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infection and serotyping of the warts would have helped if the father's penile wart was still present. HPV type 2 is the most common type found in hand warts while HPV type 6 and 11 are commonly transmitted through sexual contact. There are about 70 types of HPV virus known to date. Unfortunately our hospital does not have the facility to perform serotyping of the HPV virus. The presence of an old anal fissure is suspicious without a history of constipation but it does not imply sexual abuse per se.

The medico-legal significance of anogenital warts as a marker of sexual abuse is still unclear. However all cases of anogenital warts in children should be investigated thoroughly by the appropriate authorities. A biopsy of the lesion is mandatory and serotyping if available is helpful. A careful screen for warts and evidence of STD among other family members and the suspected perpetrator should be undertaken in all cases. This includes their HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) status if warranted.

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Intravenous Immunoglobulin in Idiopathic Thrombocytopenic Purpura of Pregnancy

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Summary

Idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura occurs as a frequent haematological complication of pregnancy. Steroid therapy is the mainstay of treatment. Patients failing to respond to steroid therapy present special problems in labour. We describe a case where platelet counts fell below $3 \times 10^9/L$ in spite of prednisolone treatment and splenectomy. Intravenous immunoglobulin raised platelet counts for the safe conduct of labour without neonatal complications.

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