

## **Patient Information Leaflet Early Pregnancy Unit (EPU)**

# **Patient advice following surgical management of an ectopic pregnancy**

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Following surgical management with **removal of the Fallopian tube** (salpingectomy), we recommend that you perform a urine pregnancy test after 3 weeks. If it is positive, please contact the Early Pregnancy Unit (EPU) for advice, you may need to attend for a blood test or an ultrasound scan.

Following surgical management with **conservation of the Fallopian tube** (salpingostomy), you will have weekly blood tests arranged in EPU. These are to monitor your pregnancy hormone level ( $\beta$ hCG), until the level falls below 20iu/L.

For the prevention of pelvic infection, all women diagnosed with an ectopic pregnancy will be advised to take oral antibiotics for 7 days, you will be provided with these.

The risk of recurrence of an ectopic pregnancy after 1 previous ectopic pregnancy is 10% and after 2 or more is 20-30%. All women who have had an ectopic pregnancy can self-refer to EPU for an early ultrasound scan at 6 weeks gestation in all future pregnancies, even if asymptomatic.

We understand that being diagnosed with an ectopic pregnancy can be a very distressing and frightening experience. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Other useful websites:

[www.miscarriageassociation.org.uk](http://www.miscarriageassociation.org.uk)

[www.ectopic.org.uk](http://www.ectopic.org.uk)

**Early Pregnancy Unit:**

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