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Status epilepticus during pregnancy : A case report

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Background And Aims: Status epilepticus is a rare but potentially life threatening complication that women with epilepsy may experience during pregnancy. Poor compliance may contribute to the occurrence of status epilepticus, resulting in the need for substantial increases in anticonvulsant dosing to suppress seizures. This case report aims to report cases status epilepticus in patients during pregnancy at Dr. Sardjito Hospital.

Case: A 30-years-old G5P2A2, 25 weeks gestation presented to the emergency room with multiple seizure episodes of 3 days duration referral from a private hospital. She was known epilepsy patient diagnosed about 3 years ago and was on phenytoin but was not regular on follow-up or on her medications after she knew that she got pregnant.

Conclusion: Pregnancy sometimes worsens the frequency of seizures in known epileptics. One of which is that the physiological changes in pregnancy can lead to subtherapeutic serum levels of their drugs, pregnant women that discontinue their medications can precipitated status epilepticus.