

**Study of records of medical malpractice complaints in Gynecology and
Obstetrics in a eight- year survey of legal medicine organization
(L.M.O) from 1996 To 2003**

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Abstract

Nowadays, specializing of medical affairs and Financial and social difficulties lead to decline of traditional relations between physician and patient. Despite of complete effort of physician and medical Staff in presenting of services to patients and also in spite of special piety of this field, unfortunately, day by day, we confront of increasing of complaints. In recent years concord with increase of complaint from medical malpractices, also, there has been increasing the rate of complaint from gynecologists and obstetricians, however, the mentioned increase exists, despite of, notable scientific developments and modern technology in new medicine.

Gynecology and obstetrics specialty is a sensitive and susceptible field of study and confronts with patients who high percentages of them refer to the physician with their own will and in one of the delightful period of their life. In western countries complaint from gynecologist and obstetrician is in first rank and in Iran is in sound rank – In legal Medicine it is after anesthesiology and in Medical Association is after orthopedics.

The aim of this study is examining the records of medical malpractice complaints in gynecology and obstetrics in L.M.O between 1996 and 2003 in order to determine that how extent was the physicians malpractice of this specialty in treatment and what process has been passed during this eight- year pried, and also to determine other cases which will be referring in the future.

This study was performed in a descriptive and cross- reference to the past, on records of complaints of gynecology and obstetrics in L.M.O from 1996 to 2003.

In this study we observed that excess of cases from 18 in 1996 have been increased to 44 in 2003 but the percentage of complaints in gynecology and obstetrics have not been increased in comparison with the total of complaints in the entire field of specialties. It is in fluctuation between 1/6% and 5/5%.

The ruling of innocence in 53/5% of cases and the ruling of malpractice in 46/5% of cases have been issued. 49/5% of cases were related to private centers and 50/5% were related to governmental ones.

In study of the causes of complaints we observed that the patient's physical deformity has been situated in the first rank then with 37% and after that, infant death with 23% and then

patient's death with 20% and infant's physical deformity with 14/7% have been in the following ranks.

Among the all kinds of medleys of treatment resorted in complaint.

The caesarean delivery has been stood at first rate with 35% and then sorts of females' surgery with 32% and after that natural delivery with 35/5%.

Also, in the study of causes of malpractice, it became specified that in 65/5% of cases, negligence and carelessness was the cause of malpractice, in 18% lack of skill and in 16/5% lack of consideration of scientific and technological measurements was the element of occurring of malpractice.