A study on Maternal and fetal outcomes of preterm premature rupture of membrane in Tertiary Medical College Bangladesh

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Abstract
Introduction: To be a mother, a woman must have a happy outcome of her pregnancy, both for the fetus and herself. Many factors influence the outcome of a pregnancy, and premature rupture of membrane (PROM) is one of them.

Objective: In this study our main goal is to estimate the maternal and fetal outcomes of premature rupture of membrane in Bangladesh.

Method: This cross-sectional descriptive type study was carried out from April 2016 to April 2018 at Tertiary Medical College Hospital, Bangladesh where after admission, full history including duration of pregnancy, time and onset of rupture of membranes, past history of rupture of membranes, past obstetric history was taken and data were entered into computer and statistical analyses was done.

Results: In the study majority of the women came from lower middle and poor class of the society where PPROM was more common among multiparous women. 28-30% neonates suffered from neonatal asphyxia. Chorioamnionitis was common in maternal outcome which was 20.5% in 32-34 gestational age.

Conclusion: PPROM was malnutrition and poverty related disease and for management extra awareness is needed.

Keyword: Premature rupture of membrane (PROM), Neonatal asphyxia, Chorioamnionitis.

Introduction
Premature rupture of membranes also known as pre-labor rupture of membranes (PROM), there is a rupture of amniotic sac before the onset of labor. There is a a painless gush or a steady leakage of fluid from the vagina. Complications in the baby may include premature birth, cord compression, and infection. Complications in the mother may include placental abruption and postpartum endometritis. Every woman dreams to be a mother in her life time. PROM is designed when membrane ruptures before the onset of labor.
Non-scientific intervention in PROM made at various levels intensifies the pregnancy complications several times, thereby leading to many more deaths of fetus and newborn. The etiology of PROM is largely unknown. It may be associated with an incompetent cervix, unstable lie, polyhydramnios, multiple gestation or possibly bacteriuria, specially beta-streptococci infection. Infection in the female reproductive tract (Ureaplasma urealyticum, Mycoplasma) is associated with PROM and preterm labor. Proper diagnostic facilities, proper monitoring facilities and a standard protocol in the management can improve the maternal and fetal outcome. In this study our main goal is to evaluate maternal and fetal outcomes of premature rupture of membrane in tertiary medical college of Bangladesh.

Inclusion criteria
- Age between 16-35
- Pregnancy duration 28 to 36 weeks 6 days.

Exclusion criteria
- Pregnancy 37 completed weeks with established labor
- Pregnancy 37 completed weeks with ante partum hemorrhage and infection

Method
382 pregnant women with preterm pre-labor rupture of the membrane were recruited from the inpatient of the labor ward of DMCH. Both primi and multi gravid women, who agreed to participate in this study, were included in this study. After admission, full history including duration of pregnancy, time and onset of rupture of membranes, past history of rupture of membranes, past obstetric history was taken. Rupture of the membrane was diagnosed by history of a gush of fluid from the vagina or continued leakage of fluid from the vagina and demonstration of membranes rupture has to be made by a sterile speculum examination visualizing flow of amniotic fluid from the cervical os and / or it’s pooling in posterior vaginal fornix spontaneously or by fundal pressure and demonstrating alkaline PH of vaginal fluid by litmus paper.

Data Analysis
During the study all the data were checked and edited after collection. Then the data were entered into computer and statistical analyses of the results
were obtained by using window-based computer software devised with Statistical Packages for Social Sciences (SPSS-13) (SPSS Inc, Chicago, IL, USA). The results were presented in tables and figures, the statistical terms included in this study were mean, median, standard deviation, percentage.

**Result**

In figure-2 shows age distribution of the patients where mean age of the patient was 27.84±6.278 years and (31-35) years age group 40% higher than (21-25) age group. The following figure is given below:

![Age distribution of the patients](image)

**Figure-2:** Age distribution of the patients

In table-1 shows demographic characteristics of the patients where 37% women were multigravida where as 16% were primi gravida and 36.3% respondents were educated up to SSC level and remaining 31.9% women educated up to degree level. The following table is given below in detail:

**Table-1:** Demographic characteristics of the patients

| Variable         | Mean/percentage |
|------------------|-----------------|
| **Parity**       |                 |
| Primi            | 16%             |
| Multigravid      | 37%             |
| **Education**    |                 |
| Below primary    | 22%             |
| Up to SSC        | 48%             |
| Above SSC        | 31.9%           |
| **Antenatal care** |               |
| Regular          | 23%             |
| Irregular        | 56%             |
| No               | 51.28%          |
| **Occupation**   |                 |
| Unemployment     | 69.9%           |
In table-2 shows risk factor that increase the chance of it occurring where most of the patients had urinary tract infection (48%), followed by smoking (24%), over weight (6%). The following table is given below in detail:

**Table-2: Risk factors of the patients**

| SL No. | Risk factor                     | Percent |
|--------|---------------------------------|---------|
| 1.     | Urinary tract infection         | 48%     |
| 2.     | Preeclampsia                    | 14%     |
| 3.     | Polyhydramnios                  | 10%     |
| 4.     | Multiple pg                     | 9%      |
| 5.     | Lower genital tract infection   | 8%      |
| 6.     | Over weight                     | 6%      |
| 7.     | Low socioeconomic status        | 4%      |
| 8.     | Cervical incompetence           | 1%      |
|        | Total                            | 100%    |

In figure-3 shows mode of delivery of the patients where most of the patients had vaginal delivery 68% The following figure is given below in detail:

**Figure-3: Mode of delivery of the patients**
In table-3 shows distribution of associated diseases. Most of the patients (32%) had urinary tract infection among other diseases. The following table is given below in detail:

**Table-3: Distribution of associated diseases**

| Variable                        | percent |
|---------------------------------|---------|
| Urinary tract infection         | 32%     |
| Hypertension                    | 25%     |
| Anemia                          | 15%     |
| Lower genital tract infection   | 12%     |
| Diabetes mellitus               | 5%      |
| Renal disease                   | 5%      |
| Heart disease                   | 6%      |
| Total                           | 100%    |

In figure-4 shows cervical effacement condition of the patients during admission where 68.1% women had cervical effacement 0 to 50% and 31.9% had 51 to 100%. The following figure is given below:

![Figure-4: Cervical effacement condition of the patients during admission](image)

In table-4 shows distribution of respondents with gestational age and time interval of membrane rupture to the onset of labor pain where mean time interval of onset of rupture membrane and delivery was 27.60 hours with a standard deviation of ±21.128 hours. The following table is given below in detail:
Table-4: Distribution of respondents with gestational age and time interval of membrane rupture to the onset of labor pain (n=50)

| Time interval of membrane rupture and delivery | Parity Primi | Parity Multi |
|----------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| <12 hour                                     | 2            | 20           |
| 12-24 hours                                  | 7            | 15           |
| 24-48 hours                                  | 6            | 7            |
| >48 hours                                    | 5            | 4            |
| Undelivered                                  | 5            | 4            |

Time interval of membrane rupture & delivery (mean) 27.60 ± 21.128 hours

In figure-5 shows fetal outcome in 32-34 gestational age where 43% neonates suffer from neonatal asphyxia, followed by 22.5% suffers neonatal jaundice. The following figure bis given below in detail:

![Fetal outcome in 32-34 gestational age](image)

Figure-5: Fetal outcome in 32-34 gestational age

In table-5 shows maternal outcome in 32-34 gestational age where most of the women suffered from chorioamnionitis which is 67.5% higher than others diseases. The following table is given below in detail:

Table-5: Maternal adverse outcome in 32-34 gestational age

| Variable            | Percent |
|---------------------|---------|
| Chorioamnionitis    | 20%     |
| Endometritis        | 12%     |
| Puerperal sepsis    | 16%     |
| Abruptio placenta   | 10%     |
| Wound infection     | 16.4%   |
In figure-6 shows distribution of patients according to previous c/s prom and previous non c/s prom where 57% had previous c/s prom. The following figure is given below in detail:

![Figure-6: Distribution of patients according to previous c/s prom and previous non c/s prom](image)

In table-6 shows maternal and fetal condition after 34-36 gestational age where incidence of Peuperal Pyrexia and chorioamnionitis was high in conservative management. The following table is given below in detail:

| Maternal Condition | Total | Conservative Management | Active Management |
|--------------------|-------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Peuperal Pyrexia   | 12 (100%) | 7 (56%) | 5 (40%) |
| Wound Infection    | 5 (100%) | 2 (40%) | 3 (60%) |
| Chorioamnionitis   | 16 (100%) | 10 (62.5%) | 6 (37.5%) |

**Table-6: Maternal and fetal condition after 34-36 gestational age**

| Fetal condition | Total | Conservative Management | Active Management |
|-----------------|-------|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Normal          | 54 (100%) | 32 (59%) | 22 (41%) |
| Asphyxiated     | 31 (100%) | 11 (35%) | 20 (65%) |
| Neonatal Death  | 15 (100%) | 5 (33.3%) | 10 (66.6%) |

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Figure-7 shows analysis of NICU admissions where after NICU admissions 4 neonatal died under conservative management and 7 neonatal died under active management. The following figure is given below in detail:
Discussion
Occurrence of PPROM diverges from country to country and in the same country, from hospital to hospital. It is due to socioeconomic condition of the patient and also of the country. In this study, majority of the women came from lower middle and poor class of the society also PPROM was more common among multiparous women than primi, this findings is opposite to other study.[8] Mean age of the patient was 27.84±6.278 years which is similar to other studies.[6][7][8]. Most of the patients are uneducated and poor. Poverty and illiteracy is interrelated and it affects nutrition, living standard, personal hygiene, immunity and consciousness of the patient. Infection is the most common cause of PPROM and in this study, 16 had UTI, and 7 had lower genital tract infection. Anemia, hypertension and diabetes are associated risk factors of PPROM by affecting nutrition and immunity of the patient produce PROM.[9] Coitus increases the incidence of PPROM by causing local trauma and also facilitates microbial entrance into the upper genital tract. This study shows that 60.10% patients had sexual activity within 2-7 days, but lower rate was observed in other study.[5][10] Mean time interval of rupture membrane and delivery was 27.60±21.128 hours. 16 women delivered within 24 hours and among them 9 were multi and 7 were primi. Progress of labor is speeded among women with higher gestational age and gravidity. Vaginal delivery is the commonest mode of delivery in PPROM. Regarding neonatal outcome, we assess neonatal weight which was 2.60kg. 43% neonates suffered from neonatal asphyxia, respiratory distress syndrome (15%), neonatal jaundice (22.5%) and neonatal sepsis (10.5%) and admitted to special baby care unit. This result is accord with some other studies.[5][6] 32.5% suffered from chorioamnionitis, abruptio placenta (15%), puerperal sepsis (16%), endometritis(20.1%) and wound infection(16.4%). Most of the cases use of antibiotic reduces the risk of Chorioamnionitis. After 34-36 gestational age incidence of wound infection was high in active management. Maximum duration of hospital stay in active management was 10-12 days. Maximum duration of hospital stay in conservation management was 20-25 days.

Limitation
- All pt including term prom cannot included
- Unable to do C-reactive protein and ultrasonography in all cases.

Figure-7: Analysis of NICU Admissions
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Conclusion
From this study we can conclude that majority of the patients were poor, their access to antenatal care was poor and PPROM is malnutrition and poverty related disease. For management PPROM, use of proper antibiotics, steroid administration and conservative mx, NICU facility, reduce hospital stay and ultimately reduce perinatal and maternal complications. Further study is requiring for better outcome.

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