Pregnancy of Unknown Location

We can’t confirm from your ultrasound that your pregnancy is in the right place, even though your pregnancy test was positive. We call this a pregnancy of unknown location.

There are 3 reasons that this might have happened—

1. **Your pregnancy is normal, but it’s too early to see:** This is common in patients who aren’t sure when their last period was. It’s also common in patients with irregular or long periods.

2. **Miscarriage (loss of pregnancy):** Signs of a miscarriage are light or heavy vaginal bleeding.

3. **Ectopic pregnancy:** This is when the pregnancy forms where it’s not supposed to. It forms outside of the uterus, usually in the fallopian tube. This can be dangerous and may be hard to see on the ultrasound in its early stages.

   It’s important that we see you often because an ectopic pregnancy can cause internal bleeding.

If you have any of these symptoms, go to the nearest Emergency Room.

- Abdominal (stomach) pain that is sudden or is getting worse.
- Heavy bleeding (soaking more than 2 pads per hour for 2 hours in a row)
- You’re feeling dizzy or lightheaded
- Fever higher than 100°F

Next Step: Go to Your Appointments

Your appointments are very important. They will help us figure out what is happening with your pregnancy. Write your next appointments here.

- I will have my blood drawn on ________________ at a Tricore Lab. (You can look up the lab’s locations on this website: [http://www.tricore.org/Locations](http://www.tricore.org/Locations))

- I have a clinic appointment on _________________.
  Your provider may discuss your symptoms or do another ultrasound.

The hospital will call you with your test results and will let you know if you need to come in again.