

Early Pregnancy of Unsure Location

You had a positive pregnancy test but at this time the ultrasound does not show for certain that you have a pregnancy in your uterus (womb).

There are three possibilities for what is happening:

- 1) You have an early normal pregnancy. It is too early to see the pregnancy with an ultrasound.
- 2) You have an early pregnancy in the uterus that is not normal. This is going to end in miscarriage.
- 3) You have an ectopic pregnancy (a pregnancy outside of the uterus). Ectopic pregnancies are usually in the fallopian tube. They can be very dangerous and can cause sudden internal bleeding and even death. This is why we need to monitor your condition so closely.

What do I do next?

The safe way for us to know what is going on with your pregnancy is to follow your pregnancy hormone level (beta-hCG) over the next few days or weeks. This helps us to find out if the pregnancy is growing normally, is miscarrying, or is outside of your womb. We may also need you to repeat your ultrasound.

- We would like you to have a blood test on _____.
- We gave you a list of University of Michigan laboratory locations. It is very important that you use only these labs. Other hospitals use different tests that can make things confusing.
- Please tell us of any changes in your contact information. It is very important for us to be in touch about your results and next steps.

When to call us:

- Please call our **24-hour emergency** line immediately: **(734) 936-4000** and **ask to speak to the gynecologist on call** if at any time you notice:
 - Heavy bleeding (changing more than a pad per hour or passing large clots)
 - Increasing abdominal (belly) pain
 - Dizziness, lightheadedness, or loss of consciousness
 - Shoulder pain
 - Chest pain
 - Shortness of breath
 - Feeling that something is wrong
- You can call 911 if you need an ambulance.
- If you have any non-emergency questions, please call our Von Voigtlander Gynecology Clinic at (734) 763-6295 between 8am-5pm Monday through Friday.

Thank you for your cooperation during this difficult time. Please let us know if there is anything else we can do to help.

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