



Medical treatment of missed miscarriage

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Objective

Missed miscarriages are common and may represent a gynecological emergency. The conventional method of treatment using vacuum aspiration (VA) of the uterine cavity is associated with morbidity and mortality. Medical termination of pregnancy has proven a safe and effective alternative for uterine cavity evacuation. However medical treatment for missed miscarriage has not been fully investigated. In this study we examined the efficacy of the medical treatment in the management of missed miscarriage.

Methods

Mifepristone was prescribed to 80 women with an ultrasound confirmed missed miscarriage and this approach was compared with results from 80 women where VA was performed.

Results

The rate of complications was no significantly different between the two groups.

Conclusion

Medical treatment is an effective option in the management of missed miscarriage, particularly in women refusing hospital admission or a procedure under general anesthesia. Medical treatment of missed miscarriage can be less invasive and is both safe and effective.