

DISCUSSION

DATA-SUMMARY RESULTS

Two hundred and sixty-four women who had undergone hysterectomy or abdominal myomectomy at our centre in the last eight years were approached to participate in the study.

HISTORICAL RECORDS

Indications, complications, postoperative hospital stay and - where no clinical notes had been available - operation details were also assessed. Information obtained was compared with the information provided by the women. In addition, patients' records were reviewed to determine whether they had undergone hysterectomy or abdominal myomectomy. Details of all hysterectomies performed during the same period were also collected and compared with the information provided by the women.

RESULTS

Women who had undergone hysterectomy or abdominal myomectomy were asked to complete a questionnaire which contained questions on menstrual history, symptoms before surgery, surgical procedure, complications, and follow-up care.

RESULTS OF SURVEY

Information on 264 women who had undergone hysterectomy or abdominal myomectomy was collected. Women aged 20 to 44 years comprised the majority of the group. Women who underwent hysterectomy or abdominal myomectomy were predominantly white, married, and育有 children. Hysterectomy was performed for benign conditions in 216 women (81%), whereas abdominal myomectomy was performed for benign conditions in 48 women (18%).