

# A live advanced intra-abdominal pregnancy in Sarawak General Hospital: A case report

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## **ABSTRACT**

**Introduction:** Abdominal pregnancy is a rare and life-threatening form of ectopic pregnancy, accounting for less than 1% of all ectopic pregnancies. Advanced abdominal pregnancy, where the fetus survives to later gestational stages, is even more uncommon. This report discusses a case of a live advanced intra-abdominal pregnancy managed at Sarawak General Hospital. **Case Description:** A 41-year-old gravida 4 para 3 woman presented at 35 weeks gestation, initially diagnosed with anterior major placenta praevia at Hospital Sibul. Ultrasound raised suspicion of a fibroid, but MRI confirmed a live intra-abdominal pregnancy. She was transferred to Sarawak General Hospital, where a multidisciplinary team performed a midline laparotomy, total hysterectomy, and right salpingectomy. A live baby girl weighing 2.3 kg was delivered successfully. Post-operatively, the mother developed right external iliac artery thrombosis and ileus, both were managed successfully. **Discussion:** Both mother and baby were stabilised post-operatively. The mother's lower limb circulation normalised, and bowel function resumed by postoperative day 3. The baby was discharged in good health after monitoring in the neonatal unit. This case emphasises the complexity of managing advanced abdominal pregnancies, highlighting the importance of prompt diagnosis, advanced imaging, and multidisciplinary collaboration for successful outcomes.