



## A study on Maternal and fetal outcomes of preterm premature rupture of membrane in Tertiary Medical College Bangladesh

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### Abstract

**Introduction:** *To be a mother, a woman must have a happy outcome of her pregnancy, both for the fetus and herself. Many factors influence the outcome of a pregnancy, and premature rupture of membrane (PROM) is one of them.*

**Objective:** *In this study our main goal is to estimate the maternal and fetal outcomes of premature rupture of membrane in Bangladesh.*

**Method:** *This cross-sectional descriptive type study was carried out from April 2016 to April 2018 at Tertiary Medical College Hospital, Bangladesh where after admission, full history including duration of pregnancy, time and onset of rupture of membranes, past history of rupture of membranes, past obstetric history was taken and data were entered into computer and statistical analyses was done.*

**Results:** *In the study majority of the women came from lower middle and poor class of the society where PPRM was more common among multiparous women. 28-30% neonates suffered from neonatal asphyxia. Chorioamnionitis was common in maternal outcome which was 20.5% in 32-34 gestational age.*

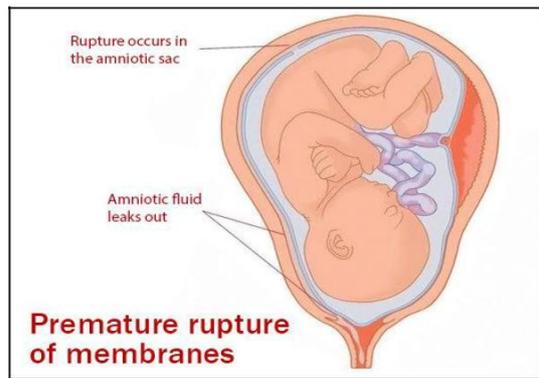
**Conclusion:** *PPROM was malnutrition and poverty related disease and for management. extra awareness is needed.*

**Keyword:** *Premature rupture of membrane (PROM), Neonatal asphyxia, Chorioamnionitis.*

### Introduction

Premature rupture of membranes also known as pre-labor rupture of membranes (PROM), there is a rupture of amniotic sac before the onset of labor. There is a painless gush or a steady leakage of fluid from the vagina. Complications in the baby may include premature birth, cord compression, and infection. Complications in the mother may include placental abruption and postpartum endometritis. Every woman dreams to be a mother in her life time. PROM is diagnosed when membrane ruptures before the onset of labor.

When membrane ruptures before the onset of labor at a gestational age <37 completed weeks, it is called preterm premature rupture of membrane. PROM at term pregnancy is common, occurring in 6 to 10 percent of all term births. Preterm PROM occurs in approximately 1% of all pregnancies. It is associated with 30-40 % of preterm birth and is one of the most common underlying causes of preterm delivery and perinatal death.<sup>4</sup> In Bangladesh, every year, around 28,000 women die due to complications of pregnancy and childbirth.<sup>[1][2][3]</sup>



**Figure 1a and 1b:** PROM occur in pregnant women and PROM in ultrasonography<sup>[4]</sup>

Nonscientific intervention in PROM made at various levels intensifies the pregnancy complications several times, thereby leading many more deaths of fetus and newborn. The etiology of PROM is largely unknown. It may be associated with an incompetent cervix, unstable lie, polyhydramnios, multiple gestation or possibly bacteriuria, specially beta-streptococci infection. Infection in the female reproductive tract (*Ureaplasma urealyticum*, *Mycoplasma*) is associated with PROM and preterm labor. Proper diagnostic facilities, proper monitoring facilities and a standard protocol in the management can improve the maternal and fetal outcome. <sup>[2]</sup> In this study our main goal is to evaluate maternal and fetal outcomes of premature rupture of membrane in tertiary medical college of Bangladesh.

## Objective

### General objective

- ✓ To assess maternal and fetal outcomes of preterm premature rupture of membrane.

### Specific objective

- ✓ To detect cause of PROM.
- ✓ To detect maternal outcome.

## Methodology

**Study Type:** This study was a cross-sectional descriptive type study.

**Study place and period:** This study was conducted at Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology in Tertiary Medical College Hospital, Bangladesh, from April 2016 to April 2018.

## Inclusion criteria

- Age between 16-35
- Pregnancy duration 28 to 36 weeks 6 days.

## Exclusion criteria

- ✓ Pregnancy 37 completed weeks with established labor
- ✓ Pregnancy 37 completed weeks with with ante partum hemorrhage and infection

## Method

382 pregnant women with preterm pre-labor rupture of the membrane were recruited from the inpatient of the labor ward of DMCH. Both primi and multi gravid women, who agreed to participate in this study, labor were included in this study. After admission, full history including duration of pregnancy, time and onset of rupture of membranes, past history of rupture of membranes, past obstetric history was taken. Rupture of the membrane was diagnosed by history of a gush of fluid from the vagina or continued leakage of fluid from the vagina and demonstration of membranes rupture has to be made by a sterile speculum examination visualizing flow of amniotic fluid from the cervical os and / or it's pooling in posterior vaginal fornix spontaneously or by fundal pressure and demonstrating alkaline PH of vaginal fluid by litmus paper.

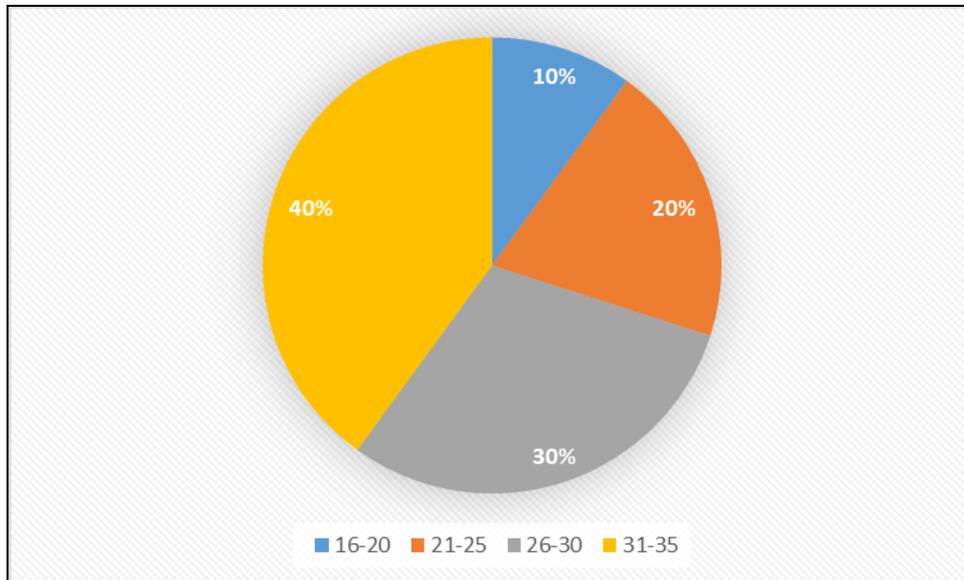
## Data Analysis

During the study all the data were checked and edited after collection. Then the data were entered into computer and statistical analyses of the results

were obtained by using window-based computer software devised with Statistical Packages for Social Sciences (SPSS-13) (SPSS Inc, Chicago, IL, USA). The results were presented in tables and figures, the statistical terms included in this study were mean, median, standard deviation, percentage.

**Result**

In figure-2 shows age distribution of the patients where mean age of the patient was  $27.84 \pm 6.278$  years and (31-35) years age group 40% higher than (21-25) age group. The following figure is given below:



**Figure-2:** Age distribution of the patients

In table-1 shows demographic characteristics of the patients where 37% women were multigravida where as 16% were primi gravida and 36.3%

respondents were educated up to SSC level and remaining 31.9% women educated up to degree level. The following table is given below in detail:

**Table-1:** Demographic characteristics of the patients

Variable	Mean/percentage
<u>Parity</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Primi	16%
<input type="checkbox"/> Multigravid	37%
<u>Education</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Below primary	22%
<input type="checkbox"/> Up to SSC	48%
<input type="checkbox"/> Above SSC	31.9%
<u>Antenatal care</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Regular	23%
<input type="checkbox"/> Irregular	56%
<input type="checkbox"/> No	51.28%
<u>Occupation</u>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Unemployment	69.9%

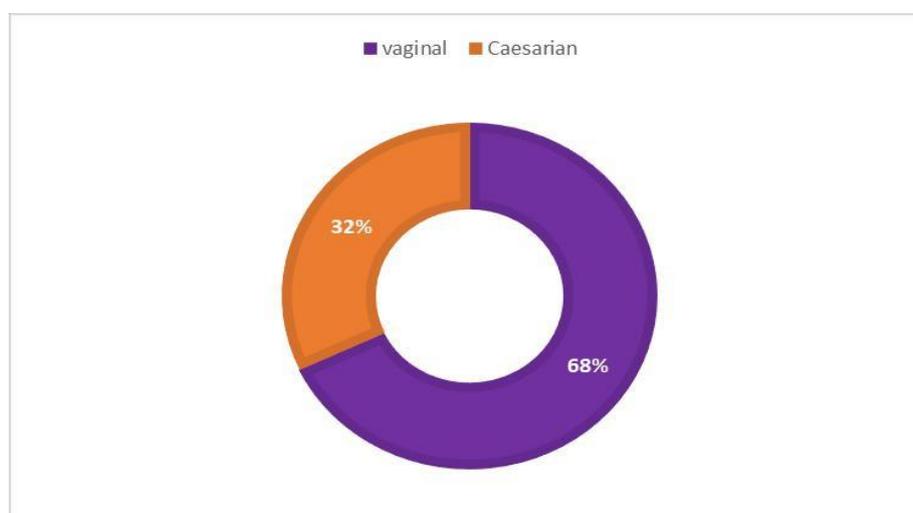
<input type="checkbox"/> service	30.1%
<b>Income</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> <4000/taka(monthly)	45%
<input type="checkbox"/> 4000-8000/Tk	55%
Gestational age in weeks	34.74±2.26weeks
Menstrual period	5.40±1.20day
Menstrual cycle	27.28±1.44days
Birth weight	2.58±.33kg
systolic blood pressure (SBP)	128.9±9.26mmHg
diastolic blood pressure (DBP)	71.2±8.24mmHg

In table-2 shows risk factor that increase the chance of it occurring where most of the patients had urinary tract infection (48%), followed by smoking(24%), over weight (6%). The following table is given below in detail:

**Table-2:** Risk factors of the patients

SL No.	Risk factor	Percent
1.	Urinary tract infection	48%
2.	Preeclampsia	14%
3.	Polyhydramnios	10%
4.	Multiple pg	9%
5.	Lower genital tract infection	8%
6.	Over weight	6%
7.	Low socioeconomic status	4%
8.	Cervical incompetence	1%
	Total	100%

In figure-3 shows mode of delivery of the patients where most of the patients had vaginal delivery 68% The following figure is given below in detail:



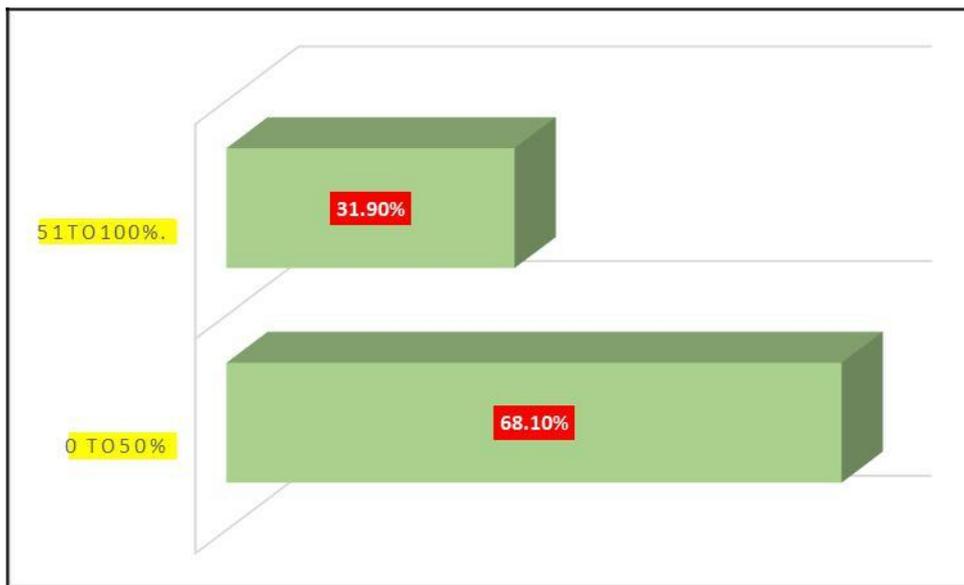
**Figure-3:** Mode of delivery of the patients

In table-3 shows distribution of associated diseases. Most of the patients (32%) had urinary tract infection among other diseases. The following table is given below in detail:

**Table-3:** Distribution of associated diseases

Variable	percent
Urinary tract infection	32%
Hypertension	25%
Anemia	15%
Lower genital tract infection	12%
Diabetes mellitus	5%
Renal disease	5%
<b>Heart disease</b>	6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

In figure-4 shows cervical effacement condition of the patients during admission where 68.1% women had cervical effacement 0 to50% and 31.9% had 51to100%. The following figure is given below:



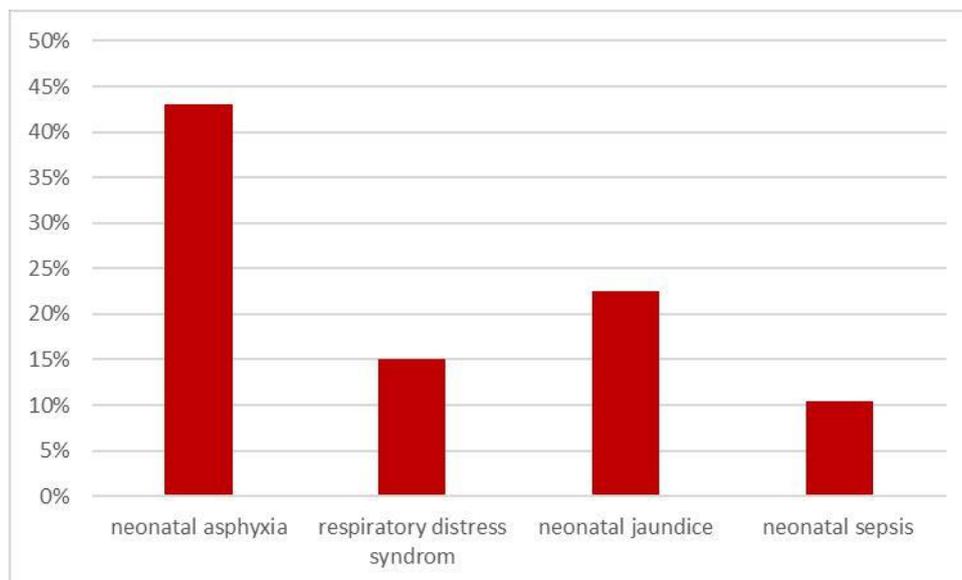
**Figure-4:** Cervical effacement condition of the patients during admission

In tabel-4 shows distribution of respondents with gestational age and time interval of membrane rupture to the onset of labor pain where mean time interval of onset of rupture membrane and delivery was 27.60 hours with a standard deviation of  $\pm 21.128$  hours. The following table is given below in detail:

**Table-4:** Distribution of respondents with gestational age and time interval of membrane rupture to the onset of labor pain (n=50)

Time interval of membrane rupture and delivery	Parity	
	Primi	Multi
<12hour	2	20
12-24 hours	7	15
24-48hours	6	7
>48hours	5	4
Undelivered	5	4
Time interval of membrane rupture & delivery(mean)	27.60±21.128hours	

In figure-5 shows fetal outcome in 32-34 gestational age where 43% neonates suffer from neonatal asphyxia, followed by 22.5% suffers from neonatal jaundice. The following figure is given below in detail:



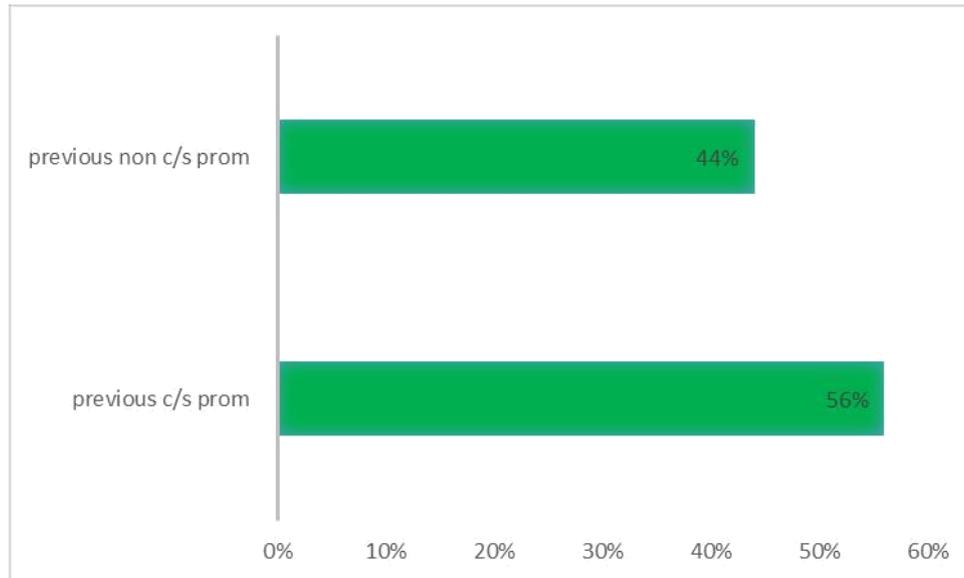
**Figure-5:** Fetal outcome in 32-34 gestational age

In table-5 shows maternal outcome in 32-34 gestational age where most of the women suffered from chorioamnionitis which is 67.5% higher than others diseases. The following table is given below in detail:

**Table-5:** Maternal adverse outcome in 32-34 gestational age

Variable	percent
Chorioamnionitis	20%
Endometritis	12%
Puerperal sepsis	16%
Abruptio placenta	10%
Wound infection	16.4%

In figure-6 shows distribution of patients according to previous c/s prom and previous non c/s prom where 57% had previous c/s prom. The following figure is given below in detail:



**Figure-6:** Distribution of patients according to previous c/s prom and previous non c/s prom

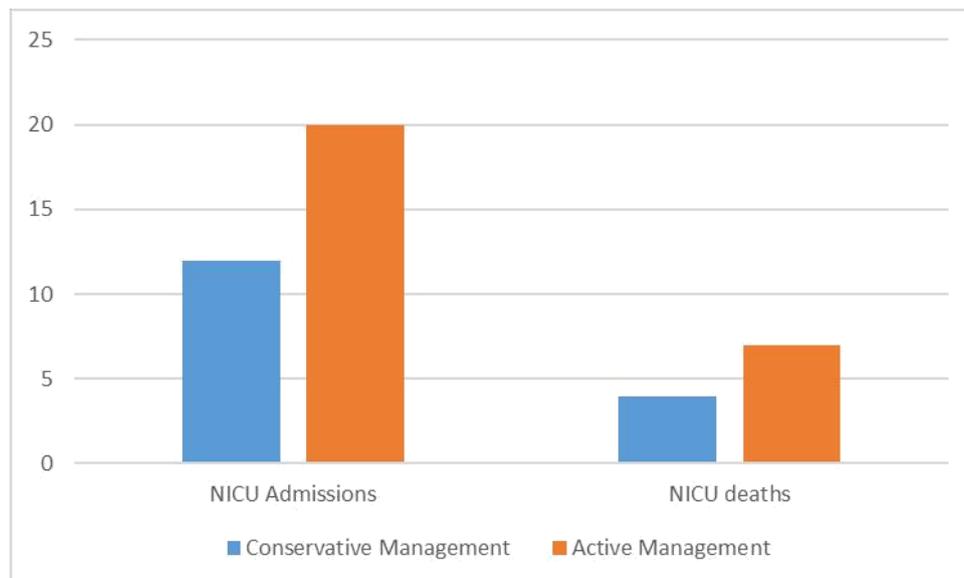
In table-6 shows maternal and fetal condition after 34-36 gestational age where incidence of Peuperal Pyrexia and chorioamnionitis was high in conservative management. The following table is given below in detail:

**Table-6:** Maternal and fetal condition after 34-36 gestational age

Maternal Condition	Total	Conservative Management	Active Management
Peuperal Pyrexia	12 (100%)	7 (56%)	5 (40%)
Wound Infection	5 (100%)	2 (40%)	3 (60%)
Chorioamnionitis	16 (100%)	10 (62.5%)	6 (37.5%)
<b>Fetal condition</b>			
Normal	54 (100%)	32 (59%)	22 (41%)
Asphyxiated	31 (100%)	11 (35%)	20 (65%)
Neonatal Death	15 (100%)	5 (33.3 %)	10 (66.6%)

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Figure-7 shows analysis of NICU admissions where after NICU admissions 4 neonatal died under conservative management and 7 neonatal died under active management. The following figure is given below in detail:



**Figure-7:** Analysis of NICU Admissions

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### Discussion

Occurrence of PPRM diverges from country to country and in the same country, from hospital to hospital. It is due to socioeconomic condition of the patient and also of the country. In this study, majority of the women came from lower middle and poor class of the society also PPRM was more common among multiparous women than primi, this findings is opposite to other study.<sup>[5]</sup> Mean age of the patient was  $27.84 \pm 6.278$  years which is similar to other studies.<sup>[6][7][8]</sup> Most of the patients are uneducated and poor. Poverty and illiteracy is interrelated and it affects nutrition, living standard, personal hygiene, immunity and consciousness of the patient. Infection is the most common cause of PPRM and in this study, 16 had UTI, and 7 had lower genital tract infection. Anemia, hypertension and diabetes are associated risk factors of PPRM by affecting nutrition and immunity of the patient produce PROM.<sup>[9]</sup> Coitus increases the incidence of PPRM by causing local trauma and also facilitates microbial entrance into the upper genital tract. This study shows that 60.10% patients had sexual activity within 2-7days. but lower rate was observed in other study.<sup>[5][10]</sup> Mean time interval of rupture membrane and delivery was  $27.60 \pm 21.128$  hours.

16 women delivered within 24 hours and among them 9 were multi and 7 were primi. Progress of labor is speeded among women with higher gestational age and gravidity. Vaginal delivery is the commonest mode of delivery in PPRM. Regarding neonatal outcome, we assess neonatal weight which was 2.60kg. 43% neonates suffered from neonatal asphyxia, respiratory distress syndrome (15%), neonatal jaundice (22.5%) and neonatal sepsis (10.5%) and admitted to special baby care unit. This result is accord with some other studies.<sup>[5][6]</sup> 32.5% suffered from chorioamnionitis, abruptio placenta (15%), puerperal sepsis (16%), endometritis (20.1%) and wound infection (16.4%). Most of the cases use of antibiotic reduces the risk of Chorioamnionitis. After 34-36 gestational age incidence of wound infection was high in active management. Maximum duration of hospital stay in active management was 10-12 days. Maximum duration of hospital stay in conservation management was 20- 25 days.

### Limitation

- All pt including term prom cannot included
- Unable to do C-reactive protein and ultrasonography in all cases.

### Conclusion

From this study we can conclude that majority of the patients were poor, their access to antenatal care was poor and PPRM is malnutrition and poverty related disease. For management PPRM, use of proper antibiotics, steroid administration and conservative mx, NICU facility, reduce hospital stay and ultimately reduce perinatal and maternal complications. Further study is requiring for better outcome.

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