

## **ECTOPIC PREGNANCY**

### **Hacker, et al. 4<sup>th</sup> Ed. Chapter 25**

A 37 year old woman, G5P3013 with a last menstrual period 8 weeks ago, presents to the Emergency Room with right lower quadrant pain, nausea and vomiting, and vaginal spotting. The Emergency Room provider was concerned that the patient may have appendicitis because of her history as well as her past surgical history significant for a tubal ligation. Initial lab work revealed a positive hCG. Please discuss the diagnosis, management and outcome for this patient.

#### **Questions to Consider:**

1. What is the normally expected rise in B-hCG every 48 hours early in pregnancy?
2. What are the side effects and complications associated with methotrexate use?
3. Who is a candidate for methotrexate?
4. How does appendicitis “look” different than an ectopic pregnancy clinically?

#### **APGO Educational Topic 15: Ectopic Pregnancy**

1. Develop a differential diagnosis for bleeding and abdominal pain in the first trimester.
2. Identify the risk factors associated with ectopic pregnancy
3. Be able to evaluate a patient suspected of having an ectopic pregnancy
4. Diagnose an ectopic pregnancy
5. Describe treatment options for patients with ectopic pregnancy