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**ECTOPIC PREGNANCY
CAN BE
LIFE-THREATENING**

Symptoms

- May occur from 4-12 weeks gestation or later
- Vary and can resemble other conditions, e.g. gastrointestinal conditions, miscarriage, UTI



Unusual period

Usually a positive pregnancy test



Unusual vaginal bleeding



Abdominal/pelvic pain



Bladder/bowel problems



Rectal pressure



Shoulder tip pain



Shock or collapse

**Some patients experience minimal
or even no symptoms**

With a suspected ectopic pregnancy:

- If a patient is showing signs of haemodynamic instability (including pallor, tachycardia, low oxygen level, hypotension, shock and collapse),
- triggers Early Warning Score, or
- there is concern about the degree of bleeding or pain,
arrange immediate ambulance transfer to hospital (inform on-call gynaecology).

If immediate hospital transfer is not indicated:

- *complete urine pregnancy test (if not already done); and*
- if pregnancy is confirmed, refer to early pregnancy unit.

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