

MULTIPLE GESTATION

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A 41 year old Lt. Colonel, G1, presents to OB clinic for her initial OB visit. She is very happy to have undergone IVF treatment with the military and was told by her reproductive doctor that she had twins. She has several questions today in clinic for you. Please discuss the different types of twin gestation, and the care this patient will require during her pregnancy.

Questions to Consider:

1. What are this patient's risk factors for twins?
2. Are assisted reproductive techniques associated with twinning?
3. What else might you address with this patient because of her age?
4. What if this patient were 25 years old; would she have the same potential complications?

APGO Educational Topic 20: Multifetal Gestation

- a. Discuss the etiology of monozygotic, dizygotic, and multizygotic gestation.
- b. Describe the altered physiologic state with multifetal gestation.
- c. Describe the potential complications associated with multifetal gestation.