Referral to The Fetal Center

Diagnosis of possible fetal gastroschisis on outside ultrasound

Initial Consult at The Fetal Center:
• Comprehensive ultrasound
• Pediatric surgery consultation
• Should ultrasound reveal additional findings genetic counseling will be offered to patient
• Consideration for enrollment in GOOD study

Presentation of patient’s case at The Fetal Center weekly multidisciplinary conference for management and delivery recommendations

Ultrasounds Q3 weeks for fetal growth
• Consider umbilical artery Doppler

Patient instructed on daily kick counts. Begin weekly BPPs @ 32 weeks gestation

Change in fetal status
• Decreased fetal movement
• Change in bowel pattern
• Herniation of new viscera
• Severe IUGR

Increase to twice weekly BPPs. Present patient’s case at weekly multidisciplinary conference to finalize timing and mode of delivery.

Consider full transfer of obstetrical care to tertiary care facility by 28 weeks’ gestation

If eligible for the GOOD study, enroll patient prior to 33 weeks. Randomization occurs between 33 0/7 and 33 6/7 weeks.

Labor and Delivery tour. Neonatology consult & NICU tour

Follow-up pediatric surgery consult if needed

If randomized to GOOD study 35 weeks arm, patient will be induced between 35 0/7 and 35 6/7 weeks.

Delivery and transfer of neonate to the NICU for further management

If randomized to GOOD study expected management arm, patient will be induced between 38 0/7 and 38 6/7 weeks.

Induction of labor after 38 wks 0 days gestation at a tertiary care facility

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Follow-up pediatric surgery consult if needed

If randomized to GOOD study expected management arm, patient will be induced between 38 0/7 and 38 6/7 weeks.

Patient instructed on daily kick counts. Begin weekly BPPs @ 32 weeks gestation

If randomized to GOOD study 35 weeks arm, patient will be induced between 35 0/7 and 35 6/7 weeks.

Delivery and transfer of neonate to the NICU for further management

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