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### TITLE

# **EFFECTIVENESS OF SHORT CERVIX CORRECTION IN WOMEN AT RISK**

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# **ABSTRACT**

Relevance. The incidence of preterm delivery was 6.4% according to official data in the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Objective.To evaluate the effectiveness of preventative methods of preterm delivery with a short cervix. Materials and methods. There were two groups based on the method of short cervix correction: I-32 patients who were treated with obstetric pessary Arabin combined with micronized progesterone at a dose of 300 mg/day intravaginally (Luteina, "Adamed") from the time of diagnosis of cervical shortening and up to 34 weeks of pregnancy, II-30 patients who had surgical cerclage in combination with micronized progesterone 200-300 mg intravaginally after cerclage and up to 34 weeks. 59 out of 62 pregnant women (90.3%) had a history of miscarriage: 39 (63%) had 2 or more spontaneous abortion at 18-21 weeks, 23(37%) previously had premature birth.

Results.28 women (87.5%) in the main group delivered at term. 4 women delivered prematurely (12.5%) at the 34 and 33 weeks of gestation. In the group of surgical cerclage combined with micronized progesterone 24 out of 30 pregnant women delivered at term (80%); In 6 cases (20%), corrective cervical stitches were removed at 31-34 weeks due to onset of labour and/or preterm rupture of membranes.

Conclusion. The effectiveness of methods of prevention of preterm birth in I group it was 87.5%, in II group it was 80%. A significant advantage of obstetric pessary is the absence of surgical aggression, invasive interventions, anesthesia and patient's fear of the procedure; the possibility of outpatient care, the possibility of use at the later stages of pregnancy.