Pathway Guide – Pregnancy: Early Problems

Patient presents with Early Pregnancy Problem <20 gestation Initial assessment to include:

History:

- Bleeding, pain and other symptoms
- LMP and menstrual cycle history
- Current and previous pregnancies

Examination:

- Clinical observations
- Abdominal +/- bimanual examination of pelvis (if appropriate)

Investigations:

· Urine pregnancy test

Negative pregnancy test (manage as per benign pathway)

Positive pregnancy test

Unwell/signs of shock immediate transfer to nearest A&E Refer patient via hospital switch board: 0900-1700 – Call Consultant Gynaecologist 1700 – 0900 – Gynaecology Registrar

Saint Mary's Hospital Oxford Road

Referral to Emergency Gynaecology Unit (EGU) (Patient < 20 weeks gestation)

Open 24/7, Scan service only available between 9-5pm NB: Inform patient HCG levels will be measured prior to scan.

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- Abdominal pain
- Vaginal bleeding
- Previous history of ectopic, molar or recurrent miscarriages

<u>Saint Mary's Wythenshawe Hospital</u> (Patients should be < 16 weeks gestation)

Between 0900-1700 Mon-Friday: Referral directly to Early Pregnancy
Assessment Unit

Between 1700-0900 Mon-Friday and Sat /Sun: Referral to Gynaecology registrar on call and patient to attend EPAU (Ward F16)

Scan service only available between 9-5pm NB: Inform patient HCG levels will be measured prior to scan.

Patient Information

RCOG Bleeding and/or pain in early pregnancy

Referral Criteria

Positive pregnancy test

Local Guidance

Patients can self refer to EGU at Oxford Road with a positive pregnancy test and symptoms. Patients are seen in order of clinical priority.

National Guidance xx

Pain and bleeding in early pregnancy – NICE Guideline

Pathway Guide - Pregnancy: Nausea and Vomiting

Patient presents with Nausea and Vomiting at < 20 weeks pregnant Initial assessment to include:

History:

- LMP and menstrual cycle history
- Current and previous pregnancies
- Vomiting, tolerating food and drink
- Urinary symptoms and any other causes for vomiting
- Bleeding, pain and other symptoms
- Co-existing medical conditions e.g. diabetes

Examination:

- Clinical observations
- Assessment for dehydration
- Appropriate

Investigations:

- Urine analysis (checking for ketones or infection). Send MSU if appropriate.
- Abdominal +/- bimanual examination of pelvis if Urine pregnancy test if not previously undertaken

Primary Care Management if patient stable, clinically well and ≤ ketones (+)

- Rest
- Rehydration
- Avoid triggers
- Consider anti-emetics if intolerable
- Advise to seek medical review if deteriorates

Anti-emetics options:

- Xonvea starting at 2 4, up to 4 tablets/day
- Cyclizine 50mg tds Oral or PR
- Promethazine 10-20mg tds or
- Prochlorperazine 5-10mg tds (po) or 3-6 mg BD (buccal)

Further review in Primary Care to assess progress

Continue treatment if effective or trial alternative anti-emetics

Referral to Secondary Care Gynaecology if patient unstable, clinically unwell or ketones ≥ (++)

For urgent referrals contact the On -call Consultant Gynaecologist via switchboard (Registrar out of hours)

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< 20 weeks gestation 24/7

Saint Mary's Wythenshawe EPAU <16 weeks gestation Contact on call Gynaecology Registrar and patient to be sent to EPAU (Ward F16) if out of hours

> NB: Advise patients that they may receive daily outpatient rehydration

Patient Information

RCOG Hyperemesis Patient Information

Referral Proforma Not Required

Local Guidance

If clinically unwell or

no improvement

Patients can self refer to EGU (Oxford Road) with a positive pregnancy test and symptoms

National Guidance

RCOG Hyperemesis Guidelines