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Patient information

Emergency Gynaecology Unit (EGU)

Your appointment

Name:

D.O.B:

MRN:

Date:

Time:

Clinical history and observations:

If you have been asked to make an appointment for a scan, please contact the EGU the following morning, between 8.30 and 9.30 AM on 020 8535 6499.



Welcome to the Emergency Gynaecology Unit

In the EGU we look after patients with early pregnancy problems up to 18 weeks. Most patients attending the unit must have a booked appointment.

Our team

The EGU is staffed by a team of Specialists who are fully trained and experienced in early pregnancy care. You may be referred to see one of our consultants depending on the nature of your condition.

Your appointment

You may wish to bring your partner, a relative or friend with you. At your appointment you will be seen by one of our team of specialist staff.

Usually you'll be given a scan, the findings will be explained to you and you'll be given an opportunity to ask any questions you may have. If we need to take a blood test this will be taken in the unit and you may be asked to either wait, or be given a contact number for the results.

Waiting times

We work hard to see our patients at their designated appointment time. However, some consultations take longer and emergencies will be given priority, so please be patient. It's preferred that children do not attend if possible.

Scans

The majority of scans we do in the EGU are done vaginally. This means the tip of a ultrasound probe is passed into the vagina. This is not in any way damaging to a developing pregnancy and should not be painful, although some women experience slight discomfort. This scan can be done regardless of whether you are experiencing bleeding.

The scan requires an empty bladder, and you will be asked to pass urine before it is performed. Women who are over ten weeks pregnant will usually be scanned abdominally and this requires a full bladder. Depending on what we see during the scan a vaginal scan may also be necessary.

Referrals appointments and contacting EGU

Most women attending the unit for the first time will require a referral from their GP, our Emergency Department, or their midwife. If you have had a previous ectopic pregnancy, molar pregnancy, or two previous consecutive miscarriages, you can self-refer to the unit and arrange for an early scan. If you have any questions or concerns, our contact details are on the front of this leaflet.

If you have severe pain or heavy vaginal bleeding please go to the Emergency Department.

Research and teaching

As part of your visit to the unit, you may be asked to take part in a research study. This is entirely voluntary and will not affect the care you receive. The aim of our research is to work towards improving care for women in the future. We do understand that not everybody will wish to take part. You'll be given an information leaflet and time to think about your answer.

As a teaching hospital, we aim to train the next generation of specialist clinical staff. We often have students observing and clinical staff training to develop skills within the area of early pregnancy care.

More information

For more information, please visit:

www.miscarriageassociation.org.uk

<https://www.rcog.org.uk/en/patients/patient-leaflets/early-miscarriage/>