

Early Pregnancy Problems

Objectives

- Summarize the epidemiology, evaluation and management of vaginal bleeding prior to 20 weeks, ectopic pregnancy and molar pregnancy
- Discuss the epidemiology, pathophysiology, diagnosis and treatment for spontaneous and therapeutic abortion
- Compare and contrast expectant, medical and surgical management of early pregnancy bleeding problems
- List potential complications for early pregnancy bleeding problems
- Review the regulatory barriers and laws that affect abortion and pregnancy loss care and management

Content Outline

1. Vaginal Bleeding Before 20 Weeks Gestation
 - A. First and second trimester loss
 1. Epidemiology
 2. Evaluation & management
 - a. Expectant management
 - b. Medical management
 - c. Surgical management
 - d. Complications
 - B. Ectopic pregnancy
 1. Epidemiology
 2. Evaluation & management
 - C. Molar pregnancy
 1. Epidemiology
 2. Evaluation & management
 - a. Ultrasound findings
 - b. hcG levels
 - D. Psychological counseling
 - E. Regulatory barriers
2. Spontaneous and Therapeutic Abortion
 - A. Epidemiology
 - B. Pathophysiology
 - C. Diagnosis
 - D. Treatment
 1. Expectant management
 2. Medical management
 3. Surgical management
 - E. Complications
 - F. Changing regulatory environment

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Reading Material Resources

Module WB2604: Early Pregnancy Problems is based on the resources listed below. A copy of each resource is included with the module.

Vaginal Bleeding Before 20 Weeks Gestation, Banwarth-Kuhn, et al., *Obstetrics and Gynecology Clinics of North America*, 50 (2023), 473-492

Spontaneous and Complicated Therapeutic Abortion in the Emergency Department, Manning, et al., *Emergency Medical Clinics of North America*, 41 (2023), 295-305