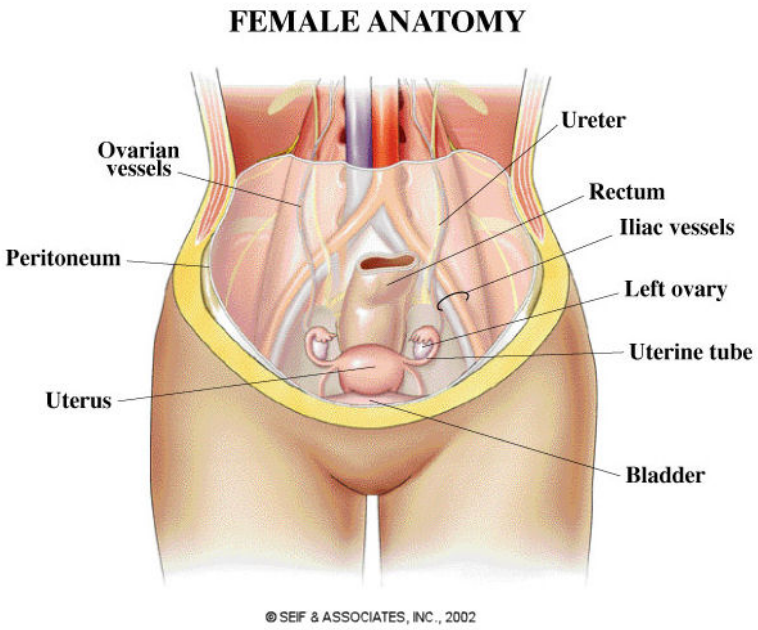
Ectopic Pregnancy

An ectopic pregnancy happens when a fertilized egg implants outside the uterus. You may or may not need surgery to remove it.

SYMPTOMS

- Feeling sick to your stomach (*nauseous*).
- Tiredness.
- Breast tenderness.
- Pain with sex (*intercourse*).
- Vaginal bleeding or spotting.
- Cramping or pain on one side or in the lower belly (*abdomen*).
- Fast heartbeat.
- Passing out while pooping (*bowel movement*).
- Sudden, severe pain in the belly.
- Dizziness or fainting.
- Pain in the shoulder area (sometimes).



HOME CARE

If you had methotrexate treatment:
- **Do not** drink alcohol.
- **Do not** take vitamins with folic acid.
- Only take medicine as directed by your doctor.

If you had surgery:
- **Do not** have sex until your doctor says it is okay.
- **Do not** lift anything over 5 pounds (2.3 kilograms).
- Only take medicine as directed by your doctor. **Do not** take aspirin.
- Avoid alcohol if you are taking pain medicine.
- Change your bandages (*dressings*) as directed.
- Keep all your follow-up visits with your doctor.
- Get plenty of rest.

GET HELP RIGHT AWAY IF:

You had surgery and:
- There is bleeding from the cut (*incision*).
- There is redness, puffiness (*swelling*), and pain around the cut.
- There is fluid (*pus*) coming out of the cut.
- The cut is opening up.
- You have shortness of breath.
- You have chest or leg pain.
- You become dizzy or pass out (*faint*).
- You have a temperature by mouth above 102° F (38.9° C), not controlled by medicine.

You had the methotrexate treatment and you:
- Feel sick to your stomach.

- Throw up (*vomit*).
- Have watery poop (*diarrhea*).
- Feel dizzy.

MAKE SURE YOU:

- Understand these instructions.
- Will watch your condition.
- Will get help right away if you are not doing well or get worse.

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