

EMBRYOLOGY

(i) Intracoelomic part of yolk sac forms GI tract attached to extracoelomic part of by vitellointestinal duct (yolk stalk)

(ii) Allantois buds from hindgut in week 3; grows into body stalk

Yolk stalk + body stalk fuse → umbilical cord

Umbilical cord = (i) VID + body stalk fused

(ii) Umbilical vein to ligamentum venosum; umbilical arteries x2 from placenta in round ligament

Umbilical ring = covered by Richet's fascia, transversalis fascia and peritoneum

Ligaments = median umbilical ligament → bladder as urachus

medial umbilical ligaments

Failed obliteration → abnormal communications/cysts/umbilical hernia

UMBILICAL HERNIA

Epidemiology: early infancy/black/ESI/20% prevalence

Risk factors: low bwt/prem/trisomy 13, 18, 21/Beckwith-Wiedemann/hypothyroidism

Features: umbilical swelling (pain/irreducibility/obstruction)

Management: (i) non-operative: asymptomatic <1.5cm monitored up to 3yrs

(ii) operative: symptomatic/asymptomatic >1.5cm, still open at 3yrs, large proboscis

paraumbilical hernia = linea alba defect unlikely to spontaneously close → operative management (sutures only)*

UMBILICAL GRANULOMA

Pink, friable lesion at base of umbilicus

Management: silver nitrate/excise

UMBILICAL POLYP/ECTOPIC MUCOSA

Retained gastric/intestinal mucosa from VID +/- opening

Management: silver nitrate/excision

SWELLING

History

Obstetric: Age/gestation/bwt

Swelling: appears when cries/disappears when asleep; obstruction, irreducibility, strangulation; discharge

PMHx: syndromes (trisomies/B-W/hypoT4)

Examination

Swelling: reducibility/expansile cough impulse; overlying skin; opening of VID/urachus

Syndromes

Investigations

Management

UH: non-operative vs operative

UG/UP: silver nitrate/excision

VITELLOINTESTINAL DUCT REMNANTS

Persistent VID → small bowel discharge at umbilicus

VID cyst – mucosa-lined inclusion cyst

VID sinus – partly closed duct

Meckel's diverticulum: fibrous cord from ileum to umbilicus

URACHAL DUCT REMNANTS

Persistent UD → clear discharge from umbilicus; umbilicus retracts on micturition

Urachal cyst – painful mass between umbilicus and suprapubic region

Investigations: USS/fistulogram

DISCHARGE

History: nature of discharge – blood/mucous = ectopic mucosa/granuloma

- faeces = VID

- urine = persistent urachus

MECKEL'S DIVERTICULUM

Remnant of vitello-intestinal duct containing all layers of bowel wall (true diverticulum)

2% population, 2 feet from IC valve, 2 inches long

Antimesenteric border

50% contain gastric mucosa; some contain pancreatic mucosa

Blood supply = omphomesenteric artery

Features:

Asymptomatic

Duct: patent VID, umbilical granuloma

Obstructive: intussusception/volvulus

Inflammatory: diverticulitis/peptic ulceration

Bleeding: haemorrhage_(peptic ulcer on opposite wall) → melaena

Investigations:

Technetium scan ^{99m}Tc taken up by gastric mucosa

Barium follow-through

Management:

Wedge resection

Conservative: leave alone if wide mouth and thin-walled