

## **Patient presenting with vulvar cysts/abscesses**

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

Patient assessed as always with history and examination including vulva examination.

#### **Eligibility criteria for discharge with a FU plan**

Painful swelling has been present for at least a week or more.

Has not received antibiotics.

Swelling is not fluctuant.

Pain responds to oral analgesia

**Pathway:** Commence Cephalexin and metronidazole (if no allergies) and arrange FU for 4-5 days' time in Jasmine Unit via Maternity unit. Explain to maternity reception it is a non-scan appointment.

#### **Criteria for patients to be admitted if any one of the following fulfilled**

Swelling is fluctuant

Pain not responding to oral analgesia including NSAIDs

Swelling persistent after a course of antibiotics.

**Pathway:** Admit and inform gynae SHO. Gynae SHO to review patient on ward and book for emergency theatre next day if incision and drainage is appropriate treatment.

(currently we cannot book these patient in the ERPC list,.. need to explore if they can go home and booked onto emergency list in the morning..)