

Käypä hoito



Ectopic pregnancy

Current Care Summary

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Ectopic pregnancy should be suspected if a woman of fertile age has lower abdominal pain and irregular vaginal bleeding. Symptoms range from almost none to shock.

The diagnosis is based on a quantitative serum pregnancy test (hCG) and transvaginal ultrasound.

An acute situation requires emergency surgery, whereas patients with mild symptoms should be treated polyclinically by follow-up or a single intramuscular dose (1mg/kg) of methotrexate. No folic acid supplementation is needed. In later pregnancies their location should be verified by transvaginal ultrasound done by the seventh gestational week at the latest.

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