



Could she have an ectopic pregnancy?

A major cause of maternal death in the UK (mainly due to failure to consider the diagnosis)

- ♥ The patient may not have missed a period
- ♥ Could present without vaginal bleeding
- ♥ Sometimes presents with vague gastrointestinal symptoms
- ♥ Should be considered in all women of reproductive age who present with abdominal/pelvic pain
- ♥ Abdominal palpation may not reveal tenderness despite a significant haemoperitoneum
- ♥ Hypotension/hypovolaemic shock is a late event; tachycardia is a concerning clinical finding
- ♥ An ectopic pregnancy may be present despite a negative pelvic ultrasound
- ♥ A negative urinary pregnancy test virtually excludes an ectopic, or any other pregnancy

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