

Conservative Management of Prelabour Rupture of Membranes at Term

KS WONG MBChb MRCOG FHKAM(O&G) FHKCOG Senior Medical Officer

Lowina HY TSE MBBS FRCOG FHKAM(O&G) FHKCOG Consultant

Lawrence CH TANG MD MBBS FRCOG FHKAM(O&G) FHKCOG Chief of Service

Department of Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Kwong Wah Hospital, Kowloon, HKSAR

In this clinical audit of conservative management of prelabour rupture of membranes at term pregnancy, a total of 264 women was included in the study. Seventy-three percent of women had spontaneous labour within 24 hours. The overall Caesarean section rate was 8.3%. The rates of maternal infection and serious neonatal infection were 3% and 1.1% respectively. In our experience, in healthy women with term pregnancy, 24 hours expectant management is a safe policy.

HKJGOM 2002; 3:82-88

Keywords: conservative treatment, prelabour rupture of membranes, PROM