

# Clinical Case Of A Woman's Pregnancy With Acute Intermittent Porphyria And Thrombocytopenia

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### Abstract.

Acute intermittent porphyria is a rare disease of autosomal dominant type of inheritance due to mutations of the gene that encodes enzyme porphobilinogen deaminase in heme metabolism. Pregnancy is recognized as one of the factors that can lead to recrudescencesduring this disease. Literature data are limited in description of combination of acute intermittent porphyria and pregnancy to individual cases or a series of cases. We present a case of pregnancy and delivery of a patient with acute intermittent porphyria and thrombocytopenia.

The patient of 29 years old with III pregnancy and an expectedact of delivery was hospitalized in the State Institution "IPOG named after acad. O. M. Lukyanova of the NAMS of Ukraine" at 35 weeks. During her pregnancy she has suffered two moderate attacks. She performed delivery by caesarean section at 38 weeks due to deterioration of the antenatalfetuscondition. During pregnancy, delivery, the postpartum period, permitted medicines were carefully selected. The woman with a child in satisfactory condition were discharged on the 5th day.

# **Problem Description.**

Porphyria is a group of rare diseases associated with interference of heme biosynthesis process. There are seven nosological forms of the disease according to the genetically determined defect of each enzyme of the biochemical chain, except synthase of delta-aminolevulinic acid (2-ALA).

Acute forms occur with a frequency of 7-12 cases per 100,000 healthy, asymptomatic carrier state of the genetic defect  $\sim$  50-100 cases per 100,000 of population.

Classification. Depending on the tissues where there is a predominant interference of porphyrin metabolism, there are two main groups: hepatic and erythropoietic.

# I Hepatic:

- Porphyria due to dehydratase deficiency
- Acuteintermittent porphyria (AIP)
- Hereditary coproporphyria
- Variegate porphyria (VP)

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- Late cutaneous porphyria (LCP)

II Erythropoietic porphyria:

- Congenital erythropoietic porphyria (Günther's disease)

- Erythropoietic protoporphyria.

There is also a classification that reflects the division into forms with skin lesions (late cutaneous porphyria, hereditary coproporphyria, variegate porphyria, congenital erythropoietic porphyria, erythropoietic protoporphyria) and acute, provoking (porphyria due to dehydratase deficiency (2-ALA, acute intermittent porphyria, hereditary coproporphyria, variegate porphyria).[16,17]

Each form of porphyria is caused by a genetically determined decrease or absence of activity of a certain enzyme in the heme biosynthesis chain. Enzyme genes are located on different chromosomes and have no group linkage. Decreased enzyme activity to 50% of normal may have no clinical manifestations. According to acute forms, certain factors can provoke the manifestation of the disease and acute attacks. [16] All forms of porphyria with autosomal dominant type of inheritance and low gene penetrance are congenital. Only late cutaneous porphyria can be sporadic. [3]

# **Provoking Factors:**

- Alcohol
- Some medicines (barbiturates, NSAIDs, cephalosporins, sulfonamides, and etc.)
- Hormonal changes (menstrual cycle, pregnancy)
- Insolation
- Bacterial and viral infections
- Starvation. [16, 1, 3, 6,11, 13]

The activity of these factors leads to increased consumption of heme or directly to the activation of the first enzyme in the chain - 2-ALA synthetase (activity of progesterone) and accelerated synthesis of intermediary

products. At the stage of the defective enzyme, the accumulation of metabolites in toxic concentrations begins. In acute forms, the accumulation of  $\mathbb{Z}$ -ALA and porphobilinogen (PBG) leads to segmental demyelination of nerve fibers with interference of nerve conduction. [16] These enzymes are accumulated in the urine, which causes it to acquire a red colour. Acute attacks are characterized by such features:

- Acute abdominal pain
- Feeling sick, vomiting
- Tachycardia, hypertension

- Disturbance of the peripheral nervous system, mainly motor functions of the extremities
- Red colour of urine of different shades
- Hyponatremia
- Psychiatric manifestations (from disorientation to psychosis)
- Generalized convulsion
- Bulbar manifestations (dysphonia, dysphagia, dysarthria)
- Respiratory disorders
- Erythema, blisters on open areas. [16, 5, 6, 11]

Diagnosis of acute porphyria consists of a characteristic clinical picture and the detection of elevated concentrations of ②-ALA and PBG in the urine. However, the final step should always be genetic confirmation of the defect by DNA analysis. [16, 11] When porphyria is detected, genetic testing is recommended for relatives to detect asymptomatic carriers, especially for women with reproductive plans. In 5 of 15 women in the study of Marsden J.T., et al. porphyria was diagnosed as a result of family screening.

Differential diagnosis is usually difficult, due to low vigilance for this disease, an atypical clinical picture. Lenehan P.M. et al. calls this disease "one of the greatest imitators of modern medicine." Patients often report about repeated visits to the surgical hospital, family doctors, neurologists, psychiatrists. Up to 46% of patients with a subsequent diagnosis of porphyria were operated with laparotomy, appendectomy, cholecystectomy, oophorectomy. [5, 10, 17]

Acute intermittent porphyria (ACP) is the most common hepatic form associated with partial porphobilinogen deaminase deficiency. The prevalence is quite different according to various authors: from 1 per 2000 to 1-2 per 200,000 of population. [1, 10, 17] Only 10-20% of gene carriers have acute attacks, which reflects the significant role of exogenous and endogenous provocations. [8, 17] Women are more prone than men in the ratio from 4:1 to 3:2 in various sources [5, 10, 11] and it is in the reproductive age, which has a pathogenetic explanation in hormonal changes during the menstrual cycle.

The association of acute intermittent porphyria with pregnancy is quite rare. According to earlier publications, this disease was associated with a high risk of exacerbations during pregnancy (54-95%), maternal mortality (27-42.5%), perinatal mortality (8%), worse prognosis with cranial nerve involvement, mortality 60-90%. [6, 9, 19]

Modern data show less dramatic results. A population cohort study conducted in Norway has showed an increased risk of perinatal loss only for primiparous women with acute active porphyria (GPP, congenital coproporphyria, variegate porphyria) and congenital late cutaneous porphyria.

[3] Mothers with sporadic IBD had an increased risk of SFGA (small fetus for gestational age). No data on maternal mortality were provided. [3]

According to the results of Wolff C. et al., women with porphyria did not have an increased risk of gestational hypertension, premature birth, spontaneous abortion, and low birth weight at birth. An increased risk of early toxicosis was mentioned [7]. Marsden J.T., et al. showed no difference in weight in newborns from mothers with porphyria, the frequency of pregnancy loss compared with the population, in this study there were no cases of maternal death.

The authors express the opinion that in acute porphyria in most cases an uncomplicated course of pregnancy is possible under the condition of careful monitoring, at the same time possible problems during gestation are considered to be, if the disease was not detected preconception [11].

[20]Wolff C. et al. did not detect differences in the weight of newborns, in the frequency of hypertension during pregnancy, in gestational age at birth, this study also did not show cases of maternal mortality. Among the problems of perinatal management is the increased risk of early gestosis (29%), as well as the prescription of off-label medicines in acute attacks (41.6%). [20]

Improvement of statistical data is possible due to a larger number of periconceptional diagnosed cases of porphyria, which allows to prevent the use of provocative medicines during acute attacks during pregnancy, to prescribe adequate treatment and appropriate perinatal management. Pregnant women are recommended to wear a bracelet, which indicates the presence of orphan disease with a limited list of medicines allowed for use.

All authors agree that pregnancy is a risk factor for acute attacks. The most dangerous is I trimester of pregnancy and peripartum periods. [7, 8, 10, 11, 12, 15]

One of the formidable complications can be generalized convulsion observed in <10% of GPP and posterior reversible encephalopathy syndrome (PRES).PRES is a rare acute neurological disorder characterized by acute neurological symptoms: convulsion, visual disturbances, headache, feeling sick, vomiting, impaired consciousness, focal neurological deficit, and the corresponding picture of CT, MRI. [8, 12]

Treatment of acute porphyria includes the elimination of the provoking factor, the prescription of pathogenetic and symptomatic treatment. Pathogenetic treatment is to suppress the excessive biosynthesis of porphyrins. The recommended prescription of the heminate alginate medicine (Normosang; Orphan Europe, Paris, France) is 3 mg /kg/day iv slow bolus, but, unfortunately, the medicine is not registered in Ukraine. Also, ensuring an excess intake of carbohydrates (200-600 g of dry glucose), 40% glucose solution 1000 ml ivby drop infusion per day. [16]

Modern publications indicate the safe use of heme preparation during pregnancy [1, 2, 8, 10, 11, 12, 15, 18]

In the presence of acute attacks connected to menstrual cycle (≥ 3 times per year), ovarian function should be suppressed until a delaying time to relapse of several months is reached. [16] Contraception is recommended by copper-containing IUDs and the barrier method. [1] It is recommended to prevent pregnancy during 18 months from the last acute attack. [15].

The choice of analgesia is also problematic. If it is possible to use regional anesthesia - spinal and/or epidural with the use of bupivacaine. If general anesthesia is required, barbiturates and volatile anesthetics (isoflurane, sevoflurane) should be avoided, and the use of propofol is recommended. [12, 13]

Thrombocytopenia is a decrease in platelet level <150×10<sup>9</sup>/l. The condition that often accompanies pregnancy is second only to anemia 7-12% of pregnancies are complicated by thrombocytopenia. In 70-80% of cases there is gestational thrombocytopenia. Other causes of thrombocytopenia include hypertensive disorders (12-22%), immune thrombocytopenia (3%), and rare causes (<1%). [21,22,23,24]

Gestational thrombocytopenia is explained by hemodilution, increased clearance of platelets, their accumulation in the placental and splenic circulation. [21] The level of platelets in the great majority of cases does not decrease less than 70×10<sup>9</sup>/l. This condition does not require treatment, it is necessary to monitor platelet level during pregnancy. At decrease in their level less than 70×10<sup>9</sup>/l the search of other reasons explaining a thrombocytopenia is necessary. Gestational thrombocytopenia is not associated with maternal, fetal or neonatal complications. [21,22,23]

### **Case Presentation.**

We present our own case of the pregnancy follow-up, delivery of a patient with acute intermittent porphyria. Patient P., 29 years old, pregnancy III (the first two pregnancies ended with spontaneous abortions), applied to the women's clinic of the II level of care for antenatal care at the 9<sup>th</sup> week. The diagnosis of acute intermittent porphyria was established in 2016, after emotional stress in the first time in her life there was an attack of acute abdominal pain with polyneuropathy, changes in hemogram (anemia, increased levels of ALT, AST, alkaline phosphatase, total bilirubin due to direct fraction, hyponatremia, hypochloremia), hematuria.

Before the beginning of the last pregnancy, she was repeatedly hospitalized due to suspicion of acute appendicitis, and was treated for irritable bowel syndrome. As a result of a comprehensive examination the increase in the level of delta-aminolevulinic acid (up to 52.9 mg/24 h at a rate of 1.5-7.5 mg/24 h) and porphobilinogen (up to 93.5 mg/24 h at a rate of 0-3, 4 mg/24 years) was defined. After determining the level of porphyrins, their premetabolites and molecular genetic research, the diagnosis was made: hereditary metabolic disorders from the group of hepatic porphyrias: acute intermittent porphyria, autosomal dominant type of inheritance.

The patient was registered at the Centre for Orphan Diseases NCSH "Okhmatdyt". The patient's process has a chronic recurrent course (~ 3-4 attacks per year), the triggers of the attack are emotional factors, premenstrual state.

This pregnancy is desirable, given the woman's persistent desire to have a child, the state of clinical and laboratory remission of the main disease at the time of pregnancy, a teleconsultation with specialists of the State Institution "Institute of Pediatrics, Obstetrics and Gynaecology named after acad. O.M. Lukyanova of the NAMS of Ukraine" (perinatal centre of 3b level) and it was decided to prolong the pregnancy under close supervision: control of laboratory findings: hemogram, liver tests, electrolyte tests, determination of urinary urobilinogen, markers of placental dysfunction and control of delta-aminolevulinic acid level and porphobilinogen; US - control of the antenatal state of fetus).

The course of pregnancy was complicated by anemia (corrected by intravenous administration of iron saccharate), thrombocytopenia. Prescribing medicines (multivitamin complexes, calcium supplements, etc.) with an assessment of their porphyrinogenic activity.

At the 35<sup>th</sup> week, there were clinical signs of an attack of the main disease - a pregnant woman was hospitalized in the State Institution "IPOG y named after acad. O.M. Lukyanova of the NAMS of Ukraine" for careful observation and preparation for delivery. The state was corrected by oral rehydration with a solution of 40% glucose. During hospitalization, careful monitoring of laboratory findings and fetal status was conducted. In the general analysis of blood there were platelets  $130 \times 10^9$ /l. This condition is regarded as gestational thrombocytopenia. At this level of platelets there is no need for in-depth diagnosis. In the dynamics, the platelet level was not lower than  $110 \times 10^9$ /l. At the 37<sup>th</sup> week, delivery is planned through the natural birth canal with rational anesthesia by the EDA method and possible changes in the birth plan in case of deterioration.

At the 38<sup>th</sup> week there was the repeated bout of porphyria (progressive weakness, porphyrin plaques on the face, intermittent abdominal pain; laboratory: positive test for urobilinogen in urine, microhematuria; moderate increase in liver enzymes, porphobilinogen levels, mild hypoglycemia, despite oral rehydration with glucose solution). Ultrasound of the fetus showed a decrease in resistance in the pool of SCA (RI 0.53), increased resistance in the fetal aorta (C/D -11), fetal heart rate with episodes of bradycardia (100-108 beats/min.) and tachycardia (165-184 beats/min.).

Multidisciplinary council of doctors consisting of the administration of the institution, obstetriciansgynaecologists, ultrasound doctors, neonatologists, taking into account clinical and laboratory data indicating exacerbation of porphyria, deterioration of fetal condition during dynamic monitoring, while "not fully developed" maternal passages of the pregnant and impossibility the immediatenatural birth, the decision was made to give birth immediately by emergency cesarean section.

Anesthesiological provision of the operation and postoperative period: EDA using 0.25% -0.5% marcaine solution. Method of cesarean section: according to Stark. As alive full-term boy with an Apgar score of 8/8 points, weighing 2740 g and a length of 51 cm was removed. The duration of the operation is 31 minutes.

Prevention of uterine hypotension and bleeding: intravenous administration of carbetocin. Prevention of inflammatory complications with ampicillin. Infusion support intraoperatively: balanced crystalloids: sterofundin and 20%-40% glucose solution up to 2.5-3 liters. In the postoperative period, a decision was made to demedalize and limit the use of porphyrinogenicmedicines. The course of the postoperative period without complications, wound healing by first intention. Platelets in the postpartum period: 131×10<sup>9</sup>/I (1<sup>st</sup>day), 126×10<sup>9</sup>/I (2<sup>nd</sup> day). Platelets of the newborn - 196×10<sup>9</sup>/I. Discharged with a child in satisfactory condition on the 5<sup>th</sup> day. Recommendations for the control of the main disease are provided.

Pathohistological examination of the placenta revealed signs of desynchronosis of villi development (against the background of villi corresponding to gestational term there are large foci of villi with immaturity) along with signs of placental aging in the form of significant deposits of calcifications, fields of maternal infarcts, stromal sclerosis and vessels decrease in stem and acroteric villus, necrotic patches and

degeneration in the basal layer of the decidual membrane. These findings indicate placental dysfunction, which in its turn explains the changes in fetalhemodynamics that caused the urgent timely delivery.

# Discussion.

The problem of orphan diseases in pregnant women in the vast majority of obstetricians and gynaecologists are extremely rare, but when it touches a certain woman and her unborn child, the specialist faces a number of very specific issues that need to be solved in the right way. The first is to search for information and qualified specialists in this field. We want to share useful links and information about specialized centres that may be useful for patients with porphyria. There is an information portal EUROPEAN PORPHYRIA NETWORK. In the practice of some European countries, specialized centres and national registers of patients with porphyria are created, for example, in Norway- Norwegian Porphyria Centre (NAPOS)and Norwegian Porphyria Register, inGreat Britain – Porphyria Clinicwith its register. This essentiallysimplifies the systematization of data and allows observation of the patient throughout life. NAPOS is responsible for creating a portal of safe medicines for acute porphyria, adapted for three countries - Sweden, Great Britain,

Norway<a href="http://www.drugs-porphyria.org">http://www.drugs-porphyria.org</a>. In the USA - American Porphyria Foundation - www.porphyriafoundation.com .

In Ukraine, from the available information, it was possible to identify such centres dealing with orphan diseases, including porphyria - at NCSH "Okhmatdyt" there is a centre of orphan diseases, that deals with children, Kharkiv interregional specialized medical and genetic centre of rare (orphan) diseases, in the clinic of Alexander Clinical Hospital of Kyiv city, there is office of orphan diseases. Consultation, management and delivery of pregnant women - SI "IPOG named after acad. O. M. Lukyanova of the NAMS of Ukraine".

Unfortunately, there is not a unified register of patients with porphyria in Ukraine. As a high-risk group of manifestation are women of reproductive age, and pregnancy is a risk factor for acute attacks, systematization of patients' data would be a significant help in achieving the goal of timely diagnosis, qualified obstetric and gynaecological, perinatal care and competent preconception counselling for successful implementation of reproductive plans.

Most literature sources present individual cases or series of cases of the disease. In the available literature, we have found 20 described cases of termination of women's pregnancy with porphyria (table). Most of the authors believe that pregnancy and childbirth of women with porphyria are accompanied by certain complications.

Table Cases of women's pregnancy with porphyria

Nº	Authors	Case description	Result	The course of the postpartum
s/n				period
1.	Markovi	Year 1944. 23 years old. Was	Hysterotomy.	Discharged 6 weeks after
	tz M.,	admitted with complaints for	Termination of	surgery with an improved
	1953	pain in the legs. Periodically	pregnancy.	neurological picture. She died
		disturbed abdominal pain,	Fetus weighing	4.5 months later.
		constipation. Appendectomy was	100g.	
		made 3 years ago, the appendix is		
		unchanged. Abdominal pain,		
		feeling sick, vomiting,		
		constipation continued to bother.		
		Weight loss.Weakness in the		
		hands, tremor, spasticity in the		
		legs. Lack of ability to stretch the		

		fingers. Hyperactivity of tendon		
		reflexes. Sensitivity is not		
		violated. After 6 weeks, the		
		increase in porphobilinogen in		
		the urine was detected.		
		Progressive neurological		
		symptoms. Hypertension up to		
		200/140 mm Hg. Disorders of		
		swallowing, nystagmus. Detected		
		pregnancy. Terminated.		
		Barbiturates for sedation.		
		One and a half months after with		
		the beginning of menstruation		
		pain in arms, chest, abdomen,		
		vomiting, hypertension		
		(164/114), tachycardia, muscle		
		atrophy, drooping hands, feet.		
		Enteral feeding. In 3 months,		
		death from respiratory failure.		
2.	Vine Sh.	Primigravida, 22 years old.	Spontaneous	Death
	Et al,	Pregnancy is spontaneous, 8	miscarriage	
	1957	weeks. Hospitalized with		
		complaints of inability to spread		
		the fingers. There were no other		
		neurological symptoms. From the		
		anamnesis frequent "nervous		
		breakdowns".Objectively -		
		without pathological findings.		
		Uroporphyrin 46.17 mg,		
		coproporphyrin 3172 mg. Family		
		history: two uncles died of		
		progressive paralysis, the mother		
		was diagnosed with porphyria		
		after a laboratory examination,		
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		examination of sisters and nieces gave negative results. From the 11th day prednisolone, from the		
		13th on the background of		
		progression of muscle weakness		
		with gradual disorders of		
		swallowing, respiration, iv ACTH, potassium chloride, respiratory		
		support, vitamin B12,		
		paraldehyde, codeine, enteral		
		feeding. On the 50th day - a		
		spontaneous miscarriage. On the		
		63rd day - respiratory arrest,		
		death. Pathological examination		
		showed peripheral neuropathy		
		due to porphyria.		
3.	Hunter	Year 1967. 23 years old. The first	PPROM.	Postpartum period: abdominal
3.	D. J.S.,	pregnancy. From the	Forceps,	pain, tachycardia, hypertension,
	1971	31 <sup>st</sup> weekpressure rise, took	-	increased blood urea. On the
	19/1	amital-nitrium (amobarbital). At	pudendal anesthesia.	8th day vomiting. Morphine due
		the 36 <sup>th</sup> week, she was	Meconium	
		hospitalized with epigastric pain,		to epigastric pain. Cancellation
			waters.A girl 2330.	of barbiturates. The 16th day -
		vomiting, blood-tinged discharge,	2330.	changes in speech, paraesthesia
		hypertension, and tachycardia.		in the extremities. Discharged
		Morphine is prescribed.		with phenobarbital. At the 6th
				week in a psychiatric hospital
				the diagnosis of AIP, effective
				treatment with chlorpromazine
				was established.
		Year 1969, the same patient, II	Spontaneous	W/c
		pregnancy. From 16 weeks	delivery. A girl	
		porphyrins in urine. Up to 30	2780.	

		weeks without complaints. At 30		
		weeks weakness, heartburn,		
		weight loss. Hospitalization.		
		Year 1971. III pregnancy.		
4.	Lenehan	21 years old. Pregnancy 12	Spontaneous	Progressive improvement in the
	P.M. et	weeks. Family history is	delivery at 40	postpartum period. Discharged
	al., 1982	unknown. Within 8 weeks	weeks. A girl,	on the 8th day with residual
		abdominal pain. Urinary tract	3080. Forceps	muscle weakness. In 6 weeks,
		infection. Sulfamethoxazole.	to shorten II	urine is positive for porphyrins.
		After 11 weeks, re-hospitalization	labour stage.	
		with abdominal pain. At 29 weeks		
		acute nonspecific abdominal		
		pain, vomiting. GIP was found		
		(increased urinary		
		porphobilinogen, delta-		
		aminolaevulinic acid,		
		coproporphyrin,		
		uroporphyrin).Recrudescence:		
		hypertension, tachycardia,		
		hyperventilation with respiratory		
		alkalosis, paralytic ileum,		
		electrolyte disturbances -		
		hyponatremia, hypokalemia.		
		Anemia. Blood transfusion.		
		Progressive motor neuropathy		
		with damage to the respiratory		
		and limb muscles. Moderate		
		psychosis.		
5.	Soriano	23 years old II pregnancy.In the	PPROM.	Iv glucose. State improvement in
	D., 1996	anamnesis of 1 childbirth. At 36	Cesarean	a week, regression of
		weeks she was hospitalized with	section under	neurological symptoms.
		ophthalmoplegia, ataxia,	general	Discharged with improvement,
		disorientation. From the age of	anesthesia due	residual effects: apathy, ataxic

12 years recurrent abdominal pain, arthritis. Diagnosed with Family Mediterranean Fever, colchicine treatment. Normal liver biopsy. 18years old bipolar disorder. Hospitalization in a psychiatric hospital with a manic episode, treatment with lithium and haloperidol. She stopped taking lithium medicines a few	
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and haloperidol. She stopped	
taking lithium medicines a few	
months before hospitalization.	
And pregnancy is uncomplicated,	
cesarean delivery due to lack of	
labour progression. Up to 34	
weeks this pregnancy is without	
complications. Two weeks before	
hospitalization, mental disorders	
include anxiety, irritability,	
memory and concentration	
disorders, which progressed to	
delirium. Neurologically revealed	
disorders of the cranial nerves III	
and IV, weakness of the legs,	
areflexia of the patellar reflexes,	
hypoesthesia of all extremities,	
horizontal nystagmus. EEG,	
electromyography and tanzylon	
test are normal (excluding	
myasthenia). CT, old heart attacks	
in the frontal lobe, in caudate	
nucleus. MRT, moderate cortical	
atrophy, lacunar infarction.Spinal	
fluid is normal. In urine the	
general porphyrins, delta-	

		aminolevulenic acid are raised,		
		normal porphobilinogen. The		
		activity of the enzyme		
		porphobilinogen desaminase is		
		reduced by 50%. AIPis diagnosed.		
		High-carbohydrate diet without		
		effect.		
6.	Aggarw	Primigravida 25-year-old was	Spontaneous	Adequate nutrition, rehydration.
	al N.et	registered at a specialized centre	delivery at 38	Postpartum period without
	al., 2002	at 12 weeks. The diagnosis of AIP	weeks.	complications, discharged on
		was made 7 years ago, a	Hyperhydration	the 5 <sup>th</sup> day with a child.
		manifestation with acute	during childbirth	
		abdominal pain, legs pain,	(Ringer's	
		discoloration of urine in the light,	lactate).	
		increased levels of	Episiotomy	
		uroporphyrinogen. Her brother	under	
		was diagnosed AIP at that	bupivacaine	
		time.The last attack was 3 years	locally. Iv	
		ago, provoked by famine. Acute	oxytocin to	
		anemia at 25 weeks (Hb 60 g/I),	prevent	
		transfusion of 2 volumes of	bleeding. Girl,	
		blood. Uroporphyrinogen is	1900, 8-9	
		negative during pregnancy. There	points.	
		were no recrudescences during		
		pregnancy. From 30 weeks of		
		FGR, she denied interventions for		
		social reasons.		
7.	Sahu	Re-pregnant, with a history of 1	The couple,	P/o p-d w/c. For p/o anesthesia
	M.t et	childbirth, 1 abortion. 32 years	fearing	3 additional injections.
	al., 2006	old. Diagnosis of AIP 5 years	recrudescences	Prophylactic antibiotics are
		before pregnancy. Pregnancy 8	of AIP, has	amoxicillin, carbohydrate-
		weeks. Previous pregnancy 28	chosen to	enriched diet. Discharged the
		weeks. The first attack of	terminate the	next day.
		abdominal pain, regarded as	pregnancy. 200	

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		pancreatitis, later during	mg of	
		pregnancy twice in the third	misoprostol in	
		trimester abdominal pain	the posterior	
		conservatively treated. Delivered	arch. 5%	
		by urgent emergency CS due to	dextrose in 2	
		fetal distress under SMA. Early	hours.In 2	
		p/o p-d w/c. Acute abdominal	hours, vacuum	
		pain, vomiting on the 8th day of	aspiration under	
		p/o period. Laparotomy, right	combined spin-	
		salpingoophorectomy, formation	epidural	
		of 5 cm was detected on the 1st	anesthesia using	
		day. Generalized tonic-clonic	hyperbaric	
		convulsions, recurrence of	bupivacaine.	
		abdominal pain, unstable blood		
		pressure, without focal		
		neurological deficit.Increased		
		content of uroporphyrinogen, d-		
		ALA. CT, MRT - the norm.		
		Clonazepam, chlorpromazine,		
		10% dextrose. In the next 1-2		
		cases of abdominal pain per year		
		with hospitalization. Urinary		
		porphyrinogen is positive during		
		this pregnancy.		
8.	Marsde	AIP is established at the age of 19	38 weeks of	W/c. The child develops without
	n J.T. et	after an acute attack associated	emergency	disorders.
	al., 2010	with the premenstrual period.	caesarean	
		Prophylactic treatment with	section due to	
		hemin arginate in the	an acute attack.	
		premenstrual period is effective. I	Without	
		pregnancy at the age of 25 was a	perinatal	
		spontaneous abortion. This	complications.	
		pregnancy II, at 26 years old.		
		More frequent attacks of acute		
		i .	i	

		pain, increasing the frequency of		
		infusions of hemearginate up to 1		
		time per week. Elevated urinary		
		PBG levels were observed before		
		and during pregnancy. There is		
		another uncomplicated		
		pregnancy in the catamnesis,		
		management with		
		heminatearginate, the birth of a		
		healthy baby.		
9.	Marsde	25 years without a previous	38 weeks	W/c
	n J.T. et	diagnosis. One year ago, the	cesarean	
	al., 2010	pregnancy ended with abortion	section, the	
		at 21 weeks due to fetal CHD.	baby is healthy.	
		This pregnancy was complicated		
		at 8 weeks by acute abdominal		
		pain, feeling sick, vomiting,		
		generalized tonic-clonic seizures.		
		AIP was established, elevated		
		levels of urine PBG were		
		detected. Heminatearginate		
		treatment with antiemetics.		
10.	Marsde	19 years after the acute attack,	40 weeks	W/c
	n J.T. et	AIP was diagnosed. 28 years I	natural	
	al., 2010	pregnancy. Legs pain throughout	childbirth.	
		pregnancy, analgesics.		
		Moderately increased PBG in		
		urine		
11.	Marsde	At the age of 23 AIP was	Cesarean	W/c
	n J.T. et	diagnosed after the attack. 29	section, a	
	al., 2010	years I pregnancy. At 37 weeks,	healthy girl	

		abdominal pain, preeclampsia	without	
			congenital	
			porphyria.	
12.	Marsde	At the age of 12,VP was	Cesarean	W/c
	n J.T. et	diagnosed with by family	section for fetal	
	al., 2010	examination. Pregnancy without	distress at 40	
		manifestations.	weeks.	
13.	Marsde	25 years, 4 weeks of pregnancy.	12 weeks -	-
	n J.T. et	Acute symptoms and skin	spontaneous	
	al., 2010	manifestations. VP. Without	abortion. II, III	
		treatment. Next (after 2 and 5)	pregnancies -	
		pregnancies w/c	urgent natural	
			childbirth.	
14.	Marsde	AIP at age 21 at 20 weeks of	-	-
	n J.T. et	pregnancy. Diagnosed due to		
	al., 2010	family history, asymptomatic. II		
		pregnancy is asymptomatic. The		
		first attack 8 years after I		
		childbirth.		
15.	Marsde	VP at age 29 during the 4th	Normal	-
	n J.T. et	pregnancy due to family history.	childbirth.	
	al., 2010	1, 2 pregnancies - spontaneous		
		abortions up to 12 weeks. 3rd –		
		aa alive child		
16.	Martine	34 years old woman of Caucasian	There is no	Discharged with improvement.
	z N.,	nationality. Family history is	information	
	2011	unknown. Smoking in the past.	about the child.	
		The victim suffered a terrorist		
		attack - myringoplasty, an		
		artificial eyeball, had a course of		
		psychiatric treatment for post-		
		traumatic stress disorder.		
		Complaints of abdominal pain,		
		pain in the episiotomy wound,		

		during the early postpartum		
		period, that not stopped with		
		painkillers. Disorder with anxiety		
		and depression was diagnosed.		
		After 4 days, generalized seizures.		
		Fentoin, midazolam, mannitol.		
		Progressive changes of		
		consciousness to lethargic with		
		disorientation. Increased d-ALA,		
		PBG, total porphyrins,		
		coproporphyrins, uroporphyrins.		
		AIP. Iv heme alginate.		
17.	Meena	G5P2L2A2 Pregnancy V of a 36-	At the patient's	Discharged on the 3rd day.
	P. et	year-old patient who was	insistence, the	Barrier contraception is
	al.¹,	diagnosed with acute	pregnancy was	recommended.
	2011	intermittent porphyria 8 years	terminated by	
		ago, a history of 2 childbirths, 2	vacuum	
		abortions. The last attack 6	extraction	
		months before pregnancy, since	under spinal	
		then she took gabapentin 300 mg	anesthesia.	
		tablets. Pregnancy was detected	Used medicines:	
		at a preventive examination	preoperatively -	
		within 10 weeks 4 days	5% dextrose,	
			injections of	
			morphine and	
			propafol	
			intraoperatively.	
			Augmentin,	
			pantoprazole,	
			paracetamol	
			postoperatively.	
18.	Zhang J.	A 25-year-old woman was taken	At 36-37 weeks,	On the 2nd day of the
	et al,	with complaints of paroxysmal	the boy is alive,	postpartum period, headache,
	2017	abdominal pain, bloating,	by caesarean	dizziness, blurred vision. BP
			1	

constipation. In cousins AIP, inherited from the father. B-hCG is elevated, early pregnancy is diagnosed. Redness of urine during insolation. Porphyrin in urine, intracellular zinc-porphyrin  $10.3 \mu g/gHb$  (N 0-4.7). AIP was diagnosed. Glucose 14% iv for 12 days, esomeprazole iv for 8 days, injections of amino acid compounds for 12 days.Discharged with improvement. At 20 weeks she was hospitalized with abdominal pain, dizziness - recrudescence of AIP. Iv glucose, amino acid solutions, medium-chain, longchain triglyceride emulsions. The symptoms did not regress. Hemearginate (Normosang) 3 mg/kg/day for 4 days, + albumin, leukocyte-depleted erythrocyte mass of 6 units were added. Discharged with improvement. At 27 weeks she was hospitalized with abdominal pain, feeling sick and vomiting. Positive urine protein, urine bilirubin. Heminearginate, albumin, leukocyte-depleted erythrocyte mass. Discharged. At 32 weeks she was hospitalized with abdominal pain, feeling sick and vomiting. Heminearginate, 4

section. 170/110. Nitrendipine 10 mg.

MRT, MRA, MRV, diffusion

weighted image. Posterior

reverse encephalopathy

syndrome (PRES). Iv mannitol

for 7 days, 3 times convulsions 
diazepam, hemearginate 5 mg/

kg/day, additionally calcium

gluconate, sodium chloride,

magnesium sulfate. A series of

repeated imaging techniques

showed bilateral regression of

changes in the occipital lobes.

Discharged on the 12th day.

		mg/kg/day.		
19.	Mital	The mother was taken to the	Stillbirth.	-
	T.K. et	clinic in the early postpartum		
	al.²,	period after delivery a few hours		
	2020	ago with a dead fetus in another		
		hospital, in a state of severe		
		anemia. This pregnancy I took		
		place against the background of		
		previously established		
		hypothyroidism, which is		
		medically compensated, edema		
		of the extremities.LCP was		
		diagnosed at the age of 11. She		
		was treated with		
		immunomodulators and steroids.		
		Antenatally received 3 doses of		
		injectable iron sugar due to		
		anemia. During pregnancy, the		
		number of blisters on the		
		extensor surfaces of the		
		extremities increased, after		
		childbirth their number		
		decreased. The patient's elder		
		sister also has porphyria, but has		
		two healthy children due to two		
		uncomplicated pregnancies.		
		Normal hemodynamics during		
		hospitalization. Hypertrichosis on		
		the face. Areas of		
		hyperpigmentation all over the		
		body with scars, spots, especially		
		in places unprotected from the		
		sun. CHD was defined: ASD.		
		Splenomegaly. Hemoglobin in the		

		dynamics of 52 g/l, 78 g/l after 2		
		doses of packed red blood cells		
		transfusion. Total bilirubin is		
		increased to 1.3 mg/dl.		
		Retrospectively: increase in the		
		level of serum porphyrin to 220		
		nmol/I (N <15 nmol/I), increase in		
		porphyrin in urine to 360 nmol / l		
		(N <140 nmol/l). Injections of		
		multivitamins, vitamin C tablets,		
		iron sulfate, calcium, sun		
		protection was recommended.		
20.	Cerovac	26 years old. Examined for	V/ anesthesia	Rapid recovery of
	A. et al.,	spontaneous abortion, which	(propofol,	consciousness, in-touch
	2020	began at 8 weeks of pregnancy,	alfentanil,	capabilities. P/oper. p-d w/c.
		suffered from abdominal pain,	diazepam).	Markers have decreased within
		constipation, muscle weakness,	Vacuum	4 weeks.
		vomiting, dark urine. At home she	aspiration,	
		had bout of cramps. Took	curettage.	
		dydrogesterone 10 mg 3g/day for		
		2 weeks.Higher levels of d-ALA,		
		PBG in the urine. Iv glucose		
		solution. AIP is in the anamnesis.		
		The last attack 7 years ago in the		
		form of vomiting, acute		
		abdominal pain, frequent		
		urination, blood in the urine,		
		hyperthermia. Before during 4		
		months took COCs due to		
		irregular menstrual cycles.On the		
		1st day of the cycle she had tonic-		
		clonic convulsions to a state of		
		epilepticus status, which was not		
		removed by the maximum doses		

of diazepam, only short iv
anesthesia (midazolam
maleate).On MRI, posterior
reverse encephalopathy
syndrome (PRES). Hyponatremia,
hypokalemia, hypomagnesemia,
hypocalcemia. Increased contents
of pagal porphyrins,
uroporphyrin, coproporphyrin, dALA, PBG. Heminearginate,
glucose, symptomatic treatment.
Complete recovery. She hasn't
seen a doctor for 7 years.

### Conclusions.

- 1. Pregnancy and childbirth of women with porphyria belong to the group of extremely high risk (probability of acute attacks with neurological complications, increased frequency of abortions, premature births, low weight childbirth, early gestosis).
- 2. Antenatal supervision of such pregnant women should be carried out with the participation of subject matter specialists in the main disease with control of ②-ALA and PBG in urine, monitoring of the fetus state, delivery should be carried out in the perinatal centrellib level with the participation of a multidisciplinary team.
- 3. The result of pregnancy is significantly improved under the conditions of the diagnosis of acute porphyria before pregnancy, careful monitoring of the woman's health, preconception counselling, pregnancy not earlier than 18 months after the previous acute attack. Great importance is the family preventive examination in the case of the diagnosis of a relative.
- 4. Timely administration with pathogenetic treatment avoids serious complications for both mother and fetus. The safety of hemearginate during pregnancy has been proven.
- 5. The examination of the newborn is necessary, taking into account the autosomal dominant type of inheritance.

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