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Early and mid-trimester amniocentesis had different procedure-related risks for miscarriage: a retrospective cohort study

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Due to a high likelihood of losses, early amniocentesis (EA)—before 15 gestational weeks—is not advised. The majority of studies performed amniocentesis between 11 and 13 weeks of gestation, which is quite early in pregnancy. However, because it reduces the time between the screening (non-invasive prenatal test (NIPT)) and the diagnostic test, amniocentesis carried out at 14 gestational weeks may be a significant substitute for mid-trimester amniocentesis (MA) (amniocentesis). In this study, the risk of miscarriage associated to the surgery was compared between MA (15 + 0 to 17 + 6 weeks gestational age) and EA (14 + 0 to 6 weeks gestational age). This study compares the MA cohort to the EA cohort in a multicentric, retrospective cohort setting from 1 January 2007 to 21 November 2018. Within four weeks of the operation, a spontaneous abortion is considered procedure-related fetal loss. Exclusion criteria included multiple pregnancies, amniocenteses conducted after 17 or before 14 weeks, indications other than prenatal genetic diagnostics, and procedures carried out by gynecologists with less training. 1107 out of 1515 women (73.1%) had complete outcome information, including 298 (83.2%) from the EA cohort and 809 (69.9%) from the MA cohort. There was no discernible difference (EA 0.82 percent vs MA 0.36 percent; $p = 0.646$). The difference was 0.46 percent (95% confidence interval: 0.123-3.699; odds ratio: 0.673). When EA was compared to MA in this study, there was no discernible difference in the procedure-related risk of miscarriage. EA might be regarded as a secure substitute, but more research is required.

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