

Early pregnancy pain and bleeding with no scan confirming IUP

Fast track pathway for discharge from A&E out of hours (1900-0800)

Patient assessed as always with history and examination including speculum and bimanual examination (no need for routine bloods unless indicated – see below)

Eligible criteria:

Patient is pregnant and <18 weeks and has not yet had an ultrasound confirming location of pregnancy.

Has lower abdominal pain and/or bleeding PV

Observations are stable and pain manageable and does not need morphine or IV analgesia

Bleeding not heavier than a period

Abdominal exam – no acute abdomen- (no tenderness, rebound or guarding)

Bimanual examination reveals no adnexal tenderness or cervical excitation

Exclusion criteria:

Observation abnormal, bleeding heavier than a period acute abdomen or tenderness on BE.

Pathway:

Call maternity reception and book for scan next day. Allow patient home with instructions for scan. (if scan not available for next day DW gynae SHO)

Patients having exclusion criteria should be seen by Gynae SHO ASAP

Note on Investigations: HB to be done only if bleeding is heavier than a period.

WCC and CRP only needed if signs of infection (temperature, or tachycardia or acute abdomen)

Vaginal swabs only needed if patient has green/yellow PV discharge or foul smelling PV discharge