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– no information about type of uterine suture used in the study population was given. It could be interesting to know if the art of the uterine suture influences niche's severity...

– what was the incidence of niche referred to the number of C-section? how long after the c-section did patients underwent surgery?

– what was the incidence of the requiring surgery niche patients?

– if you selected your study population only prior to niche's surgical correction, you could undergo selection bias! (you selected only patients, that came to the hospital because they had pain or vag. bleeding, but you have no information about the entity of the niche of those patients, who didn't go to the hospital)

– what about patients, who undergone more than two c-section?

– the concrete clinical use of the nomogram is not clear
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