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Efficacy Of Back Care Program In Chronic Back Pain During Pregnancy

Abstract:

Objective: High incidence of pregnant women are expected to suffer from back pain during their pregnancy, and a large number of them lose their daily activities because of back pain severity. The aim of this study is to find a solution in preventing or reducing back pain during pregnancy in women with chronic back pain.

Methods and materials: Fifty-six patients with chronic back pain were seen before and during pregnancy, between February 1999 and March 2003. The mean age was 22.1 years (18-32-years).

Results: The pathology of back pain in these patients was as follows:

Spondylolisthisis, deformity of the spine, disc hernia, malformation of the spine, and unknown pathology. The patients who were seen before or in the early period (first month) of pregnancy (30 patients) (group A) and encouraged to begin a back care program had excellent – good results (13–20 point PROLO scale).

The patients who were seen in the late period (after 4^{th} month) of pregnancy (26 patients) (group \underline{B}) had fair – poor results (4–12 point PROLO scale); but after beginning the back care program, they had about 4–8 point recovery.

Conclusion: Chronic back pain with every pathology is not a difficulty in pregnancy, and prevention or reduction of it is possible with a back care program.

Key words: Chronic, back pain, pregnancy, back care program.

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