On a Case of Iatrogenic Splenic Injury During Elective Cesarean Section

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We report a case of splenic pedicle injury occurred during elective cesarean section on a 38 week pregnant woman. After the operation, because of a severe anemia, the patient underwent splenectomy and died. The autopsy indicated that the cause of the death was a hemorrhagic shock related to the splenic pedicle injury due to abnormal compression on the left hypochondrium to promote the expulsion of the fetus. The professional conduct of health workers was causally relevant to the death. Inappropriate maneuvers during cesarean section produced the splenic pedicle injury. The erroneous execution of splenectomy delayed the implementation of proper hemostasis.