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Title: De novo infected chocolate cyst: Dilemma in management





### **Introduction:**

De novo primary ovarian abscess within an endometrioma in the absence of a risk factor is rare with an incidence of around 17%.

## Aims and objectives:

- •Best possible management of ovarian abscess from infected endometrioma
- •Challenge of preserving fertility in a woman desirous of a future pregnancy.

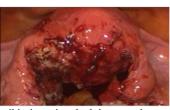
### Materials and methods:

36 yr old nullipara presented with high fever and pelvic pain for 5 days. No history of chronic pelvic pain, painful defecation, dyspareunia or irregular menses.

Evaluation revealed Pulse 98/min, BP 110/70 mm Hg, and temperature 103 F with 12 hrly fever spikes, no abdominal muscle guarding or rigidity.

### **Investigations:**

- •TLC 44,000
- •CRP 450
- •USG left adnexal mass of 9 x 7cm, hemorrhagic in nature.
- •CT abdomen -Endometrioma with bilateral kissing ovaries adherent to posterior surface of uterus and no pelvic collection.



# **Procedure:**

- •Following 5 days of emperical antibiotic patient had improved clinically with reduction sepsis parameters.
- Laparoscopic adhesiolysis and ovarian cystectomy done.
- Fluid aspirated from cyst was mainly chocolate colour with some whitish pus and developed a growth of Morganella in culture.

**Postoperatively,** patient showed significant clinical improvement and improved lab parameters. She was discharged on postoperative day 4 in a stable condition with Inj Leuprolide depot 11.75 given IM

# **Discussion:**

Compared to laparotomy, laparoscopy has the advantage of lesser postoperative pain and faster recovery.

Challenge is selection of appropriate time window for surgical intervention to remove the infective focus.

# **Conclusion:**

Appropriate surgical intervention in a case of infected chocolate cyst can rapidly alter the course of ongoing sepsis.

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