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The negative effects of pre-pregnancy and pregnancy diabetes on neurodevelopment and metabolism of newborn: Screening and foetal programming for the prevention

Diabetes and related complications are very problematic in a pregnancy for maternal and fetal health. This research is a focus on women in pre-pregnancy and pregnancy, in particular the attention is about risk factors as obesity, genetic conditions, familiar preeclampsia and metabolic diseases. This research is divided into parts: first is the analysis of diabetes conditions and consequences, in a pregnancy, for neurodevelopment of newborn and the second is an educational foetal programming for prevention. The problems are related in seven cases on 10 to diabetes mellitus in pre-pregnancy. In a cohort study on 92 women, 45 in pregnancy and 47 in pre-conceptional age, only 10% of pregnant women and 3% of non-pregnant know their diabetic conditions. In pre-pregnancy the diabetes and malnutrition, in association with a bad lifestyle, create a pre-inflammatory conditions with oxidation reactions, dangerous for mitochondrial genomic and for regulation of gene expression in future fetal development. Infact in this study in women with pre-pregnancy diabetes as new condition, the related complications as hypertension and metabolic scompenses was evident in 15 women, with overweight or obesity too. After this study the screening revealed in 15 cases the diabetes condition and complications with hypertension and hyperglycemia, in particular the consequence was the influences for fetal nutrition and neurodevelopment. The epigenetic effect of inflammatory status caused a vasoconstriction and damage against tissues in development in particular neuromuscular structures. The foetal programming and educational diabetics screening is the purpose for improvement in the pre-pregnancy health for a future life.

Biography

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