The technique of fibrin adhesion for premature rupture of the

membranes during pregnancy.

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Abstract:

The description of a new technique for fibrin adhesion (in 28 patients) for premature rupture of the

membranes in pregnancy is reported. Unless cerclage has been carried out earlier, it is necessary to

suture the cervical canal immediately after rupture of the membranes in order to be able to insert a

fibrin clot. The author's modified cerclage technique (reverse McDonald procedure) is dsecribed.

The advantages are minimal trauma to the lower uterine segment and somewhat physiologic fixation

of the synthetic suture material. For application of the fibrin sealant, the Duploject syringe clip is

used, as it allows exact dosage and blending of the two sealant components in the course of their

application to the site of sealing. The problem of evaluation of the results of the procedure is

discussed. The technique carries no risk to mother or child. No cases of amniotic infection syndrome

have been observed. Through prolongation of the pregnancy, time is gained for maturation of the

fetal lungs. Accordingly, the authors recommend the technique for treating premature rupture of the

membranes, although there is as yet no definite answer as to the optimal timing of this adhesion

treatment during pregnancy.