

Evaluation of Gynaecological Problems among Adolescent Girls attending Gynaecology out Patient Department at Tertiary Care Hospital in Western Rajasthan

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Abstract

Background

To evaluate various gynaecological problems among adolescent girls attending gynaecology out patient department at tertiary care hospital in Western Rajasthan

Methods

Hospital Based cross sectional study conducted on 138 adolescent girls. Study population will consist of all unmarried Adolescent girl's age 10-19 yrs. attending outpatient department of obstetrics and Gynaecology Sardar Patel medical college Bikaner.

Inclusion criteria

All the unmarried adolescent female with age 10-19 yrs. Who come to Gynae OPD with any gynaecological complaint and willing to participate?

Exclusion criteria

Those not willing to participate and not given consent.
Age less than <10 years and more than >19 years.

Introduction

Gynaecological problem of adolescent are unique, special and specific for the age group (between 10 to 19 yrs). Adolescent girls are highly susceptible to the exogenous and endogenous influences at this crucial period^[1]. 21.4% population of India or One Fifth World's population are adolescent there are about 1.2 billion and number is increasing^[2].

Various gynaecological problems are menstrual disorder like abnormal uterine bleeding, primary amenorrhea, PCOD, puberty menorrhagia leading to severe anaemia, sexual abuse, pregnancy related problem, adenexal mass, endocrinopathies.

Obstructive genital anomalies like imperforate hymen to transverse vaginal septa agenesis present with primary amenorrhea and pelvic mass. Dysmenorrhea is very common problem among adolescent girl, study from India reported the prevalence range between 50 to 87.8%. Adolescent sexual and reproductive health forms a major component of global burden of sexual ill health but has been historically overlooked in terms of sexual and reproductive health intervention.^[3]

The International federation of gynaecology and obstetrics (FIGO) emphasize that Adolescent sexual and reproductive health (ASRH) is an important area of concern for

women especially in developing countries like India. Policies and programs for promoting adolescent health in India demand more research on adolescent girls problem so that effective measure can be taken to improve the adolescent health^[4].

Our study aims to evaluate the different gynaecology problem of adolescent girls attending gynaecology outpatient department at tertiary care hospital in western Rajasthan.

Material and Methods

Study design: Cross Sectional Study

Study place: This study will be conducted in the department of obstetrics and Gynaecology, Sardar Patel Medical College and associated group of hospital Bikaner, Rajasthan.

Study duration: 1year period of data collection is from July 2021 to June 2022.

Study population: Study population will consist of all unmarried Adolescent girls age 10-19 yrs. attending outpatient department of obstetrics and Gynecology Sardar Patel medical college Bikaner.

Sample size: 138 adolescent girls

Sampling methods: - random sampling.

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Exclusion criteria

1. Those not willing to participate and not given consent.
2. Age less than <10 years and more than >19 years.

Data will collected with the help of pre designed pre tested questionnaire after taking proper informed written consent from the patient or parent as age appropriate. Specific mentioned proforma will fill using a checklist for each of study participant which included their personal demograghic details, complaints for which they visit our health facility. Menstrual history, past as well as family history, personal history, medical history and examination finding including height, weight, secondary sexual characteristic, per abdomen or per rectal examination wherever its needed. Appropriate blood tests and investigations are done according to their problems.

Data analysis

Collected data will be entered into Microsoft Excel spreadsheet and will be presented in the form of tables, figures, graphs, diagrams. Appropriate statistical tests wherever necessary will be applied using suitable statistical software and test of significance considering level of significance as $p < 0.05$.

Observation

Table 1: Distribution of cases according to Presenting Complains in study population.

Complaints	No. of cases	Percentage (%)
Menstrual Complain	91	65.94
Lower Pain abdomen	12	8.70
White Discharge	12	8.70
Urinary complain	11	7.97
Dysmenorrhea	7	5.07
Primary amenorrhea	3	2.17
Swelling in perineal area	2	1.45
Total	138	100.00

Out of 138 cases, maximum number of cases had menstrual complains were found in 91 (65.94%), lower pain abdomen and white discharge 12 (8.70%) respectively and 11 (7.97%) had urinary complains, 7(5.07%),

3(2.17%), 2(1.45%) cases were present with dysmenorrhea, primary amenorrhea, swelling in perineal area respectively.

Table 2: Distribution of case according to menstrual irregularity

Parameter	No. of cases	Percentage (%)
Heavy menstrual bleeding	31	32.98
oligomenorrhea	22	23.4
Heavy menstrual bleeding and polymenorrhea	12	12.77
oligomenorrhea and hypomenorrhea	12	12.77
Secondary Amenorrhea	10	10.64
oligomenorrhea and dysmenorrhea	4	4.26
Cryptomenorrhea	3	3.19
Total	94	100.00

Out of 94 cases, maximum no. of cases had heavy menstrual bleeding i.e. 31 (32.98%), followed by oligomenorrhea 22 (23.4%), 12(12.77%) cases had heavy menstrual bleeding with polymenorrhea, 12 (12.77%)

cases had oligomenorrhea with hypomenorrhea, 10 (10.64%) cases had amenorrhea followed by 4(4.26%), 3(3.19%) cases had oligomenorrhea and dysmenorrhea, cryptomenorrhea.

Table 3: Distribution of cases according to Final Diagnosis.

Final Diagnosis	No. of cases	Percentage (%)
puberty menorrhagia	42	30.43
PCOS	38	27.54
Leucorrhoea	12	8.70
Functional Ovarian cyst	11	7.97
urinary tract infection	11	7.97
Secondary amenorrhea	10	7.25
Primary Dysmenorrhea	7	5.07
primary amenorrhea	3	2.17
Bartholin cyst	2	1.45
dermoid cyst	1	0.72
Oligomenorrhea	1	0.72
Total	138	100.00

Out of 138 cases, 42 (30.43%) cases had puberty menorrhagia, 38 (27.54%) had PCOS, 12 (8.70%) had leucorrhoea, 11 (7.97%) had functional ovarian cyst and urinary tract infection respectively, 10 (7.25%) had

secondary amenorrhea, 7 (5.07%) had primary dysmenorrhea and 3 (2.17%) had primary amenorrhea, 2 (1.45%) had 20orethist cyst, 1 (0.72%) had dermoid cyst and oligomenorrhea respectively.

Table 4: Distribution of cases according to treatment modalities

Treatment	Age Group (years)		
	10-14	15-19	Total
Hormonal Treatment			
1. Norethiesterone	16	9	25
2. OCP	7	31	38
3. Thyroxine	3	2	5
Oral Antibiotics	8	20	28
NSAIDs	1	6	7
Hematinics and Hemostatics	11	9	20
Only Hematinics	0	3	3
Reassurance	1	5	6
Surgery	2	4	6
Total	49	89	138

Out of 138 cases maximum no. of cases i.e. 68 were on hormonal treatment in which 25 cases, 38 cases, 5 cases were treated by norethiesterone, OCP, thyroxine respectively followed by 28 cases were treated by oral antibiotic 20 cases were treated by hematinics and hemostatics, 7 cases were treated by NSAIDs and 6 cases were treated by reassurance and surgery respectively and 3 cases were treated by only hematinics.

Discussion

The present study “Evaluation of gynaecological problem among adolescent girls was conducted on outpatient department of obstetrics and gynaecology at S.P. Medical College and PBM hospital, Bikaner” during July 2021 to June 2022.

The objective of the study was to evaluate the different gynaecological problems in adolescent girls attending the OPD at tertiary care hospital in western Rajasthan and to evaluate the prevalence of severe anaemia requiring indoor admission in adolescent girls with puberty menorrhagia and also to assess the causative factors, investigation required and treatment modalities.

138 were unmarried adolescent female in age group 10-19 yrs, who had visited the Gynae OPD with a gynaecological complaint and were willing to participate.

In our study, maximum number of girls with menstrual complains were 91(65.94%), lower pain abdomen and white discharge 12(8.70%) respectively and 11(7.97%) had urinary complains, 7(5.07%), 3(2.17%), 2(1.45%) cases were present with dysmenorrhea, primary amenorrhea, swelling in perineal area respectively (table 7). S singh et al^[6] observed that majority of girls present with menstrual problem 68.36% followed by vaginal discharge (11.04%), pain abdomen (8.36%), urinary complaints (5.08%) and acne/hirsutism (2.68%) girl. Jagannath et al study observed that maximum number of girls present with menstrual complains 76.5% followed by vaginal discharge (13.1%) and ovarian tumor (3.45%). Our study was also comparable with study done by Goswamin Sebanti et al^[5] and Rathod et al^[7].

In our study, 94 cases of menstrual irregularity, maximum number of cases had heavy menstrual bleeding i.e 31 (32.98%) followed by oligomenorrhea 22 (23.4%), 12 (22.77%) cases had heavy menstrual bleeding with polymenorrhea, 12 (22.77%) cases had oligomenorrhea with hypomenorrhea, 10 (10.64%) cases had amenorrhea followed by 4 (4.26%), 3 (3.19%) cases had oligomenorrhea with dysmenorrhea, cryptomenorrhea

respectively. S singh et al ^[6] study observed that maximum number of girls (41.04%) were diagnosed with HMB, followed by amenorrhoea (19.65%), oligomenorrhoea (16.59%), dysmenorrhoea (16.59%), hypomenorrhoea (2.64%) and irregular cycles in 3.49% girls.

In our study, majority of gynaecological problem was puberty menorrhagia 42 (30.43%), 38 (27.54%) had PCOS, 12 (8.70%) had leucorrhoea, 11 (7.79%) had functional ovarian cyst and urinary tract infection respectively, 10 (7.25%) had secondary amenorrhoea, 7 (5.07%) had primary dysmenorrhoea and 3 (2.17%) had primary amenorrhoea, 2 (1.45%) had bartholin cyst, 1 (0.72%) had dermoid cyst and oligomenorrhoea respectively (table 16). This is comparable with S singh et al study found that puberty menorrhagia was the most common disorder seen in 27.16% followed by PCOS (17.01%), dysmenorrhoea (11.34%), vaginal discharge (11.04%), ovarian masses (6.56%) and UTI (5.07%) in girls. Similar study done by goswami et al recorded menstrual disorders (60%), leucorrhoea (10.66%), infections (8%), and an ovarian cyst (5.33%). Similarly in study by Bandkhade et al puberty menorrhagia was seen in 30.8% girls. Jagannath et al recorded in 25.52% girls, Rathod et al recorded in 14.80% of girls had puberty menorrhagia.

In our study, the treatment modalities of participants girls in which maximum number of cases i.e. 68 were on hormonal treatment. Amongst which 25 cases, 38 cases, 5 cases were treated by norethisterone, OCP, thyroxine respectively followed by 28 cases were treated by oral antibiotics, 20 cases were treated by hematinics and hemostatics, 7 cases were treated by NSAIDs and 6 cases were treated by reassurance and surgery respectively and 3 cases were treated by only hematinics.

Conclusion

Teenage problems need to be dealt with utmost sensitivity. Counseling of teenage girls as well as parents is an integral part of the treatment

strategies. Awareness regarding health, nutrition and hygiene should be included in the counselling in order to curtail problems like anaemia, leucorrhoea.

Adapting healthy life style, regular yoga, avoidance of junk food etc. must be encouraged in adolescence girls. It must be a part of school health program.

Prevention is always better so there is urgent need of awareness programs about gynaecological disorders at school and college levels so that these young girls can be made aware and seeks medical advice timely, thus preventing long term complications of gynaecological disorders.

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