

# Pelvic Pain

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## Acute Pelvic Pain

Sudden in onset associated with vomiting, Diaphoresis and apprehension. Less Than 7 days in duration.

x Delay in diagnosis and treatment increase the morbidity and even mortality.

### Causes

#### 1) Gynecologic

- adnexal accidents: ovarian cyst torsion, rupture, hemorrhage
- Acute infections (eg) endometritis, PID, T.O. abscess
- Pregnancy complications (ectopic preg, abortion)
- Torsion or Degeneration of Fibroid Ovarian hyperstimulation syndrome.

#### 2) nongynecological

- GIT: Enteritis or intestinal obstruction, appendicitis, Crohn's disease.
- Genitourinary: cystitis, prostatic stones, urethral syndrome, Pyelonephritis
- Other: Pelvic thrombophlebitis, Vascular aneurysm, Porphyria.

Obstetric: Labor, uterine Rupture, Abruptio p, Endometritis, Ovarian vein Thrombosis, Dissection of Symphysis pubis

### History

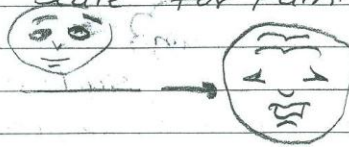
age, Parity, When pain started, Where, Radiation, How much, character, Relation To The Period, Cyclic, Duration, Constant, intermittent, What makes it better or worse, dyspareunia, Lmp, STD, affect your life, depression, drugs, Physical or Sexual abuse, Surgery, Contraception. Any treatment for the pain.

Any medical illness. Symptoms related <sup>GIT</sup> <sup>Urinary</sup> <sup>musculo skeletal</sup> <sup>neurologic</sup>

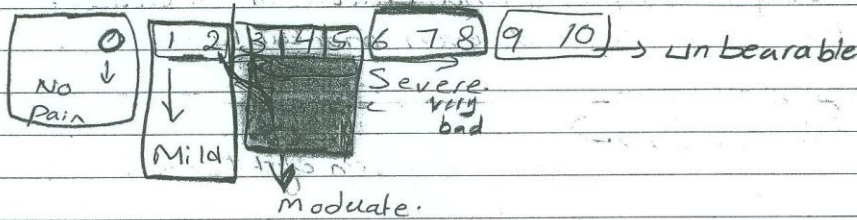
x What Do you believe or fear is the cause of pain? (asking the Patient)

### A) Visual analogue scale for pain.

No pain  
Worst Pain



### B) Numerical rating - What does your pain feel like?



### C) Verbal rating scale.

History: <sup>give Time adequate</sup> Explain (Behave doctor - patient relation ship.)  
Examination:

- gently Temp (T) pulse T or V.B.P
- pt asked to point to exact location.
- inspect, palpation: (any ecchymosis, scars, hernias, masses)
- severity of Pain: 0 - 10
- gently pelvic ex: Symp. p. Tenderness, Bartholin's, Tender Retroverted Fixed uterus with nodularity (Endometriosis)
- bilateral, Tender irregular adnexal structures (PID).
- Protrusion uterus: pressure Pain backache

### Examination of abdominal pain:

BS ALL  
GE  
fakes abstr  
BS - ve  
ileus due  
Peritonitis

Fingertip to Examine each Dermotome in abdominal wall & back. IF Tenderness

Jump signs: marked with a pen.

ask pt to raise the legs to tense the muscles

if still Tender abdominal pain. if 0.25% bupivacaine inject if 50% of pain → confirm

## Causes:

### Gynaecological:

Endometriosis, adenomyosis, chronic PID, Ovarian cysts, neoplasia, adhesions: Residual Ovary syndrome  
Trapped = =

B)

### GIT:

Adhesions, constipation, IBS, inflamm. B. disease.  
Diverticular Disease, Appendicitis, CA Colon.

C)

Urinary: UTI, Calculus, interstitial cystitis

### Others:

#### Psychological:

Degenerative joint disease  
musculo skeletal.

Hernias (ventral, inguinal, femoral)  
abdominal cut nerve entrapment.

• We have to R/o Unusual Dx

Hernia

Retro-P Tumors

musculo skeletal



## Chronic Pelvic Pain (CPP)

• 10% of referral to gynaecologist and common indication for diagnostic and therapeutic surgery.

• 20% of all hysterectomies.

• 40% of all laparoscopies per year.

• Defined:

intermittent or constant pain in the lower abdomen or pelvis of a woman of at least 6 months in duration.

• not occurring exclusively with menstruation or intercourse and not associated with pregnancy. has a significant effect on daily function and quality of life.

• heavy economic and social burden

• The Aim: accurate diagnosis + effective management from the first presentation

• To Reduce Disruption of woman's life

• Referral, investigations, operation.

• Identify contributory factors than assign a single pathology.

## I) Endometriosis + adenomyosis

Pelvic pain varies with Mens. cycle →  
Hormonally driven condition

Pain ↑ 2 days before menses.

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Dysmenorrhea
- Dyspareunia
- Chr. P. Pain

## \* Pelvic venous Congestion Syndrome

Pain, Pressure, heaviness.

Dilated veins Pelvis.

Suppression  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Progestins} \\ \text{GnRH} \end{array} \right\}$  improve symptoms.

x Blake Anomaly with obstruction.

x Fibroid: Degenerating.

pedunculated submucous fibroid.

Subserous with Pedicle.

x Asherman syndrome.

## II) Adhesions:

Causes: Surgery, Endometriosis, infection

Pain ↑ with sudden movement & intercourse.

Division of Dense vascular adhesions improve the symptoms.

x Residual Ovary Syndrome: Small ovarian tissue buried in adhesions. (Ovarian cysts bleeding).

x Trapped Ovary Syndrome: Retained ovary buried in dense adhesions → Distend the Capsule.

• Interstitial cystitis (Painful bladder syndrome)

Chronic inflammation of bladder → Frequency, urgency.

, bladder CA, Chronic urethral syndrome

## Nerve entrapment

Surgery — Pfannenstiel  
Hernial repair  
Laparoscopy.

nerve entrapment in Scar Tissue, fascia  
or narrow foramen

Highly localized Sharp Stabbing or aching

Pain ↑ by movement, Persist > 5 weeks

Rx:

Localt → improve pain  
Corticosteroid Locally.

## Psychological + Social issues

Depression } maybe result of CPP.  
Sleep Disorders }

History Childhood physical or Sexual abuse

→ Lead To adult hood  
CPP.

Partner violence

Rx:

History

Ex.

o Daily pain diary X 2-3/12.

o Referral: Gastro G

Urologist

genitourinary Medicine

Physiotherapy

Psychosexual Counsellor

investigation

<sup>with diff.</sup>  
CBC, ESR (not specific ↑ in any inflammatory p.)

PMG.T.

pelvic U/S. CT abdomen + Pelvis.

Screening STD Chlamydia } nucleic acid  
Gonorrhea } amplification  
Tests.

TVS: Diagnosis of  
endometriosis (but not peritoneal)  
fibroids, hydrosalpinx  
adenomyosis

2nd line Laparoscopy: peritoneal endometriosis  
adhesions.

CA 125: if symptoms persists  
or = = Frequent (> 12 times/month)  
? IBS symptoms particularly  
if women > 50 years.

Rx

Hormonal Rx. If cyclic Pain.  
if failed → Laparoscopy.

IBS → Antispasmodics. Diet control.

Pain Management Team.  
NSAI  
Acupuncture.