

UK Obstetric Surveillance System

## Vasa Praevia in Pregnancy Study 02/14

### Data Collection Form - CASE

**Please report any woman delivering on or after 1st December 2014  
and before 1st December 2015**

#### Case Definition:

A case should meet at least one of the criteria below:

1. Suspected VP on antenatal U/S  $\geq 18$  weeks gestation, and confirmed on antenatal U/S  $\geq 31$  weeks gestation (if not delivered prior to 31 weeks)
2. Palpation or visualisation of the fetal vessels during labour
3. Rupture of membranes with bleeding associated with fetal death/exsanguination or severe neonatal anaemia
4. Antenatal or intrapartum bleeding of fetal origin with pathologic CTG and/or positive Apt<sup>6\*</sup> test
5. VP documented in medical records as reason for admission and caesarean section

#### And

At least one of the following:

- Clinical examination of the placenta confirming intact or ruptured velamentous vessels. These may be a velamentous insertion of the umbilical cord or exposed fetal vessels between placental lobes
- Confirmation of VP on pathological examination of the placenta
- Torn umbilical cord or placenta (not able to provide placental examination)

Please return the completed form to:

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**National Perinatal Epidemiology Unit**  
**University of Oxford**  
**Old Road Campus**  
**Oxford**  
**OX3 7LF**

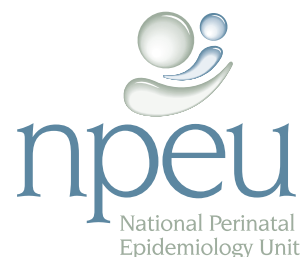
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**Case reported in:** \_\_\_\_\_



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## Instructions

1. Please do not enter any personally identifiable information (e.g. name, address or hospital number) on this form.
2. Please record the ID number from the front of this form against the woman's name on the Clinician's Section of the blue card retained in the UKOSS folder.
3. Fill in the form using the information available in the woman's case notes.
4. Tick the boxes as appropriate. If you require any additional space to answer a question please use the space provided in section 7.
5. Please complete all dates in the format DD/MM/YY, and all times using the 24hr clock e.g. 18.37
6. If codes or examples are required, some lists (not exhaustive) are included on the back page of the form.
7. If the woman has not yet delivered, please complete the form as far as you are able, excluding delivery and outcome information, and return to the UKOSS Administrator. We will send these sections again for you to complete two weeks after the woman's expected date of delivery.
8. **If you do not know the answers to some questions, please indicate this in section 7.**
9. If you encounter any problems with completing the form please contact the UKOSS Administrator or use the space in section 7 to describe the problem.

### Section 1: Woman's details

- 1.1 Year of birth**
- 1.2 Ethnic group<sup>1\*</sup>** (enter code, please see back cover for guidance)
- 1.3 Marital status** single  married  cohabiting
- 1.4 Was the woman in paid employment at booking?** Yes  No   
If Yes, what is her occupation \_\_\_\_\_  
If No, what is her partner's (if any) occupation \_\_\_\_\_
- 1.5 Height at booking**    cm
- 1.6 Weight at booking**    .  kg
- 1.7 Smoking status** never  gave up prior to pregnancy   
current  gave up during pregnancy

### Section 2: Previous Obstetric History

- 2.1 Gravity**
- Number of completed pregnancies beyond 24 weeks
- Number of live births
- Number of stillbirths
- Please give date of delivery of the most recent completed pregnancy beyond 24 weeks:   /   /
- Number of pregnancies less than 24 weeks
- Number of miscarriages
- Number of terminations of pregnancy
- Number of ectopic pregnancies
- Please give the end date of the most recent pregnancy less than 24 weeks:   /   /
- If No previous pregnancies, please go to section 3.**

\*For guidance please see back cover

**2.2 Has the woman had any of the following uterine surgeries prior to this pregnancy?**

Surgery type			Number in total
Caesarean section	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
Evacuation of retained products of conception (ERPC)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
Surgical termination of pregnancy	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
D&C (Dilation & Curettage)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
D&E (Dilation & Evacuation)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
Myomectomy	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
Manual removal of placenta	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
Other	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>

If Other, please specify surgery type \_\_\_\_\_

**2.3 Has the woman had placental abnormalities in any previous pregnancy?** Yes  No

If Yes, please tick all that apply

- Vasa praevia
- Placenta praevia
- Velamentous cord insertion
- Bilobed placenta
- Succenturiate/ accessory lobed placenta

**2.4 Did the woman have any other previous pregnancy problems?\*** Yes  No

If Yes, please specify \_\_\_\_\_

### Section 3: Previous Medical History

**3.1 Did the woman have any significant pre-existing medical problems\*\*** Yes  No

If Yes, please specify \_\_\_\_\_

### Section 4: Current Pregnancy

**4.1 Final estimated date of delivery\*\***   /   /

**4.2 Was VP diagnosed antenatally?** Yes  No

If Yes, what was the date of diagnosis?   /   /

**4.3 Is this a multiple pregnancy?** Yes  No

If Yes, specify number of fetuses

Is the pregnancy (please tick one only)

- Monochorionic monoamniotic  Monochorionic diamniotic
- Monochorionic triamniotic  Dichorionic diamniotic  Dichorionic triamniotic
- Trichorionic triamniotic  Other, please specify \_\_\_\_\_

Unknown

In which fetus was vasa praevia diagnosed? Fetus 1  Fetus 2  Fetus 3

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**4.4 Were any of the following risk factors for VP confirmed before or immediately after delivery?**

- Low lying placenta detected      At ultrasound     At surgery     No     Not known
- Bilobed placenta      Yes     No     Not known
- Succenturiate/ accessory lobed placenta      Yes     No     Not known
- Velamentous cord insertion      Yes     No     Not known
- Marginal cord insertion      Yes     No     Not known
- In Vitro Fertilisation      Yes     No     Not known

**4.5 How many formal ultrasound scans were performed after 17 weeks gestation?**     

**4.6 Please give details of all formal ultrasound scans performed after 17 weeks gestation? (please continue in section 7 if required)**

Date of scan	DD / MM / YY	DD / MM / YY	DD / MM / YY
Type of scan Transabdominal / transvaginal / both			
Was doppler used?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not known <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not known <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not known <input type="checkbox"/>
Was Vasa Praevia suspected?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not known <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not known <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Not known <input type="checkbox"/>
Distance from internal os <sup>5*</sup> (mm) (please state if not measured)			
Closed cervical length (mm) (please state if not measured)			
Other abnormal finding on scan (continue in section 7 if required - state if none)			

**4.7 Was the woman admitted to hospital at any point during the pregnancy?**      Yes  No   
(please continue in section 7 if required)

Date of admission	Date of discharge	Was the admission because of VP?	Other reason	Details of other reason
DD / MM / YY	DD / MM / YY	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
DD / MM / YY	DD / MM / YY	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	

**4.8 Was fetal fibronectin testing undertaken because of VP?**      Yes  No   
If Yes, was it used to inform decision on admission?      Yes  No

**4.9 Was cervical length measurement undertaken?**      Yes  No   
If Yes, was it used to inform decision on admission?      Yes  No

**4.10 Was delivery planned by caesarean section?**      Yes  No   
If Yes, was this because of

Vasa Praevia

Other reason planned (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

What was the planned date of caesarean section?      DD / MM / YY

**4.11 Was a course of antenatal steroids administered?**      Yes  No

\*For guidance please see back cover

If Yes, date first dose administered

DD / MM / YY

4.12 Was magnesium sulphate administered for fetal neuroprotection?

Yes  No

If Yes, date of administration

DD / MM / YY

4.13 Was there antenatal bleeding of fetal origin?

Yes  No

If Yes, how was it suspected/confirmed? (Please tick one only)

Apt test<sup>6\*</sup>  Pathological CTG  Other, please specify \_\_\_\_\_

4.14 Were there any other problems in this pregnancy?<sup>2\*</sup>

Yes  No

If Yes, please specify \_\_\_\_\_

## Section 5a: Delivery

5a.1 Did this woman have a miscarriage?

Yes  No

If Yes, please specify date

DD / MM / YY

5a.2 Did this woman have a termination of pregnancy?

Yes  No

If Yes, please specify date

DD / MM / YY

If Yes to 5a.1 or 5a.2, please now complete sections 6a, 7 and 8

5a.3 Is this woman still undelivered?

Yes  No

If Yes, will she be receiving the rest of her antenatal care from your hospital?

Yes  No

If No, please indicate name of hospital providing future care

Will she be delivered at your hospital?

Yes  No

If No, please indicate name of delivery hospital, then go to Section 7

5a.4 How did the membranes rupture? ARM  Spontaneously  At CS  Not known

5a.5 Was there bleeding when the membranes ruptured?

Yes  No

5a.6 Did the woman labour?

Yes  No

If Yes, was VP suspected by palpation or visualisation of the fetal vessels in labour? Yes  No

Was there bleeding during labour? Yes  No

If Yes, were any of the following tests used to determine if the blood was of fetal origin? (please tick one only) Yes  No

Kleihauer test

Apt test<sup>6\*</sup>

Other

If Other, please specify \_\_\_\_\_

5a.7 Was continuous electronic fetal monitoring used around the time of delivery/labour?

Yes  No

If Yes, when was the last CTG started before birth?

DD / MM / YY hh : mm  
24hr

What was the CTG classification? (please tick one only)

Normal  Suspicious  Pathological

5a.8 Was delivery by caesarean section?

Yes  No

If Yes, please state

Grade of urgency<sup>7\*</sup>

Indication for caesarean section \_\_\_\_\_

Method of anaesthesia: (please tick one only) Regional  General anaesthetic

## Section 5b: Placenta

(If multiple placentae, please complete for the placenta that shows evidence of vasa praevia)

### 5b.1 Was the placenta examined after delivery?

Yes  No  Not known

If Yes, what was the finding of the placental examination? (tick all that apply)

- Torn placenta/umbilical cord
- Velamentous cord insertion
- Velamentous vessels between placental lobes
- Bilobed placenta
- Succenturiate lobed placenta
- Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

### 5b.2 Was placenta sent to pathology?

Yes  No  Not known

If Yes, what was the result? (tick one only)

- Normal  Fetal vessels in membranes
- Results pending  Other (please give details) \_\_\_\_\_

## Section 6: Outcomes

### Section 6a: Woman

#### 6a.1 Was the woman admitted to ITU (critical care level 3)?

Yes  No

If Yes, please specify:

Duration of stay \_\_\_\_\_ days

Or Tick if woman is still in ITU (critical care level 3)

Or Tick if woman was transferred to another hospital

#### 6a.2 Did any major maternal morbidity occur?<sup>8\*</sup>

Yes  No

If Yes, please specify \_\_\_\_\_

#### 6a.3 Did the woman die?

Yes  No

If Yes, please specify date of death

/   /

What was the primary cause of death as stated on the death certificate?

(Please state if not known) \_\_\_\_\_

Was a post mortem examination undertaken?

Yes  No

If Yes, did the examination confirm the certified cause of death?

Yes  No  Not known

### Section 6b: Infant

**NB:** If more than one infant, for each additional infant, please photocopy the infant section of the form (before filling it in) and attach extra sheet(s) or download additional forms from the website: [www.npeu.ox.ac.uk/ukoss](http://www.npeu.ox.ac.uk/ukoss)

#### 6b.1 Date and time of delivery

/   /    :   :

#### 6b.2 Mode of delivery

Spontaneous vaginal  Ventouse  Lift-out forceps  Rotational forceps

Breech  Pre-labour caesarean section  Caesarean section after onset of labour

#### 6b.3 Birthweight

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#### 6b.4 Sex of infant

Male  Female  Indeterminate

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**6b.5 Was the infant stillborn?** Yes  No   
 If Yes, when did this occur? Ante-partum  Intra-partum   
 If Yes, go to section 7

**6b.6 Apgar** At 5 mins   At 10 mins

**6b.7 Was the infant admitted to the neonatal unit?** Yes  No

**6b.8 Did the infant have any of the following?** Yes  No   
 Anaemia  Renal failure<sup>9\*</sup>  Seizures

**6b.9 Did the infant require a blood (red cell) transfusion?** Yes  No   
 If Yes, how much was given?   mls

**6b.10 Were other blood products given?** Yes  No   
 If Yes, please complete the table below

Blood product	Volume (mls)
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>

**6b.11 Did any major infant complications occur?<sup>10\*</sup>** Yes  No   
 If Yes, please specify \_\_\_\_\_

**6b.12 Did this infant die?** Yes  No   
 If Yes, please specify date and time of death   /   /     :    
24hr  
 What was the primary cause of death as stated on the death certificate?  
 (Please state if not known) \_\_\_\_\_

**Section 7:**

Please use this space to enter any other information you feel may be important

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**Section 8:**

**Name of person completing the form** \_\_\_\_\_

**Designation** \_\_\_\_\_

**Today's date**   /   /

You may find it useful in the case of queries to keep a copy of this form.

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## Definitions

### 1. UK Census Coding for ethnic group

#### WHITE

01. British
02. Irish
03. Any other white background (*please specify*)

#### MIXED

04. White and black Caribbean
05. White and black African
06. White and Asian
07. Any other mixed background (*please specify*)

#### ASIAN OR ASIAN BRITISH

08. Indian
09. Pakistani
10. Bangladeshi
11. Any other Asian background (*please specify*)

#### BLACK OR BLACK BRITISH

12. Caribbean
13. African
14. Any other black background (*please specify*)

### 2. Previous or current pregnancy problems, including:

Thrombotic event  
Amniotic fluid embolism  
Eclampsia  
3 or more miscarriages  
Preterm birth or mid trimester loss  
Neonatal death  
Stillbirth  
Baby with a major congenital abnormality  
Small for gestational age (SGA) infant  
Large for gestational age (LGA) infant  
Infant requiring intensive care  
Puerperal psychosis  
Placenta praevia  
Gestational diabetes  
Significant placental abruption  
Post-partum haemorrhage requiring transfusion  
Surgical procedure in pregnancy  
Hyperemesis requiring admission  
Dehydration requiring admission  
Ovarian hyperstimulation syndrome  
Severe infection e.g. pyelonephritis

### 3. Previous or pre-existing maternal medical problems, including:

Cardiac disease (congenital or acquired)  
Renal disease  
Endocrine disorders e.g. hypo or hyperthyroidism  
Psychiatric disorders  
Haematological disorders e.g. sickle cell disease, diagnosed thrombophilia  
Inflammatory disorders e.g. inflammatory bowel disease

Autoimmune diseases

Cancer

HIV

### 4. Estimated date of delivery (EDD):

Use the best estimate (ultrasound scan or date of last menstrual period) based on a 40 week gestation

### 5. Distance from internal os:

This is the distance of the Vasa Praevia (fetal vessels) from the internal os.

### 6. The Apt test:

The Apt test or alkali denaturation test is a test to differentiate maternal from fetal blood. It involves adding sodium hydroxide to the tested blood and then assessing the colour of the specimen.

### 7. RCA/RCOG/CEMACH/CNST Classification for urgency of caesarean section:

1. Immediate threat to life of woman or fetus
2. Maternal or fetal compromise which is not immediately life-threatening
3. Needing early delivery but no maternal or fetal compromise
4. At a time to suit the woman and maternity team

### 8. Major maternal medical complications, including:

Persistent vegetative state  
Cardiac arrest  
Cerebrovascular accident  
Adult respiratory distress syndrome  
Disseminated intravascular coagulopathy  
HELLP  
Pulmonary oedema  
Mendleson's syndrome  
Renal failure  
Thrombotic event  
Septicaemia  
Required ventilation

### 9. Renal failure:

Low urine output (<1ml/kg/hr after 24 hours) and rising serum creatinine.

### 10. Fetal/infant complications, including:

Respiratory distress syndrome  
Intraventricular haemorrhage  
Necrotising enterocolitis  
Neonatal encephalopathy  
Chronic lung disease  
Severe jaundice requiring phototherapy  
Major congenital anomaly  
Severe infection e.g. septicaemia, meningitis  
Exchange transfusion  
Whole body cooling