

Laparoscopic bipolar coagulation of uterine vessels to manage delayed postpartum hemorrhage

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摘要

Abstract

Postpartum hemorrhage (PPH) is a big challenge for obstetricians. Fertility-preserving procedures are encouraged, especially in young women. Bilateral hypogastric (internal iliac) artery ligation, bilateral uterine artery ligation after vaginal delivery or after cesarean delivery, and uterine artery embolization are well documented vascular occlusive methods for treating PPH. To our knowledge, the laparoscopic approach to uterine artery ligation has not been reported. A 29-year-old woman experienced delayed PPH. Although curettage of the uterine cavity to remove retained placenta was performed, bleeding did not stop. We successfully performed a relatively new method-laparoscopic bipolar coagulation of uterine vessels-to stop bleeding and preserve the uterus.