# Review of evidence in Risk of preterm delivery in pregnant with placenta previa

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#### **Abstract:**

Placenta previa is associated with an increased maternal morbidity including the need for blood and blood products transfusion, urgent cesarean section, and cesarean hysterectomy. We aimed to discuss the obstetric risk factors and risk of preterm delivery associated with placenta previa. We performed electronic search through, MEDLINE, PubMed, Google Scholar, and EBSCO, for all published articles up to November 2017, we limited our search English studies only, only human trails were included, we also designed an inclusion criterion for our search which determine the studies that have to be included, and most important among those criteria is all studies discussing the Risk of preterm delivery in pregnant with placenta previa, In conclusion, placenta previa is one of the major causes of mother's morbidity and death. Every health center must have a procedure or algorithm for the management of placenta previa. Significant danger factors for mother's morbidity include if the placenta is covering the os "total placenta previa", background of previous C/S, emergency. The majority of the patients with placenta previa are delivered preterm, and these deliveries are regarded as suggested preterm births due to extreme maternal hemorrhage. Nonetheless, recent evidence recommends that mechanisms apart bleeding may lead to preterm birth in women with placenta previa. Patients with placenta previa that delivered preterm had a greater rate of intra-amniotic infection/inflammation than those who delivered at term, recommending that likewise to spontaneous preterm birth, intra-amniotic infection or inflammation could contribute to the procedure of preterm parturition in patients with placenta previa. Furthermore, females with this difficulty who had a short cervical size have an increased risk to deliver preterm.

## **4** Introduction:

Placenta previa is an obstetric complication in which the maturing placenta partly or entirely obstructs the interior cervical os. It is a major reason for third-trimester bleeding and has been associated with serious mother's complications and adverse perinatal end results [1].

Placenta previa is a danger element for preterm birth, and contributes to about 5% of all preterm distribution [2]. The prevalence of placenta previa is 0.3-0.5% of pregnancies [4], [3] and the danger for this problem raises according to the variety of previous cesarean deliveries [5]. Placenta previa is connected with an increased maternal morbidity consisting of the requirement for blood and blood products transfusion, urgent cesarean area, and cesarean hysterectomy. Additionally, a greater rate of perinatal death and morbidity, specifically respiratory system distress disorder and anemia are connected with this abnormal placentation [6], [7].

The majority of the patients with placenta previa are delivered preterm [8], and these shipments are regarded as indicated preterm births because of excessive maternal hemorrhage. Nonetheless, current proof suggests that devices aside bleeding could cause preterm birth in females with placenta previa [9]. Patients with placenta previa who supplied preterm had a higher rate of intra-amniotic infection/inflammation than those that delivered at term [9], recommending that similarly to spontaneous preterm birth, intra-amniotic infection or swelling might add to the procedure of preterm parturition in patients with placenta previa. Furthermore, females with this problem that had a brief cervical size have a boosted danger to deliver preterm [10]. Therefore, the systems causing spontaneous preterm parturition may play a similar role in patients with placenta previa that supply too soon.

Placenta previa is a recurrent pregnancy difficulty; records suggest a recurrence rate of 2.3-3.2% [11]. The hidden mechanisms resulting in this are not totally comprehended. Yet, it is unclear from the literature whether patients with placenta previa that supply preterm go to enhanced threat for reoccurring preterm birth. The purpose of this study was to identify whether ladies with placenta previa that delivered preterm go to boosted danger for recurrent preterm birth in the succeeding pregnancy.

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# **4** Methodology:

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# **Discussion:**

### · Placenta previa

Placenta previa is a recognized threat aspect for antepartum hemorrhage and preterm delivery, but these dangers have not been well evaluated. Counseling patients regarding their pregnancy threats

is maximized by exact info. While it is clear that placenta previa is related to more perinatal

difficulties, the precise rises in threat are much less clear. A recent 'clinical expert' evaluation of

previa had the ability to record raised relative threats of several hemorrhagic complications of

pregnancy, but was not able to measure these dangers much more particularly or in relationship to

gestational age [12]. Exact assessment of these risks comes to be more important as the primary

cesarean rate rises, which will lead to more placenta previa in subsequent maternities [13], [14].

In regards to existing price quotes of the risks of placenta previa, Crane and colleagues examined

neonatal end results in the setup of placenta previa [15]. They located an organization with perinatal

death and preterm birth (specified as before 37 weeks) yet did not supply details as to the risk of

preterm shipment at earlier (and medically a lot more significant) gestational ages. In addition, they

did not regulate for such important confusing variables as diabetes and hypertensive disorders of

maternity. Additionally, their sample consisted of patients with placentas referred to as just low-

lying. Because of this, quantification of the danger of preterm delivery and mother's and neonatal

morbidities based on this record is difficult.

Brenner and colleagues did quantify the risk of preterm delivery at each week of gestation in

patients with placenta previa managed throughout the 1960s [16]. They found a general increased

rate of preterm shipment in 178 patients with placenta previa confirmed by an I131-albumin

radioisotope method. About 25% of their patients with previa were delivered by 32 weeks, with

50% provided by 36 weeks. Approximately 20% were not provided up until after 40 weeks. This

research, which is likely the most effective existing in the literary works, is almost 30 years old.

Therefore, we looked for to replicate their findings in the setting of modern obstetric management

using ultrasound for medical diagnosis, corticosteroids, amniocentesis to evaluate fetal lung maturity, and prepared preterm distribution for patients with previa.

Precise information informing the management of placenta previa is made more immediate by the obvious increase in placenta previa [17]. Advanced maternal age and previous cesarean section are 2 well-known threat factors for placenta previa [18]; these very same factors are coming to be a lot more prevalent in contemporary obstetrics [19]. Placenta previa is known to be a risk variable for maternal complications, such as hemorrhage and peripartum hysterectomy [20], further increasing the importance of establishing precise risk information.

#### Risk factors for placenta previa

Placenta previa is an obstetric problem that leads to serious maternal and fetal complications. This condition has been reported to happen in 3-20 each 1000 maternities. The wide variant in the occurrence rate can be credited to addition of differing degrees of placenta previa, different methods and timing of medical diagnosis, and diversity of the patient population throughout research studies. Numerous scientific and epidemiological researches have reported the rate of placenta previa to be greater among older and multiparous females, those with a previous Cesarean distribution, prior spontaneous or induced abortion in addition to amongst women that smoked or made use of drug during pregnancy. This meta-analysis validates the higher risk of placenta previa related to progressing mother's age. Among older ladies, there may be atherosclerotic modifications in the uterine capillary creating endangered uteroplacental blood circulation. This has been shown by microscopic studies of placentae from older women that have revealed uteroplacental underperfusion and huge placental infarcts [21]. To maintain optimum blood flow, an increased area might be required for placental add-on, and this might cause placental encroachment on the lower uterine segment [21]. Our results also show a greater danger of placenta previa with greater

parity, confirming searchings for from earlier research studies. This may result from endometrial scarring at the site of previous placental attachments leading to reduced placental implantation. The other possibility might be that blood vessels at the websites of previous placental add-ons undertake changes that could result in lowered uteroplacental blood circulation [22]. This, subsequently, may result in a bigger placenta encroaching on the cervical os with repeated pregnancies. In this metaanalysis we analyzed just maternal age and parity as independent threat elements for placenta previa. Nevertheless, because females with higher parity are most likely to be older, it is possible that innovative maternal age and increased parity are not independent risk variables for the placenta previa danger. This mixed impact old and gravidity on the threat of placenta previa was demonstrated in a huge (n = 37 956 020), population-based, cohort research of singleton births from the USA (1989-98) [23]. This study revealed that the threat of placenta previa was not independent of maternal age and parity, but rather that both elements exerted a joint influence on placenta previa threat. In other words, boosting maternal age and increasing parity conferred the best risk of placenta previa compared with that of primigravid women aged < 20 years. There is an increased danger of placenta previa among ladies with a history of previous Cesarean shipment and previous abortion. Our meta-analysis corroborates these basic findings reported in a number of previous research studies as well as a meta-analysis [24]. Damages and scarring to the endometrial and myometrial lining during Cesarean distribution and spontaneous and caused abortion are understood to predispose to the reduced implantation of the placenta in the womb. There is a higher threat of placenta previa with cigarette smoking and maternal drug use during pregnancy, as formerly reported. Placental enhancement has been noted among females that smoke cigarettes and this has been associateded with the vasoactive properties of nicotine and to chronic hypoxia related to carbon monoxide gas [25], [26]. It has likewise been observed that there are chronic hypoxic

changes in the uterine vasculature of smokers, causing a bigger placenta with enhanced likelihood of placental infringement on the cervical os [27].

Similarly, maternal cocaine use is known to cause catecholamine-mediated vasoconstriction and vasospasm in blood vessels innervated by the sympathetic nervous system. This is likely to lead to underperfusion of the uteroplacental vessels and a bigger placenta encroaching on the cervical os [25]. This meta-analysis confirms an enhanced male/female proportion at birth amongst females with placenta previa. It has been suggested that very early and late insemination during the menstrual cycle may cause an increase in the fertilization of men in addition to reduced implantation of the placenta [26]. With early insemination it might be feasible that the embryo reaches the reduced uterine sector prior to the endometrial cellular lining is ready for implantation. Similarly, with late insemination, the egg may be in the reduced uterine segment when it is fertilized, resulting in lower uterine implantation in both instances. There is a raised frequency of placenta previa amongst females with pre-existing or chronic hypertension. The exact mechanism that results in lower implantation of the placenta among ladies with chronic hypertension is not clear. Nonetheless, placenta previa has a protective effect on the danger of pregnancy-induced hypertension and pre-eclampsia. Although the specific system is unclear, it has been recommended that, owing to the wider size and much less restricted training course of capillary, there is much better oxygenation of the placenta implanted in the lower uterine section [28]. With greater implantation of the placenta in the uterine cavity there might be restricted blood flow, triggering hypoxia and launch of vasoactive compounds into the blood stream, causing a better threat of pregnancyinduced hypertension and pre-eclampsia. A far better blood supply and oxygenation of the placenta in the reduced uterine segment prevents the launch of vasoactive substances right into the blood stream and thus minimizes the threat of pregnancy-induced hypertension and preeclampsia in cases of placenta previa [29]. An alternative hypothesis recommends that venous drainage from the placenta implanted in the fundal part of the uterus is via ovarian veins, causing visceral congestion and vasoconstriction, leading to pre-eclampsia. However, when the placenta is implanted in the reduced uterine segment, drainage is with uterine veins and there is no visceral congestion; as a result, placenta previa has a safety result on pre-eclampsia and pregnancy-induced hypertension [30].

Table1. Risk factors for placenta previa

| Advanced maternal age (>35 | Multiparity (parity > 3)      | Smoking during          |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| years)                     |                               | pregnancy               |
| Chronic hypertension Pre-  | Alcohol or Drug use during    | Prior Cesarean delivery |
| eclampsia/PIH              | pregnancy                     |                         |
| Prior abortion             | Multiple pregnancy            | Prior placenta previa   |
| Maternal anemia            | Maternal diabetes, Hydramnios | Placental abruption     |

#### Preterm delivery

Placenta previa is a risk factor for preterm birth [30]. Certainly, regarding 60% of the patients with placenta previa in the research supplied preterm, primarily due to vaginal blood loss. It has been proposed that in cases of placenta previa a certain degree of spontaneous placental separation is an unavoidable consequence of the development of the lower uterine segment and cervical dilatation, causing severe hemorrhage [37] and suggested preterm birth. Additionally, there is proof to support the distribution of women with placenta previa in between 36 to 37 weeks, this method is accordinged to the searchings for of Ananth et al. [31], who showed that females with placenta previa have an increased perinatal mortality after 37 weeks of pregnancy. Collectively, the mix of extreme vaginal bleeding that jeopardizes the mom and the boosted inexplicable stillbirth in these patients after 37 weeks adds to the high proportion of preterm distributions reported in patients with placenta previa. However, it is unclear from the current literature whether the boosted danger

for preterm birth is restricted to the maternity impacted by placenta previa or does it impact the succeeding ones as well.

Shortening of the uterine cervix during pregnancy is a threat element for preterm birth in patients with typical placentation [38], current research studies suggest that this is the same in patients with placenta previa [36]. Undoubtedly among women with placenta previa, those who had a cervical size <30 mm at the 3rd trimester had a greater rate of preterm distribution and a greater proportion of them required delivery as a result of hemorrhage in contrast to those with longer cervical size [35]. In addition, Ghi et al. [34] reported that patients with placenta previa who had emergency situation cesarean area as a result of bleeding at < 34 weeks of gestation had a dramatically much shorter cervical length compared to those who had optional cesarean shipment later on throughout pregnancy. The authors concluded that a short cervix in patients with placenta previa may proclaim early start of labor and feasible detachment of the placenta from its reduced insertion [34].

Vaginal bleeding can be the only symptom of intra-amniotic infection and/or inflammation [39].Indeed, among patients with placenta previa and genital bleeding the rate of intra amniotic infection was 5.7% and intra-amniotic inflammation was identified in 17.9% of these patients [33].Additionally, among patients with placenta previa, those who had intra-amniotic infection or swelling had a higher rate of distribution within 48 hours from admission and a reduced mean gestational age at distribution compared to those without it [33].In a different research study, ladies with placenta previa who were confessed with an episode of preterm labor with undamaged membranes had a rate of 4.9% of intra-amniotic infection and 16.7% of intra-amniotic inflammation [32].In addition, ladies with placenta previa who present with preterm labor and have intra-amniotic inflammation had a higher threat of intra-amniotic infection and a much shorter admission to delivery interval. Thus, likewise to women with regular placentation, infection and or

inflammation could belong to the mechanisms that too soon trigger the typical path of parturition in patients with placenta previa, causing preterm labor that is associated in a few of the situations with genital bleeding and eventually advance to preterm birth.

In the finding that women with placenta previa that delivered preterm are at increased risk for spontaneous preterm birth in the subsequent delivery regardless to the website of placental implantation is novel. Preterm delivery is a persistent illness; both spontaneous and showed preterm births are connected with an increased danger for reappearance in subsequent maternities [40]. Moreover, there is an inverted relationship between the gestational age at delivery and the risk for recurrent preterm birth [40] and patients who experienced a spontaneous preterm parturition, have a higher recurrence rate than the general population for any type of gestational age in which the preterm delivery happened.

## **Conclusion:**

In conclusion, placenta previa is one of the major causes of mother's morbidity and death. Every health center must have a procedure or algorithm for the management of placenta previa. Significant danger factors for mother's morbidity include if the placenta is covering the os "total placenta previa", background of previous C/S, emergency. The majority of the patients with placenta previa are delivered preterm, and these deliveries are regarded as suggested preterm births due to extreme maternal hemorrhage. Nonetheless, recent evidence recommends that mechanisms apart bleeding may lead to preterm birth in women with placenta previa. Patients with placenta previa that delivered preterm had a greater rate of intra-amniotic infection/inflammation than those who delivered at term, recommending that likewise to spontaneous preterm birth, intra-amniotic infection or inflammation could contribute to the procedure of preterm parturition in patients with placenta previa. Furthermore, females with this difficulty who had a short cervical size have an

increased risk to deliver preterm. Thus, the mechanisms leading to spontaneous preterm parturition could play a comparable role in patients with placenta previa who deliver prematurely. Women with placenta praevia and antepartum haemorrhage that have second trimester vaginal blood loss or the presence of uterine contractions were shown to be at greater danger of preterm delivery. These women need to obtain close in-patient monitoring. Further studies exploring the effect of more aggressive treatment, such as using tocolytics and duplicated blood transfusion, are indicated.

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