

## CASE REPORT

# Heterotopic Pregnancy with Spontaneous Vaginal Delivery at 36 Weeks and Laparotomy at Term - A Case Report

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## Abstract

Heterotopic pregnancy, although rare, is occurring more frequently because of an increase in genital infection and the escalating use of new reproductive technologies in infertility patients. The case of a 30-year-old para 2+1 prophetess is presented. She had a spontaneous vaginal delivery at term. Persistent abdominal pain and distension led to suspicion of heterotopic pregnancy. This was confirmed by ultrasonography. Laparotomy revealed a macerated fetus in the peritoneal cavity. The purpose of this report is to sensitise practitioners about the reality and existence of the condition. (*Afr J Reprod Health* 2005; 9[1]: 162-165)

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