

*Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living (MHSAL) supports reporting and learning from patient safety events. The focus of a patient safety review is to closely look at the health care system that surrounds and interacts with those giving and receiving care. The goal is to identify risks to patient safety and recommend the most effective ways to minimize risk and improve the delivery of healthcare.*

## **Patient Safety Learning Advisory**

### **Myomectomy Complications**

#### **Summary:**

A patient with a uterine prolapse was referred to an ambulatory clinic to be fitted for a pessary. On examination, a prolapsed fibroid 10 cm in size was found. The physician advised the patient that a urinary catheter should be inserted until arrangements could be made for the procedure to be completed in the Operating Room the following week.

The patient requested that the fibroid removal be done at this time. In keeping with facility policy, the physician obtained consent for the procedure. The fibroid was removed in the ambulatory clinic. Cautery was available for use in the event that bleeding resulted.

The patient started to bleed following the procedure. The blood loss was extensive enough to result in circulatory shock. The patient was transported to the Operating Room for emergency surgery to control the bleeding.

The patient recovered with no long-term effects.

#### **Keywords:**

Myomectomy, circulatory shock

This review is based on a single event.

**Findings of the Review:**

There was no diagnostic imaging used to visualize all possible causes of urinary retention.

The Emergency Response Plan was not initiated.

Disposable cautery extension was unavailable, waiting for new supplies from the company to arrive.

**System Learning:**

Explore opportunities to use diagnostic imaging in complex clinic procedures

Explore opportunities to plan and use scenarios for mock codes that are applicable to the department

Explore opportunities to ensure department staff are educated on non-stock equipment/supply order shipping times to ensure the equipment is available all at times

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