



INFORMATION FOLLOWING MISCARRIAGE OR ECTOPIC PREGNANCY

Patient information Leaflet

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This leaflet is here to provide you with some information about what happens now following your miscarriage or ectopic pregnancy.

Investigations

You have an option to have the pregnancy tissue you passed or that were obtained during surgery, to be examined under a microscope (a histological examination where small pieces of tissue are made into wax blocks, then tiny sections are put on a glass slide so they can be looked at under the microscope). You will be asked to sign a consent form for this. The blocks and slides are usually kept indefinitely for possible review or future diagnostic testing (if this became useful). You will also be asked if you want to consent to allowing the blocks and slides to be used for audit, teaching, quality control or research. Please be aware that in some cases, if the amount of tissue is very small, all the tissue may be used up in the examination.

If any follow up is required following the histology examination, you will be contacted. Most General Practitioners (GP) can view the results electronically after approximately 6 weeks.

If this is your 3rd consecutive confirmed miscarriage, with the same partner, it may be useful to try to check the chromosomes from the pregnancy. This is done by sending a very small sample of tissue to St Mary's Hospital genetic department. There is usually no remaining tissue left after the sample has been processed and it is usual for the sample to be stored for future DNA testing, if this was thought to be useful in the future. You will be asked to sign a consent form for this. Please note, sometimes the testing is unsuccessful and sometimes the mother's chromosomes are tested rather than the baby's.

Your Options for cremation or burial

You have options to consider for disposal of your pregnancy (this does not include blocks and slides)

- The hospital will arrange to have the remains sensitively cremated at Dukinfield Crematorium. This cremation is a collective cremation and all the remains receive a blessing by a hospital chaplain. If any ashes remain following the cremation, these are scattered in the Baby Garden in Dukinfield Cemetery. The cremation is paid for by Tameside and Glossop Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust.
OR
- You can choose to collect the pregnancy remains from the hospital mortuary department yourself or appoint a funeral director of choosing to collect on your behalf and arrange a private burial or cremation. You can contact a Funeral Director of your choice to arrange this. You should contact the mortuary 7 days after you are discharged from hospital to arrange this with the mortuary team on 0161 922 6059

You may not be able to decide which option to choose at the moment. If you are undecided, we will keep the pregnancy remains for a period of 12 weeks from the date of your miscarriage. Please contact Women's Health Unit when you have been able to decide. If you do not make any contact with us within the 12 week period, we will arrange for cremation of the remains in the next collective monthly cremation service, as per Trust policy.

If you or your partner have a special request or would prefer different arrangements, you would need to make these privately. If you need any more information regarding special requests, contact the mortuary team on 0161 922 6059

Useful contact numbers:

Women's Health Unit 0161 922 6201

Early Pregnancy Assessment Unit 0161 922 6544

Miscarriage Association Helpline 01924 200799

Or visit: www.miscarriageassociation.org.uk

If you have a visual impairment this leaflet can be made available in bigger print or on audiotape. If you require either of these options please contact the Patient Information Centre on 0161 922 5332

If you require an interpreter, please ask an appropriate person to contact our central booking office between Monday to Friday 8am to 5pm on 0161 922 6991 to arrange this for you.

語言翻譯及病者支持服務 (LIPS):

如果閣下需要翻譯員在您的預約當日幫助您的話 請找一名合適的家庭成員 0161 922 6991 聯絡本中

央預約辦事處來您您安排 我們的辦公時間是星期一至星期五 上午 8 時至下午 5 時

Językowo Tłumaczeniowa Usługa Pomocy dla Pacjenta (Language, Interpretation and Patient Support Service LIPS):

Jeśli potrzebujesz pomocy tłumacza w trakcie swojej wizyty, proszę poprosić odpowiedniego członka rodziny o skontaktowanie się z Centralnym Biurem Zamówień (Central Booking Office), w celu zorganizowania tłumacza pomiędzy poniedziałkiem a piątkiem w godzinach od 08:00 - 17:00 pod numerem 0161 922 6991.

لینگویج، انٹریپریٹیشن اینڈ پیسٹنٹ سپورٹ سروس (Lips)

اگر آپ کو اپنی اپائنٹمنٹ کے لئے مترجم کی مدد کی ضرورت ہو تو براہ مہربانی اپنے خاندان کے کسی موزوں فرد سے کہیں کہ وہ ہمارے سنٹرل بنگ آفس سے پیر سے جمعہ 8.00 بجے صبح سے 5.00 بجے شام کے دوران 0161 922 6991 پر فون کر کے اس کا بندوبست کریں۔

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