# Role of Ultrasonography in the Detection of Uterine Abnormalities in Infertile Female

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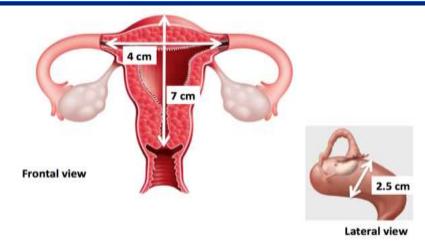
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Abstract: Background: The ultrasound examination of uterine anomalies has become an important aspect of the infertility evaluation. For the diagnosis of uterine anomalies, a range of methods might be used. The reader will learn about the arcuate uterus, septate uterus, bicornuate uterus, didelphic uterus, uterus duplex, and unicornuate uterus through these case scenarios. The sequence of infertility that leads to congenital uterine abnormalities is also presented in this article. **Objective:** The goal of this study was to see how well ultrasonography could diagnose uterine diseases in infertile women using ultrasound as the gold standard. Methodology: From 2010 to 2021, a systematic literature search was undertaken for names or acronyms of Role of Ultrasonography on the detection of uterine anomalies in infertile women using the following search engines: Google scholar, Radiopaedia, PubMed, and NCBI databases. Only studies that illustrate the role of ultrasonography in the evaluation of uterine anomalies in infertile women were included in this review. A total of 105 studies were chosen, however only 30 were included following examination. All of the information gleaned from them was subjected to a meta-analysis. **Results:** provides the whole data from 30 evaluated studies, as well as the defined variables. The presence of uterine anomalies. A select few were chosen for additional investigation based on their significance. As calculated and shown in the descriptive statistics table below, how does the complete data of 18 screened studies based on the mean age among the study groups, where 21 years is the minimum age and 49 years is the maximum age, the range is 28, the mean is 29.6633, and the standard Deviation is 7.60667. Conclusion: Ultrasound is the preferred investigation for screening and detecting uterine defects since it is readily available, inexpensive, and non-radiation. Ultrasound may be used as an alternative method of detecting uterine abnormalities.

Keyword; ultrasound, pelvic uterine, infertility.

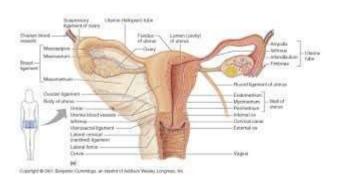
#### INTRODUCTION

Ultrasound is a goal standard in the evaluation of female uterine organ, using ultrasound also helps for the detection of uterine pathology in infertile female, also one of the most extensively utilized imaging technologies in medicine. The purpose of this study is to identify the similarities and differences among Role of Ultrasonography on the detection of uterine abnormalities in infertile female. Ultrasound it is a type of imaging that creates tomographic images and collects data on biological organs<sup>1</sup>. It has a number of features that make it the primary choice for soft tissue diagnostics<sup>2</sup>. Infertility is inability of a couple to obtain clinically recognizable pregnancy after 12 months of unprotected intercourse<sup>3</sup> Infertility affects 10–15 percent of couples, and the age of the female partner is the single most critical factor in determining prognosis<sup>4</sup>. Primary infertility those who have never conceived in the past and who have regular unprotected intercourse for 12 months<sup>5</sup> Secondary infertility is inability to become pregnant ,or to carry a pregnancy to term, following the birth of one or more biological children the birth of the first child does not involve any assisted reproductive technologies or infertility medication<sup>6</sup> Ultrasound has the following advantages: it is portable, painless, and does not require needles or injections are less expensive, and there is no ionizing radiation, making it one of the safest methods for scanning female pelvic organ<sup>7</sup>. The abdominal pelvic cavity is continuous space containing the major organs of the abdomen<sup>8</sup>. Pelvic cavity is caudal portion of the abdomen- pelvic cavity extending from the iliac crests superiorly to the pelvic diaphragm inferiorly<sup>9</sup>. The uterus is anatomically divided into three parts - fundus, body, and cervix.<sup>10</sup>. The bladder is located in the lesser pelvis anterior to the vagina and cervix and caudal to the antiverted uterus and small bowel, the bladder is the most anterior organ in the lesser pelvis; although an expandable organ<sup>11</sup>.



The Fundus is the roof of the uterus.<sup>12</sup> it is the part of the body which extends above the insertion of the fallopian tubes in the uterine wall<sup>13</sup>. The corneous of the fundus is the lateral part which contains the interstitial portion of the fallopian tube<sup>14</sup>. The fundus is the widest and thickest part of the uterus<sup>15</sup>.

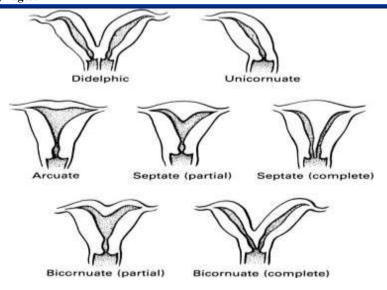
The body is the uterus above the cervix. Which consists of the bulk of the uterus? In an adult uterus the body is wider and longer than the cervix. About two third of uterine fundal to cervical length is attributable to the body<sup>16</sup> The Cervix is the lower one-third of the uterus is referred to as the cervix. Rather than smooth muscle, it is mostly made up of fibroblastic components. The place where the corpus and the lexicon meet<sup>17</sup>. The internal os of the cervix is known as the internal os, and the opposite end of the cervix is known as the external os. The external os. Isthmus is the cervix's upper few millimetres.below the internal os, a section dedicated to the development of a certain function. It has been described into the "lower portion" of the gravid uterus<sup>18</sup>. The endocervical canal is an aperture in the cervix. At one end, it is contiguous with and freely communicates with the uterine cavity, while at the other, it is contiguous with and freely communicates with the uterthra<sup>19</sup>,



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Figure 2-4 anatomy of the uterus

The urinary bladder, genital tract, and pelvic colon are all organs found in the female pelvis<sup>20</sup>. The ovaries and genital tract are the female's primary reproductive organs; the ovaries are paired organs<sup>21</sup>. Congenital Anomalies of the uterus Agenesis / Hypoplasia Agenesis refer to a structure that does not develop and is not there at birth<sup>22</sup>. Hypoplasia refers to a structure that is tiny or undeveloped at birth but is otherwise structurally and functionally normal<sup>23</sup>. **Unicornuate Uterus** Agenesis of the cranial end of one Mullerian duct results in the absence of a fallopian tube and a unicornuate uterus; absence of development of the caudal end of one Mullerian duct results in the absence of both fallopian tubes and the uterus; absence of development of the caudal end of one Mullerian duct results in the absence of both fallopian tubes and the uterus; absence of development of the caudal end of Both Mullerian ducts cause cervical agenesis and infertility<sup>24</sup>.



Under development of the uterine tubes or any other portion of the uterus, as well as the uterus itself the vagina's cranial portion the uterus with only one fallopian tube and an asymmetric, smaller-than-normal fundus is known as a unicornuate uterus<sup>25</sup>. The uterus arcuatus is a synonym. **Didelphys** Uterus didelphys describes complete duplication of the uterus including the cervix; frequently associated (75%) with a longitudinal septum of the vagina<sup>26</sup> **Bicornuate Uterus** A uterus with symmetric division of the fundus (bifid or forked fundus), with or without duplication of the cervical canal, is known as a bicornuate uterus<sup>27</sup>. A bicornis bicollis uterus is a uterus that is bicornuate and has two cervicals.a system of canals (medial wall is common)<sup>28</sup>. A bicornis uncoils uterus is a type of uterus. With a bicornuate shape and a regular cervix<sup>29</sup>. **Septate uterus** is an abnormal uterus that has a muscle septum that divides the uterine cavity partially or completely without any serosal indentation of the fundus. Septate uteruses are three times as prevalent as bicornuate uteruses. The uterus is the female reproductive organ **Uterus Septus** A muscular septum divides the uterine cavity up to the internal os; the serosal surface of the fundus, the cervix, and the vagina are all normal. **Uterus Subseptus<sup>30</sup>** Uterus subseptus is a uterus with only partial separation of the uterine cavity by a partitioning septum; the cranial portion of the uterine cavity is separated by a muscular septum; the serosal surface of the fundus is normal; the lower portion of the body of the uterus, and vagina are all norm<sup>31</sup>.

## MATERIAL AND METHOD

#### Search Strategy

Systematic literature search was conducted by the help of following search engines: Google scholar, PubMed, NCBI, Medline and Medscape databases from 2010 up to 2021 for names Role of Ultrasonography on the detection of uterine abnormalities in infertile. Only those studies were included in this review study which show the Role of Ultrasonography on the detection of uterine abnormalities in infertile or the studies in which motion independent sequence was selected, that truly work on the physics of abnormalities.

#### Selection criteria

After independently screening the abstract and titles relevant articles, studies were included if they contain any related information of Role of Ultrasonography on the detection of uterine abnormalities in infertile use of propeller sequence in different anatomical regions and motion sensitive regions of body. Studies investigating both adults and children together were included. The minimum data set required was sample size, anatomical region of the body, technique, imaging indication, imaging time, presence of , image quality and pathology Detection. Data were extracted from the full journal article and studies were assessed for applicability and quality. Summary statistics were calculated from the raw data given in the study if they were not reported. Numbers were read from graphs if not reported in the text of the articles

#### **Study Characteristics**

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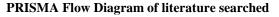
A total of 82 original studies were found in the search, and twenty-two more were found by hand-searching reference lists and utilising the Web of Science cited reference tool. There are fourteen studies in total. Ultrasonography's role in the diagnosis of uterine anomalies in infertile women: a review of 10 studies Table 1 lists the studies that were considered. The majority of the participants in the experiments were youngsters, but some adults were also included. Observers interpreted three-dimensional ultrasound and magnetic resonance imaging side by side in certain small investigations. Observers were entirely blinded to the scanning sequence in all experiments except review articles. In the PRISMA flow chart, all omitted studies are listed. The data analysis in this review study was done using Microsoft Excel 2017 and the Statistical Package for the Social Sciences version 24 (SPSS 24, IBM, Armonk, NY, United States of America).

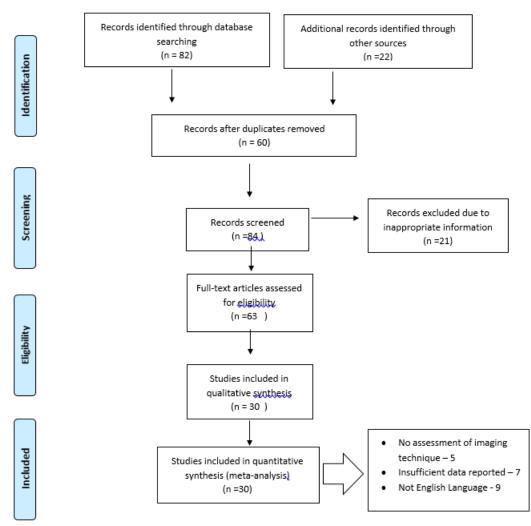
#### Data synthesis and analysis Procedure

The eligible studies were first categorized on the basis of descriptive statistics among 20 studies descriptive statistics was included in 18 studies only. The second important variable was imaging time which was included in 22 studies. The analysis of the data was performed according to the target conditions. After retrieving the sensitivity and specificity from each individual study a forest plot was formed as a graphical representation which was also shown in tabulated form in table 2. Descriptive analysis was performed.

#### ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS

No ethical consideration is required for this type of study design





STUDY	Y E A R	RESEARCHE R	JOURNAL	TYP E OF ART ICL E	S A M P L E SI Z E	M E A N G E	G E N D E R	ANAT OMIC AL REGIO N	No.OF UTERI NE ANOM ALIES [%]
Prevalence of Congenital Anomalies of Uterus in Sohag Government: A Descriptive Study by Trans-Vaginal Three- dimensional Ultrasound	2 0 1 9	SALWA MO et al	Medical Journal of Cairo University	Origi nal resea rch	97 7	N/ A	97 7 F	Uterus	17.3
Ultrasound Role in Management of Female Infertility	2 0 2 0	MAYSA S. ELKERDAWY, et al.	Medical Journal of Cairo University	Origi nal resea rch	10 0	30. 5	N/ A	Uterus	60
Mullerian anomalies and value of diagnosis with 2D ultrasonography	2 0 1 8	Sahin C, Hortu I, Cirpan T	Journal of Clinical and Analytical Medicine	Origi nal resea rch	82	14 - 53	82 F	Uterus	67.9
Pregnancy in uterus didelphys delivered by caesarean section: a case report	2 0 1 7	Sawai D, Sharma SK, et al.	International Journal of Reproduction, Contraception, Obstetrics and Gynecology	Case study	1	23	1 F	Uterus	0.1
study of Female Infertility in Sudanese using Ultrasonography	2 0 1 9	Abdallah HE.	(Doctoral dissertation Sudan University of Science and Technology,).	Origi nal Rese arch	1 25	49	15 F	Uter us	68.8/3 1.2
Study of female secondary infertility causes using ultrasound	2 0 1 5	Mahmud MA.		Origi nal resea rch	60	34 - 39	1 F	Ute rus	65
Diagnosis and treatment of müllerian malformations	2 0 2 0	e Passos ID, Britto RL	Taiwanese Journalof Obsetricsand Gynecology.	Case study	6. 7	N/ A	N/ A	Ute rus	6.7
Evaluation of the Uterine Causes of Female Infertility by Ultrasound:	2 0 1 7	Irani S, Ahmadi F, Javam M	Journal of Midwifery and Reproductive Health	Reve iw Artic le	18 0	N/ A	N/ A	Ute rus	44

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the three-dimensional ultrasound in uterine evaluation in patients with reproductive failure	2 0 2 0	Elkashef, et al.	Journal of Gynecological Research and Obstetrics	Origi nal resea rch	46 3	28. 44. 3	N/ A	Ut erus	3-4
Comparison of two dimensional and live three dimensional ultrasounds for the diagnosis of septated uterus	2 0 1 4	Niknejadi M, et al.	Iranian journal of reproductive medicine.	Origi nal resea rch	21 5	N/ A	21 5 F	Uterus	50
Role of 3D Ultrasound in the Evaluation of Uterine Anomalies	2 0 1 8	Graupera B, et al.	Springer, Cham.	Origi nal resea rch	24	N/ A	N/ A	Uterus	NA
Comparison of three-dimensional ultrasound and magnetic resonance imaging diagnosis in surgically proven Mu <sup></sup> llerian duct anomaly cases	2 0 1 6	Ergenoglu AM, et al.	Journalof Gynecology Obstetrics & Gynecology and Reproductive Biology.	Origi nal resea rch	29	28 - +4 .9	29 F	Uteru s	20
Term Pregnancy in a Bicornuate Uterus: Complications, Diagnostic and Therapeutic Challenges in a Low Resource Setting (Douala, Cameroon)	2 0 1 8	Tazinya AA, Feteh VF, Ngu RC, Bechem NN, Halle- Ekane GE	International Journal of Medical and Pharmaceutical Case Reports	Case Stud y	1	24	1 F	Uterus	.0-10
Female's Infertility Rules of Ultrasound And Colour Duplex in Assessment of Pelvic Causes	2 0 1 9	Ali M, Yousef A, Khater H	Benha Medical Journal	Or igina l Rese arch	11 9	15 - 45	75 0 F	Uter us	73.95
Didelphys Uterus: A Case Report and Review of the Literature Unicornuate Uterus with	2 0 1 5 2	Rezai S, Bisram P, Lora Alcantara I, Upadhyay R, Lara C, Elmadjian M	Case reports in obstetrics and gynecology.	Case study	1	29	1 F	Uterus	0.5-5
Hematometra	0 1 7	Aragaw YA	Androl Gynecol: Curr	Case Stud y	1	45	1 F	Ut erus	1- 10
DOUBLE UTERUS WITH SINGLE CERVIX.	2 0 2 0	Mohsin N.	The Professional Medical Journal	Case Stud y	1	5	1 F	Ut er us	0.5-5
Study to evaluate the prevalence, importance, and treatment of women with congenital uterine anomalies	2 0 1 9	Chan YY.	Doctoral dissertation, University of Nottingham	Revi ew resea rch	21 1	N/ A	N/ A	Uter us	1-10
The incidence of ultrasound diagnosed uterine abnormalities related to miscarriage rates-a local audit.	2 0 1 9	RAHEEM AM, Al-SHIMMARI HA, Abdul KAREEM SK	Romanian Journal of Medical Practice.	Origi nal resea rch	17 4	26 - 35	71 F	Uteru s	46.6

Role of Ultrasonography for the Evaluation of Uterine Fibromyomas and Infertility-	2 0 2	Abdullah i Abubaka	European Journal of Radiology	Revie w resear	4 8	N/	N/	Ut	N
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DOUBLE UTERUS	2 0 1 0	Gul F, Jabeen M et al.	Khyber Medical. 2010;2(1):27-9. University Journal	Case study	1	35	1F	teru s	3. 5
The pregnancy outcome in women with incidental diagnosis of septate uterus at first trimester	2 0 1 2	Ghi T, De Musso et al	Human Reproduction, Vol.27, No.9 pp. 2671– 2675,	Origi nal resear ch	24	N/ A	24 F	teru s	1 3 3
Uterus Didelphys with Pregnancy	2 0 1 1	Shahi RR et al	Medical Journal of Shree Birendra Hospital	Case study	1	21	1F	teru s	U 0 - 1
Uterus didelphyswith cervical incompetence	2 0 1 4	Nayak S,et al.	Int. J. Pharm. Sci. Rev. Res.	Case study	1	33	1F	teru s	5 - 1 0
The role of 3-dimensional ultrasound for the diagnosis of congenital uterine anomalies	2 0 1 1	Zohav E	Open J Obstet Gynecol.	Origi nal resear ch	5	32 + 6. 9	51 F	teru s	0. 1 - 3
The role of three-dimensional ultrasound in the assessment of congenital uterine anomalies. Congenital uterine abnormalities	2 0 1 2	Tabi S et al	. Donald School Journal Ultrasound in Obstetrics and Gynecology	Origi nal resear ch	1 4 1	22 - 33	6F	teru s	2 0
Diagnostic accuracy of transvaginal sonography in the detection of uterine abnormalities in infertile women	2 0 1 2	Niknejad i M et al.	Iranian journal of radiology	Origi nal Articl e	7 1 9	N /A	71 9F	teru s	1 7 9
The prevalence of congenital uterine anomalies in unselected and high-risk populations	2 0 1 1	Chan YY,et al.	Human reproduction update.	Revei W Articl e	9	N/ A	89 86 1F	teru s	5. 5
Double uterus	2 0 1 0	Gul F, Jabeen	Khyber Medical University Journal.	Case study		N/ A	N/ A	teru s	1 3
Obstetric outcomes in women with mullerian duct malformations	2 0 1 4	Ramalin gappa P e al.	Int J Reprod Contracept Obstet Gynecol.	Resea rch aticle	24	N /A	2 59 5F	teru s	1 6 8

#### **RESULT AND CONCLUSION**

RESEARCHER	No. of uterine anomalies	No. of arcuate uterus	No. of septate uterus	No. of Bicornuate uterus	No. of Didelphic uterus	No. of Unicornuate uterus	No. of hypoplasic Uterus
SALWA MO et al	17.3	84	62	3	3	9	4
MAYSA S. ELKERDAWY, et al.	18	0	0	0	0	0	7
Sahin C, Hortu I, Cirpan T	67.9	0	51	13	13	5	1
SawaiD, et al.	0.1-10	20	35	25	8	0	0
e Passos ID, Britto RL	6.7	0	55	10	3-4	0.3-3	0
Elkashef, et al.	3-4	3	0	3	3	1	0
Niknejadi M, et al.	50	53	13	0	0	0	0
Tazinya AA, et al.	.0-10	0	0	62.5	0	0	0
Ali M,et al.	73.95	0	2	2	0	0	0
Rezai S,et al.	0.5-5	0.2	0.35	0.25	8.3	9.6	3
Aragaw YA.	1-10	0	0	0	0	14	0
RAHEEM AM,et al.	46.6	9.88	19.75	24.69	0	7.41	0
Gul F, Jabeen M et al.	3.5	20	20	20	0	40	0
Ghi T, De Musso et al	33	0	15	0	0	0	0
Shahi RR et al	0-1	0	0	0	55	0	0
Nayak S,et al.	5-10	0	75	0	24	0	0
Zohav E	0.1-3	3	5	7	0	4	N/A
Tabi S et al Niknejadi,M et al.	1.385 79	11.8 0	0.4 30	0.1	0 1	0.4 4	21 9
Chan YY,et al.	5.5	3.9	2.3	0.4	0.1	0.3	0.1
Ramalingappa P e al.	68	5	6	7	1	1	0

The Overall Role of Ultrasonography on the diagnosis of uterine anomalies in infertile women was discovered using a literature evaluation of 104 research from 2010 to 2021, of which only 30 were included in this study, with a total number of patients of

3,589.7, all of whom were female. The data was further grouped on the basis of variables after 30 studies were analysed. There was also a pooled analysis for mean values. All additional variables were subjected to descriptive analysis, which is displayed in the table below.

Table 5.1 provides the whole data from 30 evaluated studies, as well as the defined variables. The presence of uterine anomalies, as well as the names of the authors and their references. A select few were chosen for additional investigation based on their significance.

Table 5.2 As calculated and shown in the descriptive statistics table below, how does the complete data of 18 screened studies based on the mean age among the study groups, where 21 years is the minimum age and 49 years is the maximum age, the range is 28, the mean is 29.6633, and the standard Deviation is 7.60667.

#### **Distribution of Uterine Anomalie**

(In this table a data set of twentieth (N=20 studies is categorized according to required detail, it is showing that the overall septate uterus after using ultrasound technique. Further variables are analyzed individually).

Descriptive Statistics									
	Ν	Range	Minimum	Maximum	Mean	Std. Deviation			
Mean Age	18	28.00	21.00	49.00	29.6633	7.60667			
Valid N (listwise)	18								

(Table is showing descriptive statistics of eighteen studies (N=18) including mean value and std. deviatio

#### Discussion;

Ultrasonography is the first step in the investigation of female infertility, and it provides details for uterine disorders diagnosis. The precise diagnosis, on the other hand, is dependent on the "time of assessment." As a result, every midwife can learn about the "optimal timing" for ultrasound evaluations for each patient<sup>38</sup>

SALWA MO et al. conducted a study to determine the prevalence of congenital uterine anomalies in the Sohag Government: The aim of this descriptive analysis using Trans-Vaginal Three Dimensional Ultrasound was to estimate the prevalence of congenital uterine abnormalities in women with infertility in Sohag. The study enlisted the participation of 977 women. 808 (82.7%) of the women had a normal uterus, while 169 (17.3%) had congenital uterine abnormalities. The most common uterine abnormalities were arcuate [n=84 (49.7%)] and septate [n=62 (36.8%)], followed by unicornate [n=9 (5.3%)], T-shaped, and hypo plastic uterus [n=4 each (2.3%)]. Last but not least, didelphys and bicornate [n=3 each (1.8%)]. In Sohag, 17.3 percent of women had uterine congenital abnormalities. Arcuate uterus was the most common form of uterine congenital anomaly<sup>32</sup>

They should be seen as a possible cause of infertility and poor obstetrical outcomes. 2D ultrasonography has traditionally been used to diagnose mullerian anomalies. We looked at mullerian anomalies that had been diagnosed in our clinic and looked at how 2D ultrasonography could predict them. Material and Procedure: A total of 82 patients with mullerian duct abnormalities were included in this report The following are the results of a survey of 82 patients. Infertility affected 53 people. The uterus septum was found in 67.9% (36/53) of infertile patients<sup>34</sup>

. We describe a pregnancy in the left sided body of a didelphys uterus that was delivered by caesarean section in our institute uterus, Patients of uterus didelphys are at a higher risk of complications, since the uterus is malformed. In such cases, diligent prenatal care is needed. It's an unusual Mullerian disorder that can cause a variety of obstetrical and gynecological issues. To avoid complications, early and effective diagnosis of uterine malformations, as well as adequate surgical intervention, is critical<sup>35</sup>

The effectiveness of ultrasound in the diagnosis of female pelvic pathology is critically evaluated in this review. The diagnosis should be more precise, cost-effective, fast, and reliable, with as little invasiveness as possible. The data was obtained from approximately 750 infertile women, with a sample size of 255 cases<sup>44</sup>

The aim of this study is to use ultrasound to determine if there is a connection between uterine abnormalities and miscarriage at various stages of pregnancy. Trans abdominal and transvaginal ultrasound is used to investigate 174 miscarriage cases. The patients ranged in age from 18 to 45 years old, and the information was gathered over the course of eight months from five separate hospitals. With 40.8 percent, the age group (26-35 years) has the highest rate of miscarriage among the other age groups studied (71cases). In addition, it was discovered that the majority of the cases involved a single miscarriage. In 46.6 percent of cases, miscarriage was discovered in women with uterine anomalies. Bicornuate, septate, arcuate, and unicornuate uterus were the most common uterine

abnormalities, with 24.69 percent, 19.75 percent, 9.88 percent, and 7.41 percent, respectively. Other ultrasound results were interpreted in the same way. Pregnancy loss is more common in women with bicornuate and septate uteri than in women with other uterine abnormalities, although it is less common in unicornuate uterus<sup>49</sup>

We found 94 observational studies with a total of 89 861 women. In the unselected population, the prevalence of uterine anomalies diagnosed by optimal tests was 5.5 percent [95 percent confidence interval (CI), 3.5–8.5], 8.0 percent (95 percent CI, 5.3–12) in infertile women, 13.3 percent (95 percent CI, 8.9–20.0) in those with a history of miscarriage, and 24.5 percent (95 percent CI, 18.3–32.8) in those with miscarriage and infertility. Arcuate uterus is most prevalent in the general population (3.9 percent; 95 percent confidence interval, 2.1–7.1), and it is not more common in high-risk groups. In high-risk groups, however, septate uterus is the most prevalent abnormality<sup>58.</sup>

### CONCLUSION

Ultrasound is the preferred investigation for screening and detecting uterine defects since it is readily available, inexpensive, and non-radiation. Ultrasound may be used as an alternative method of detecting uterine abnormalities. Infertility is the most prevalent symptom at the time of diagnosis, followed by primary amenorrhoea, pelvic pain, menorrhagia, and miscarriage. Ultrasound is the most prevalent method of detecting uterine anomalies.

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