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Early pregnancy scans



Early pregnancy can be a worrying time for some women and we want to provide the best care for you. If you attend the Admissions unit at RJMS or the Accident and Emergency department at RVH or MIH, you will be assessed by a midwife or senior nurse. If it is not an emergency ie. if the bleeding is not heavy, and the pain is not severe, your details will be taken and you will be contacted by the midwives from the Early Pregnancy clinic to arrange an appointment at the earliest appropriate time.

At the Early Pregnancy clinic you will be seen by midwives who specialise in the care of women with early pregnancy problems, and they will perform an ultrasound scan if necessary.

If, while you are waiting for your Early Pregnancy clinic scan, your symptoms change and become more severe, eg. bleeding requiring change of pad more than every 30 minutes or pain that is not relieved by simple painkillers, you should contact the Admissions unit at RJMS on 028 9615 0596 or 028 9615 1080 for advice.

The majority of women will not require a scan in the Admissions department. A scan will not affect the outcome of the pregnancy, and some women will miscarry while waiting for the Early Pregnancy appointment. The midwives in the Early Pregnancy clinic will be able to discuss any concerns that you have. The clinic runs Monday to Friday from 08.45 to 16.00, the telephone number is 028 9615 1198 or 028 9615 1197.