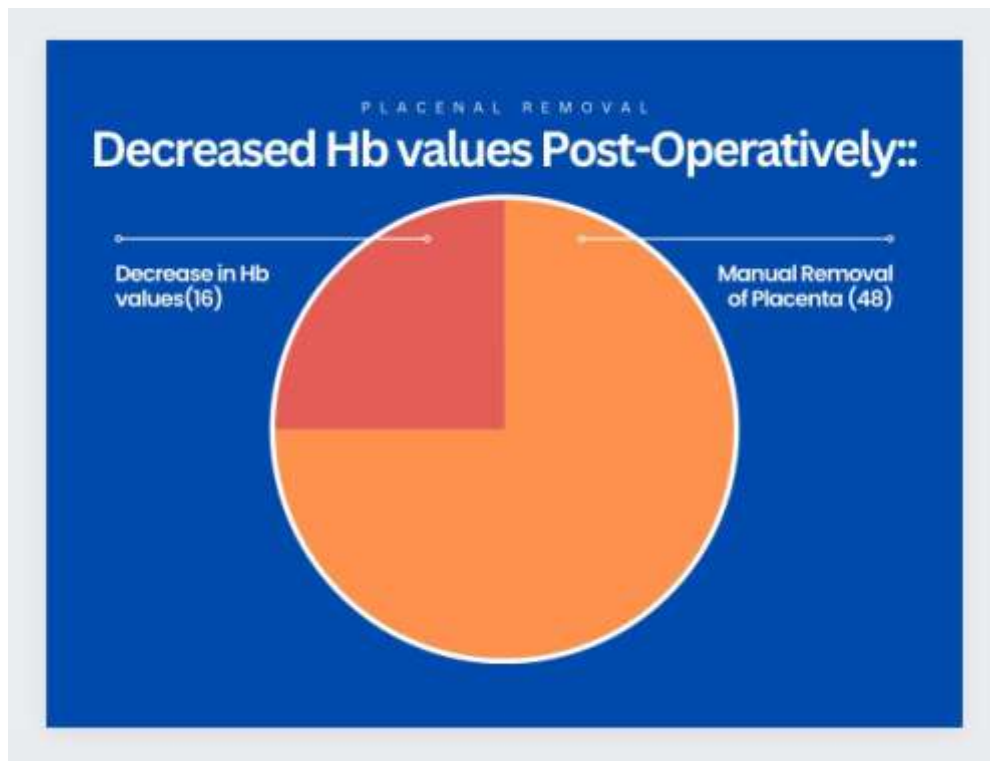
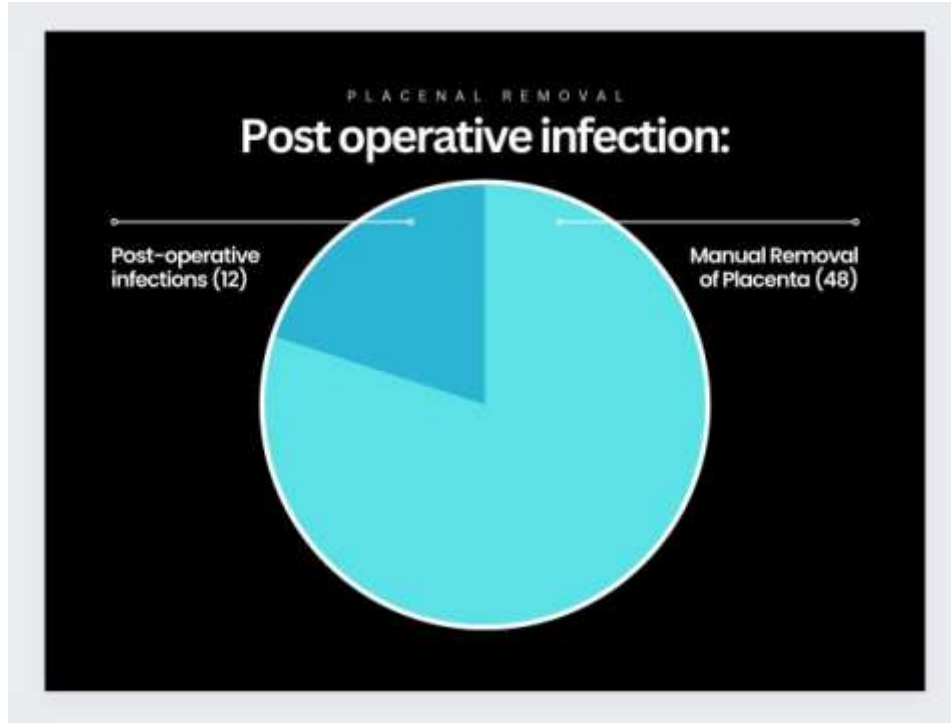
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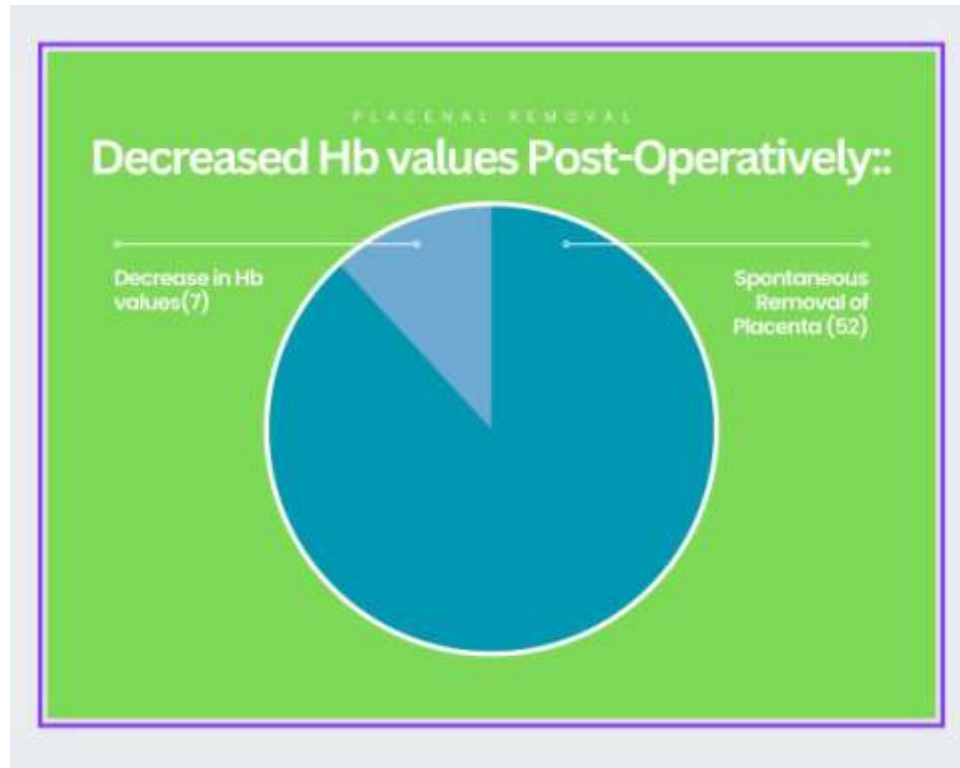
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### **Ethical Considerations:**

Information obtained for the purpose of study will be kept confidential. None of the study participants will be harmed in any manner. The decision to withdraw from the study will be completely up to the participants, the required care will not be withdrawn.







### Discussion:-

After the fetus is removed, the uterine muscles begin to contract and retract immediately, thereby lessening the size of the uterus; As the uterus becomes smaller, the size of the placental bed is significantly smaller than that of the incompressible placenta; This causes shear movement, which results in separation of the placenta and compression of the new exfoliated vessels supplying the placental bed, thereby reducing blood loss; This mechanism may explain why spontaneous placental separation causes less blood loss than manual placental dissection.

Manual placental dissection could cause the problem of fetal membrane residue and affect the contractile function of uterus, which is an important factor in the increase of bleeding. Abnormal placental attachment, placental adhesion or retention are the most common placental factors of bleeding during manual separation of the placenta.

An additional important factor that affects the amount of bleeding during CS was the type of uterine incision. Patients with vertical lower segment incision or classical upper segment incision are known for more blood loss than the transverse lower segment incision.

In regard to endometritis, endometritis is the most common complication of cesarean section, with an incidence of between 5% and 85%, depending on the patient population investigated. In our study, pooled results showed that the risks of endometritis in CS was increased by the manual method of placental removal compared with the spontaneous placental delivery. Meanwhile, some studies have claimed that high risk of endometritis.