

Postplacental IUD with fever

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Synopsis

Postplacental IUDs are an effective method of contraception. Treating patients who develop suspected endometritis after placement of a postplacental IUD is not well described in the literature. We report two cases in which patients were successfully treated for suspected postpartum endometritis while the IUD remained in place. It is known to be safe to treat Pelvic Inflammatory Disease with the IUD still in place, only removing the device if the patient fails to improve with antibiotics. We suggest that the same treatment should be employed with patients who develop infections in the postpartum setting. The two cases presented demonstrate that it is safe and effective to treat suspected endometritis with the IUD still in place.

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