

# Early Pregnancy Step by Step

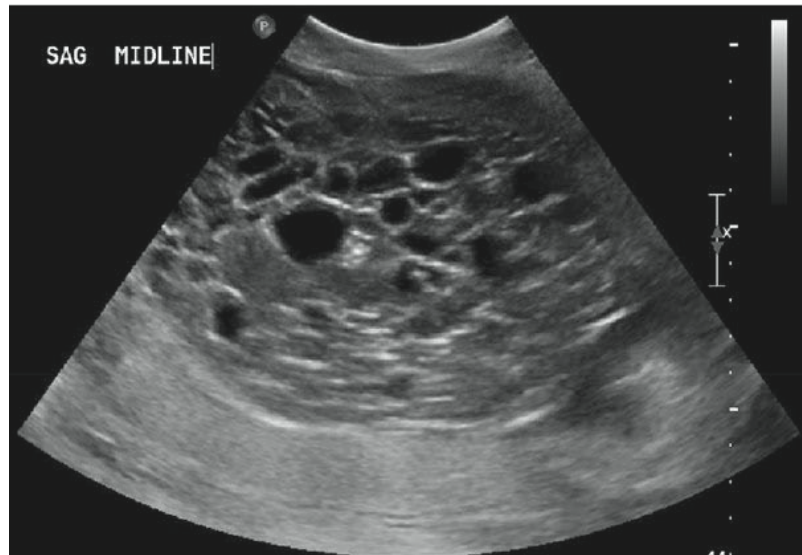
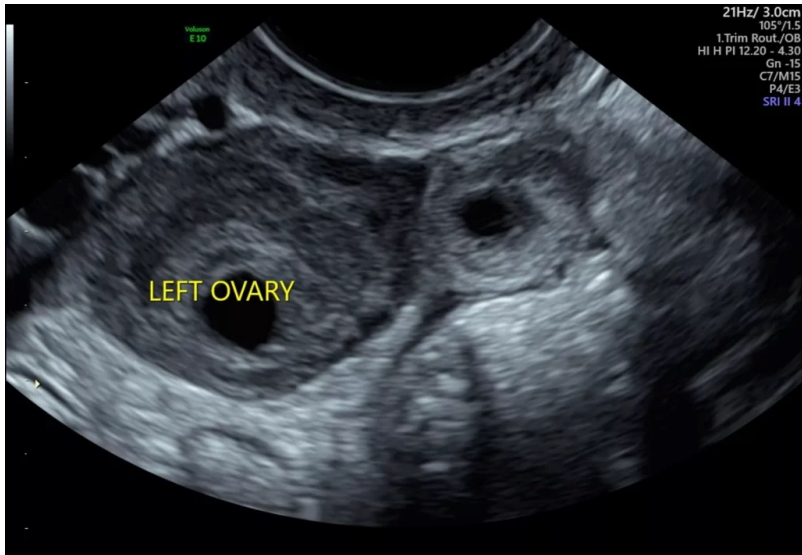
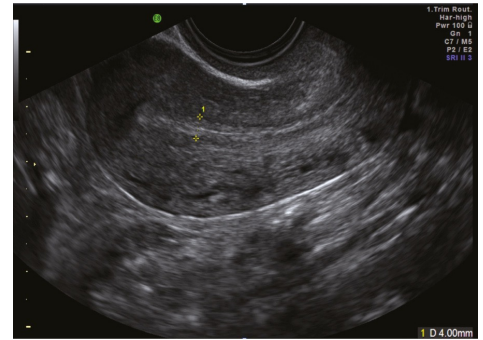
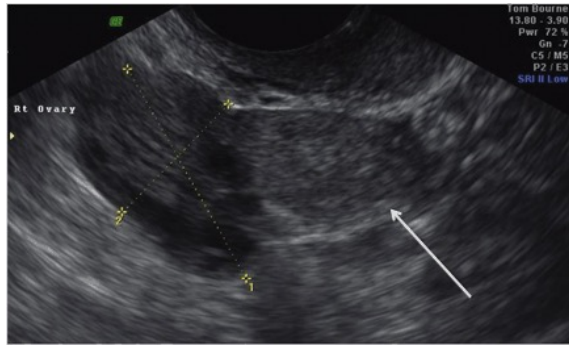
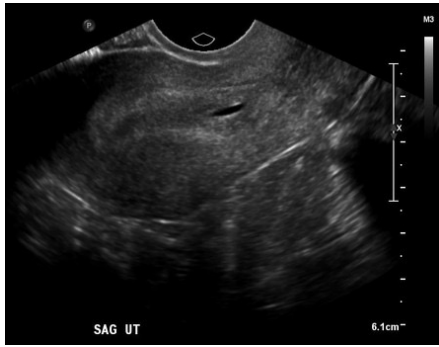
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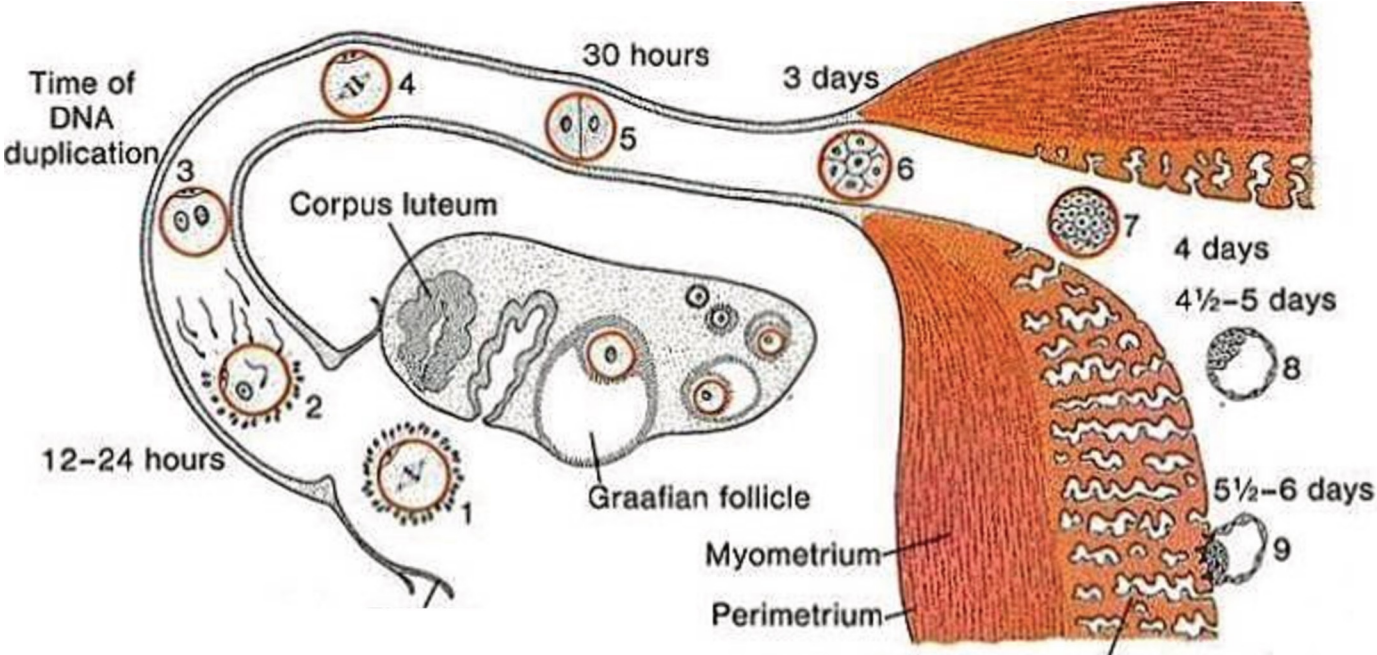


## Goals 4-10 week assessment by US

1. Normal appearance gestational sac (GS), yolk sac (YS) and embryo
2. Assessment of mean sac diameter (MSD) and CRL
3. Viability criteria and terminology in non-viable pregnancy
4. Recognition of ectopics, principles of pregnancy of unknown location (PUL)
5. Role hCG and management of PUL
6. Molar pregnancy



# Conception and implantation

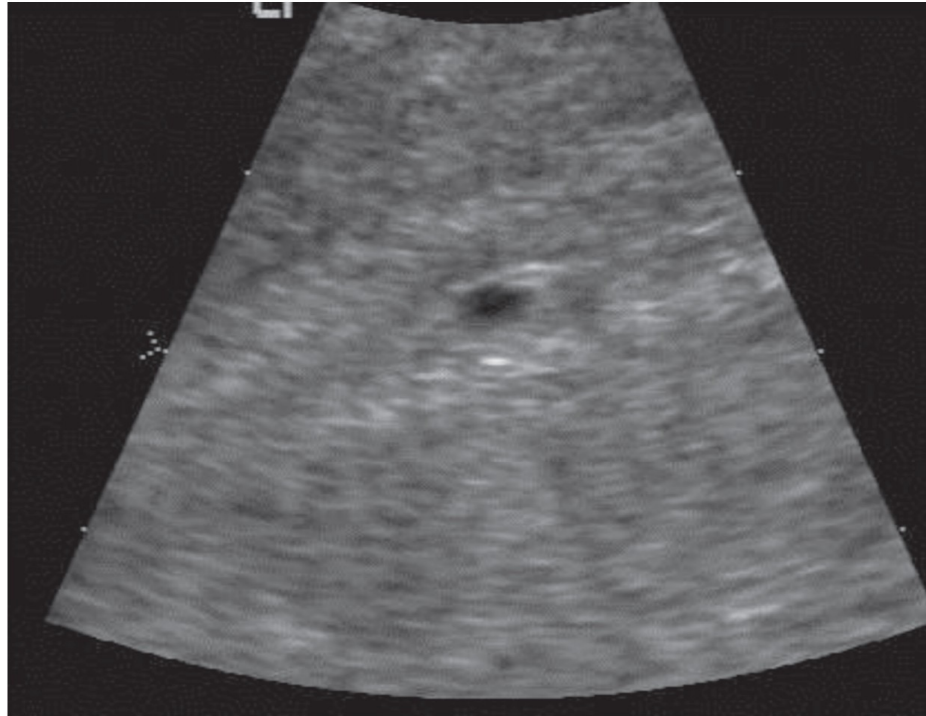
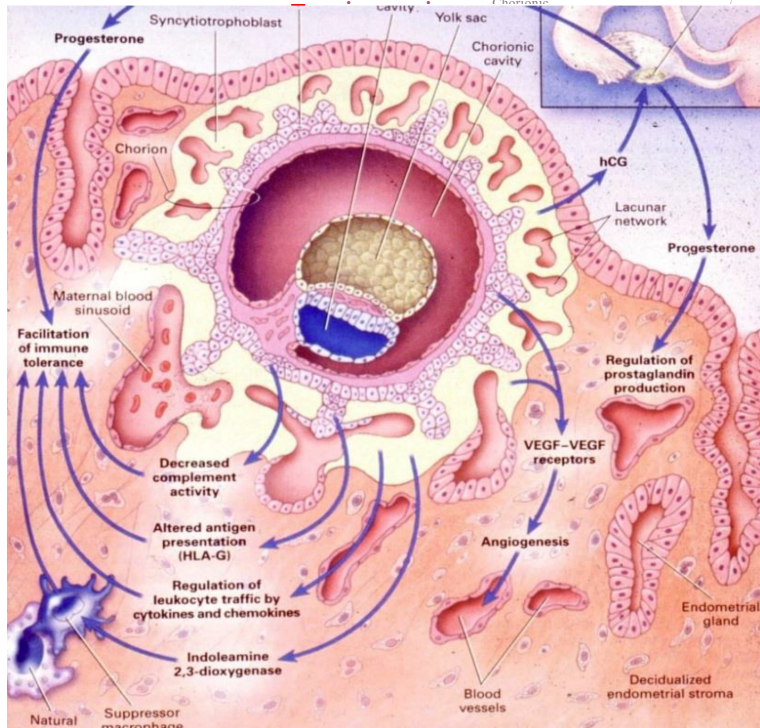


# Embryo from 0-8 weeks



Source: The Virtual Human Embryo Project

# Implantation > gestational sac



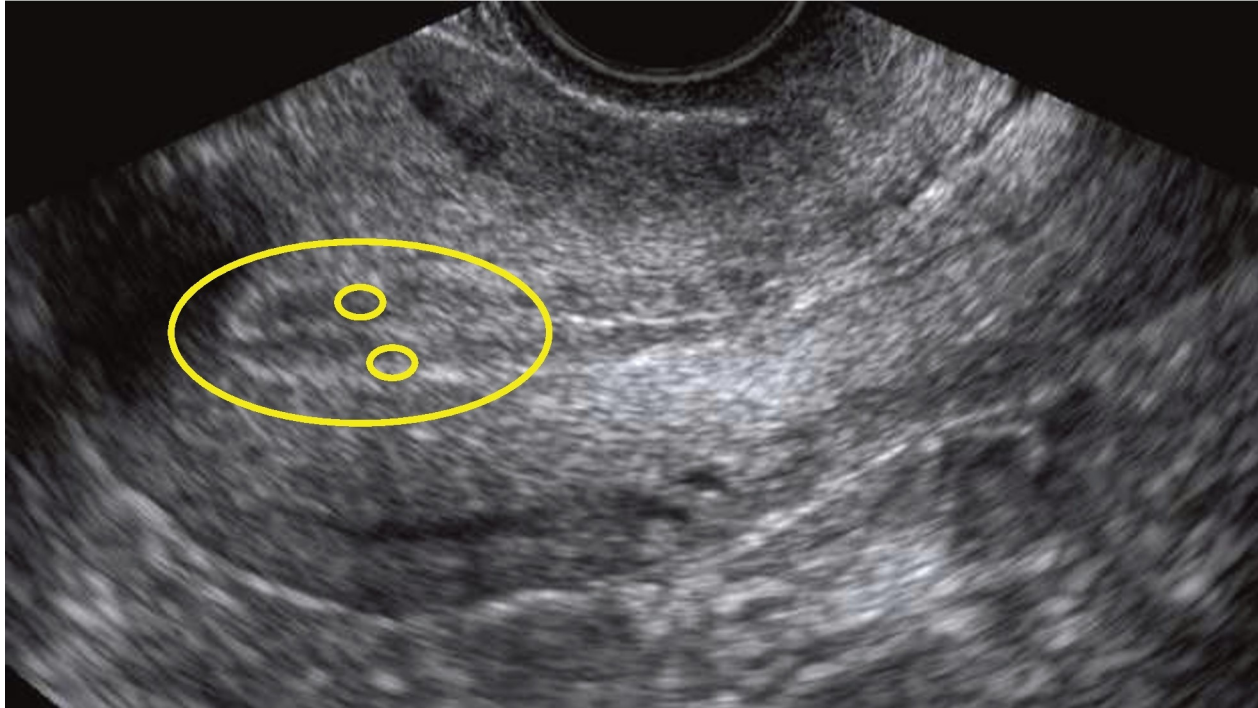
1st evidence pregnancy on ultrasound; completely embedded blastocyst 14 days post conception  
NEJM 2001 ;345/1400

# Gestational sac

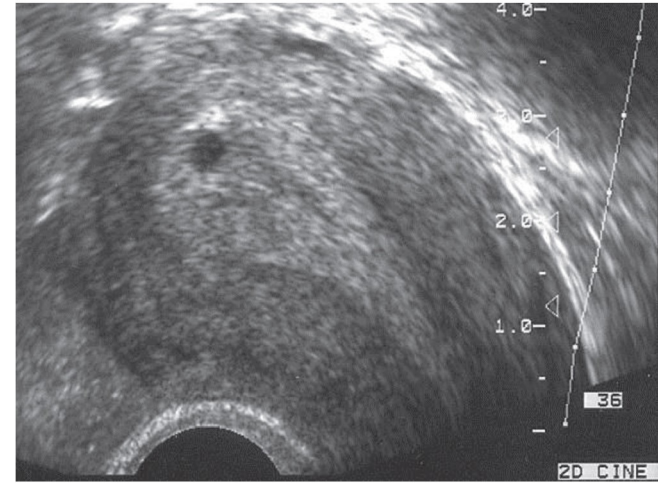
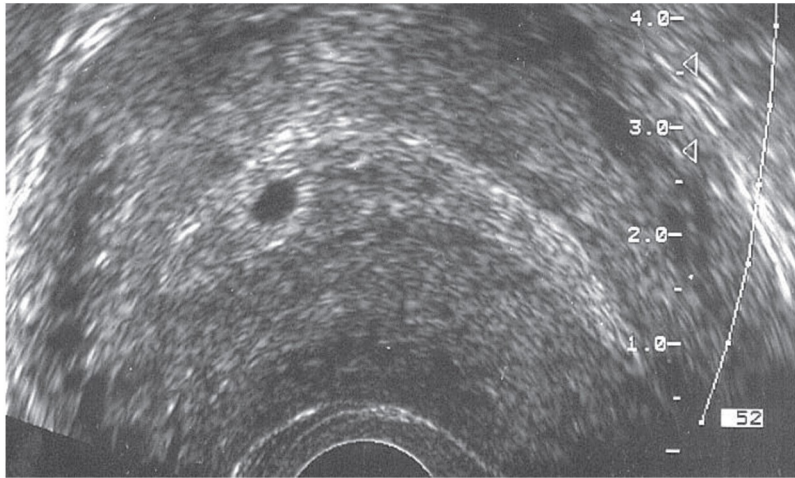
1. Small, round fluid collection inside uterine cavity
2. Normally positioned in mid-to upper uterine cavity
3. Surrounded by a hyperechogenic rim
4. Visible at approximately 5 weeks of gestation
5. Beware of difference in gestational age and embryo age

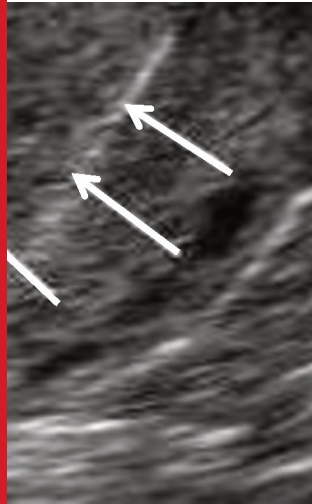
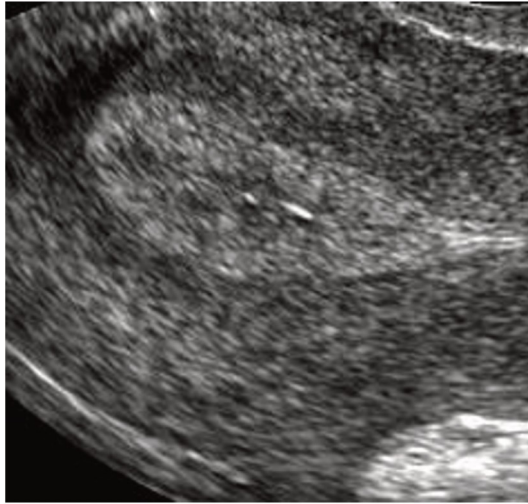


# LOCATION OF GESTATIONAL SAC WITHIN UPPER HALF OF UTERUS



# 4° weeks - 2 mm



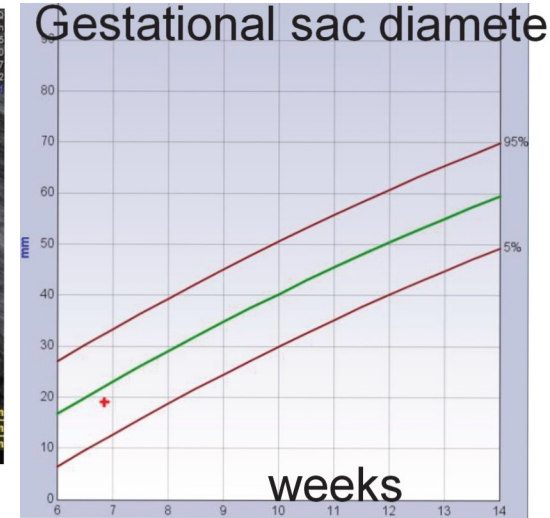
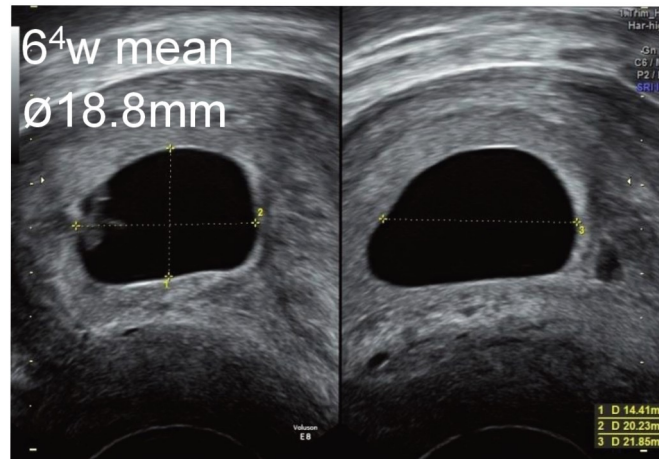
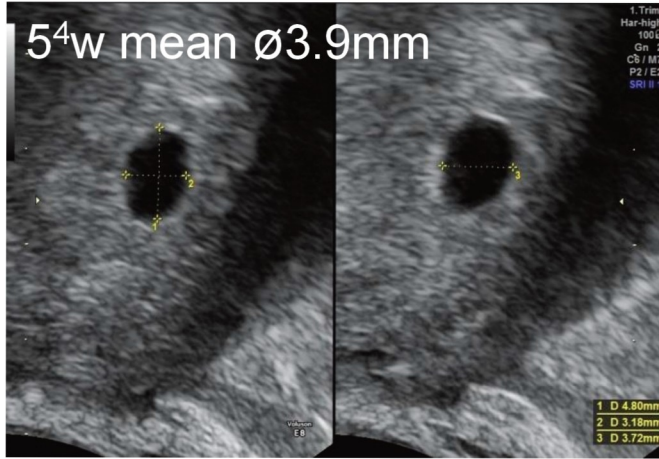


1<sup>st</sup> choice: Repeat Scan

2<sup>nd</sup> Choice: serum b-HCG 48h measurements



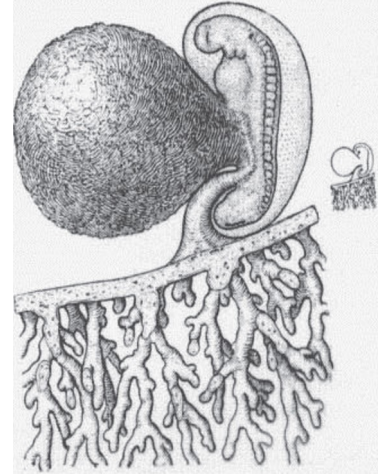
# Gestational sac measurement



Mean of 3 orthogonal planes  
Growth in early pregnancy 1mm/day

# Yolk sac

1. First structure identified within gestational sac
2. Confirms intra uterine pregnancy, 100%PPV
3. Spherical in shape
4. Echogenic periphery
5. Sonolucent center
6. Attaches to embryo by vitelline duct

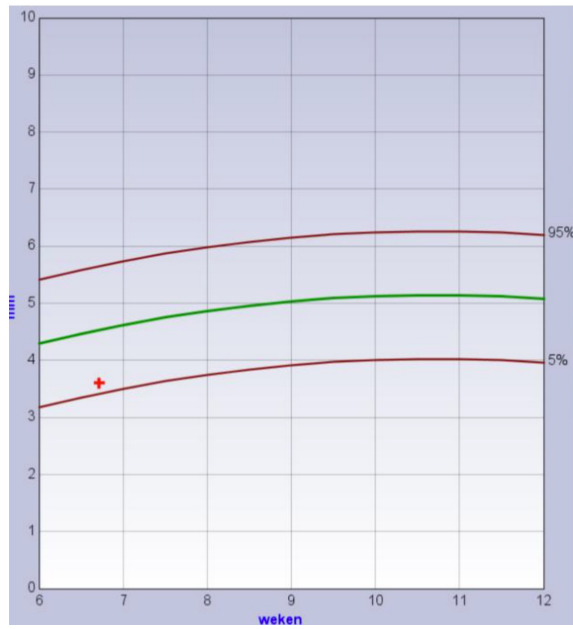
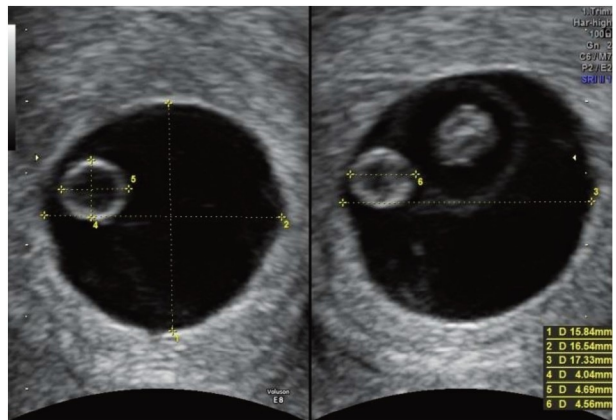
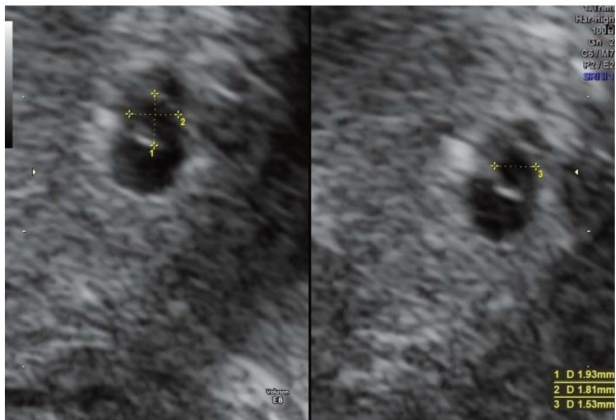


## Yolk sac



1. Imaged 5 - 5.5 w
2. Imaged when MSD > 5 - 6 mm
3. Imaged 3 - 5 d prior to embryo
4. Diameter peaks at 6 mm at 10 w then decreases
5. Usually not visible after first trimester

# Yolk sac 5 + 7<sup>4</sup> weeks



# Yolk sac in multiple pregnancy



Dichorionic diamniotic  
monoamniotic



Monochorionic diamniotic



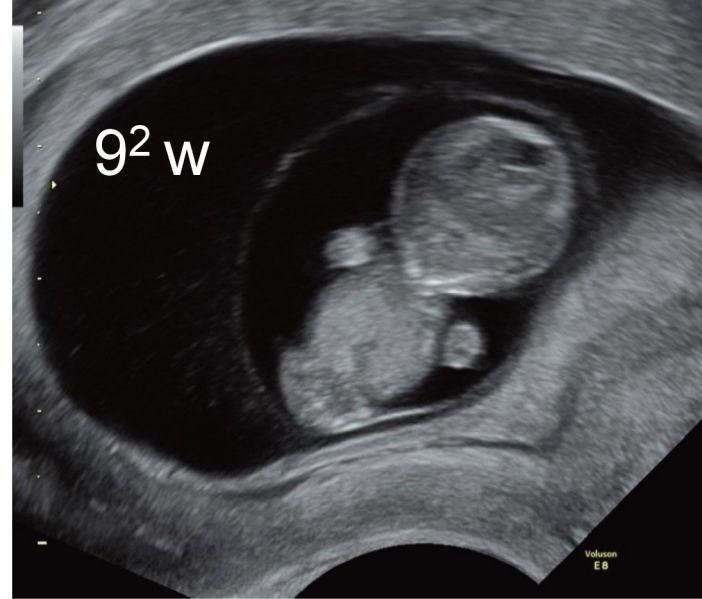
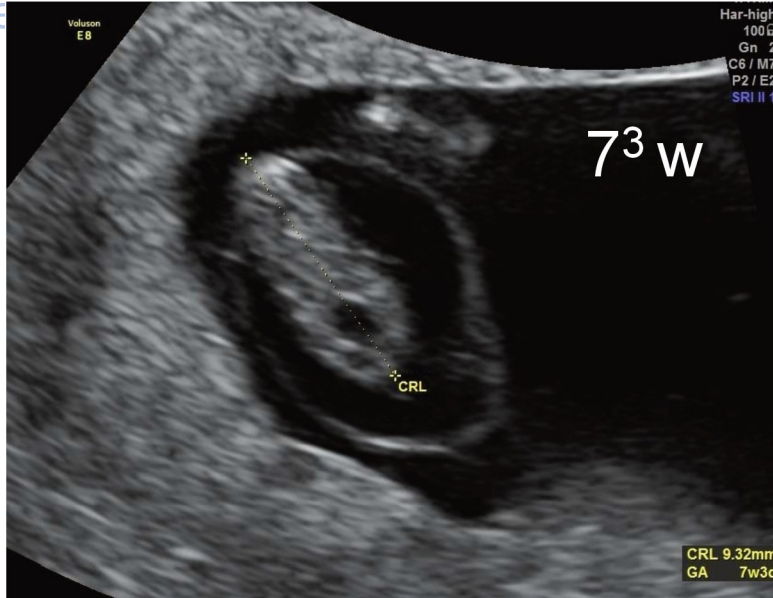
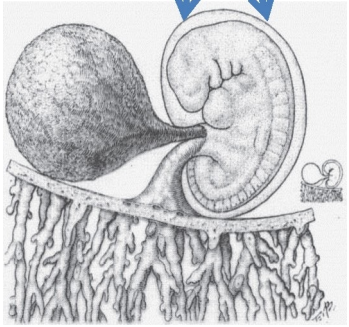
Monochorionic



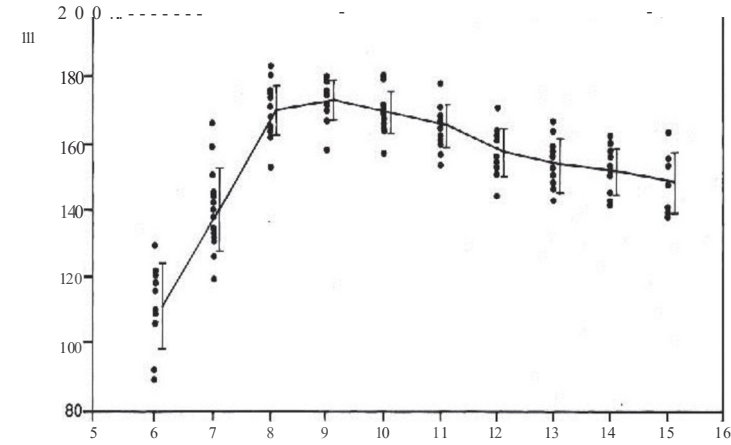
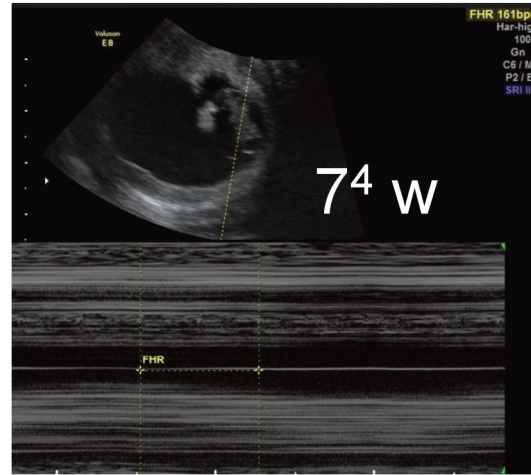
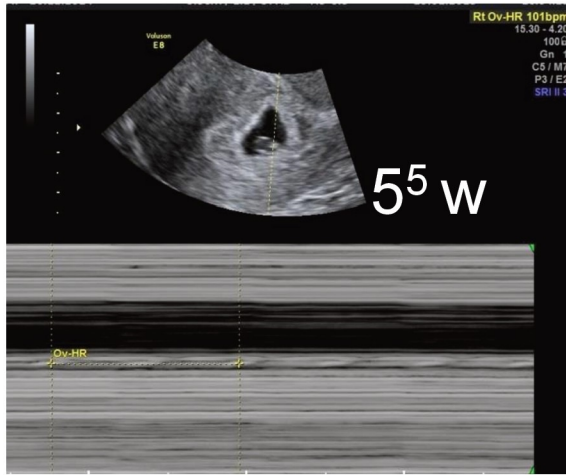
# AMNION

1. First seen - 5.5 w - small membranous structure continuous with the embryo
2. Contains clear fluid
3. Separates the embryo and amniotic space from the extraembryonic coelom

## Amnion



# Heartbeat use M-mode



Heartbeat visible > CRL > 2-4 mm

Rapid frequency 5-9 weeks

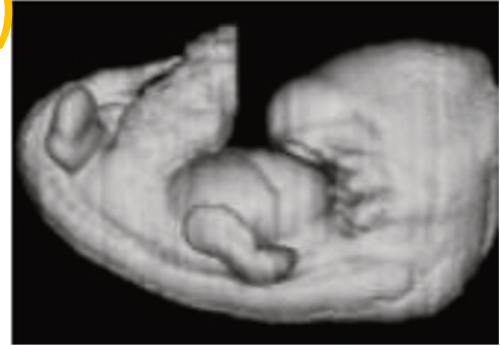
Use M-mode



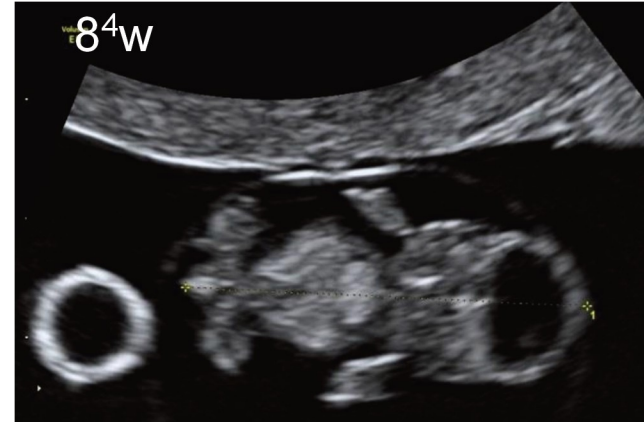
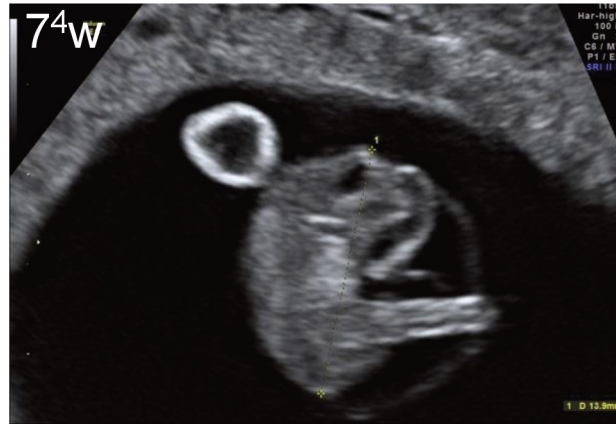
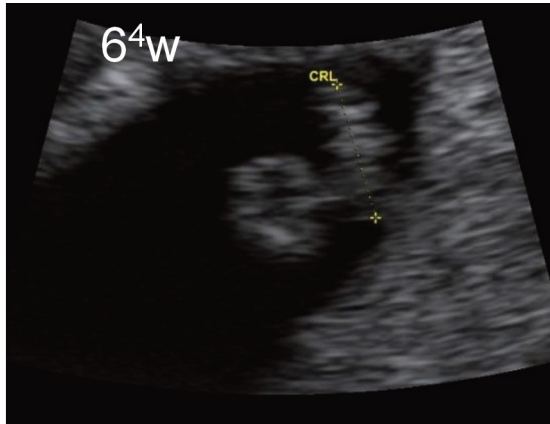
# Crown Rump Length (CRL)

1. ISUOG guideline
2. Midline sagittal section of whole fetus
3. Ideal orientation horizontally
4. Magnification fill most of width of screen
5. Fetus in neutral position
6. Amniotic fluid between chin and chest
7. Endpoints clearly defined

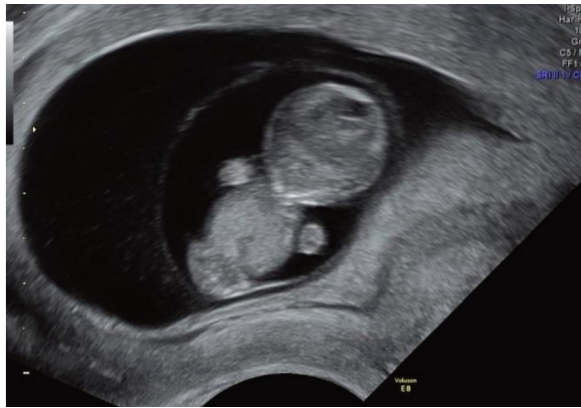
ISUOG guideline 1st trim us scan UOG 2013;41:102-113



# Embryo 6-8 weeks



# 9<sup>4</sup> weeks



10 weeks



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# Practical rules early pregnancy

	Transvaginal ultrasound		Abdominal ultrasound	
	Gestational age (weeks)	Measurement	Gestational age (weeks)	Measurement
GS	4	2 mm	5	10 mm
YS	5	2 mm	5	3 mm
Heartbeat	5 <sup>4</sup>	70 bpm	6 <sup>4</sup>	110 bpm
CRL	5 <sup>3</sup>	3 mm	6 <sup>4</sup>	6 mm
Movement	7		7	

CRL (in cm) + 6,5 = GA in weeks

# PAIN & BLOOD LOSS IN EARLY PREGNANCY

Event	Frequency
Pain & vaginal bleeding	1:5 pregnant women
Blood loss	50% continue into normal pregnancy
50% remaining blood loss	Non viable, of which 10-15% ectopic pregnancy

## Pain in early pregnancy

### Obstetric cause:

Miscarriage, ectopic, haemorrhage ruptured corpus luteum cyst, ovarian torsion

### Non-obstetric cause:

Cystitis, appendicitis, ureteric stones, constipation

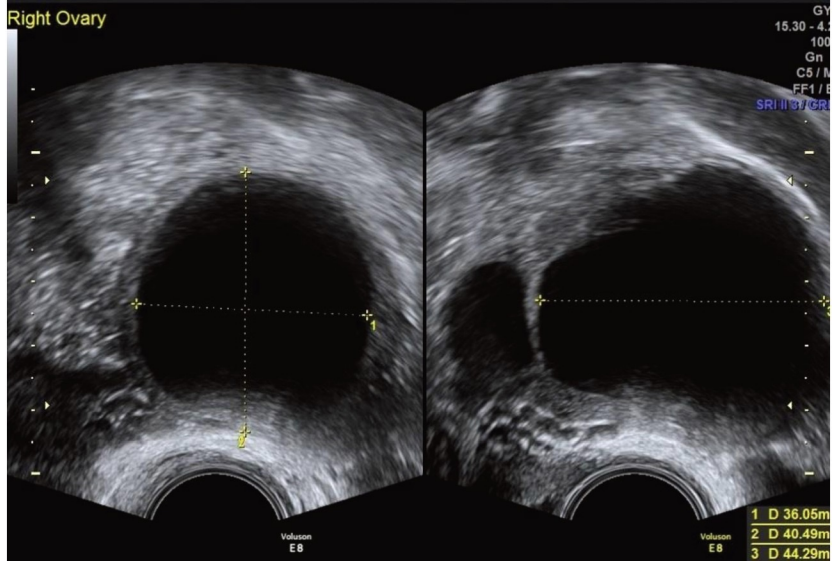
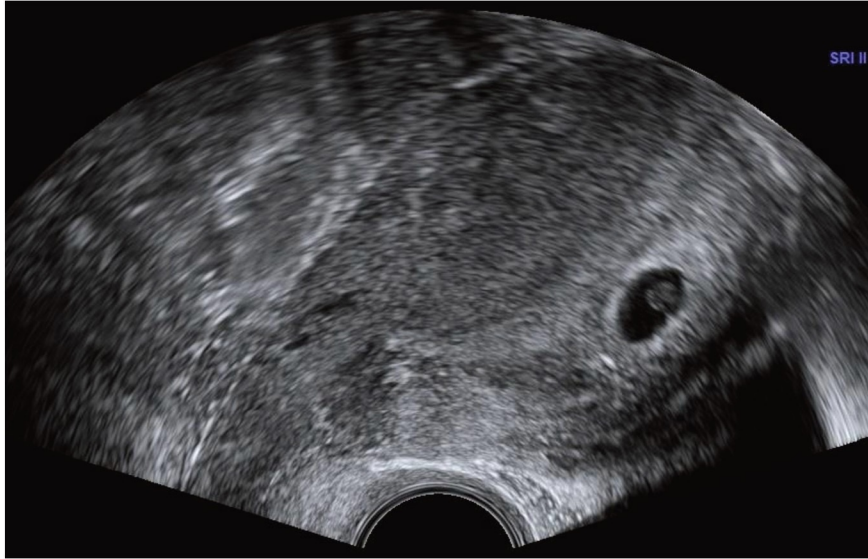


# Guideline TV US intrauterine pregnancy failure and uncertain viability

Diagnostic for pregnancy failure	Suspicious / not diagnostic pregnancy failure
CRL $\geq$ 7 mm no heartbeat	CRL $<$ 7mm no heartbeat
Mean GS $\emptyset$ 25 mm no embryo	Mean GS $\emptyset$ 16-24 mm no embryo
Absence embryo with heartbeat $\geq$ 2 wk after scan GS without YS	Absence embryo with heartbeat $\geq$ 7-13days after scan GS without YS
Absence embryo with heartbeat $\geq$ 11 days after scan GS with YS	Absence embryo with heartbeat 7-10 days after scan GS with YS
	Absence embryo $\geq$ 6 wks after LMP
	Empty amnion adjacent to YS no embryo
	Enlarged YS $>$ 7mm
If viability in doubt rescan after 1 week	Small GS in relation to size of embryo ( $<$ 5 mm difference between mean GS $\emptyset$ and CRL)

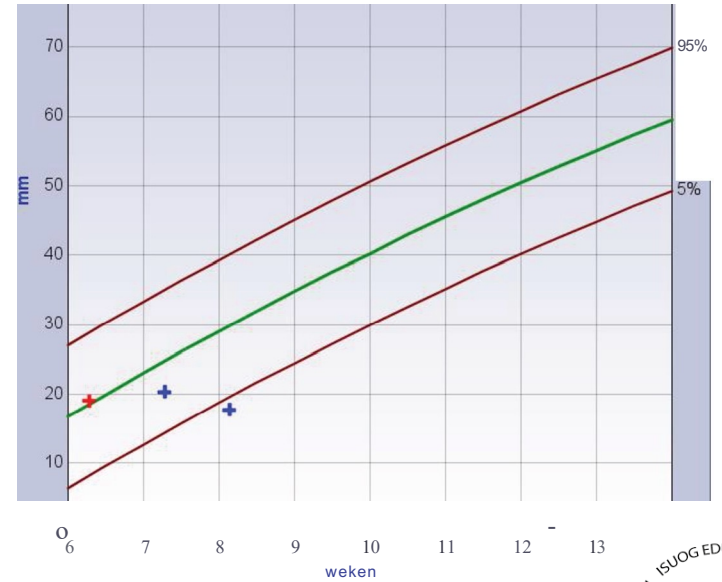
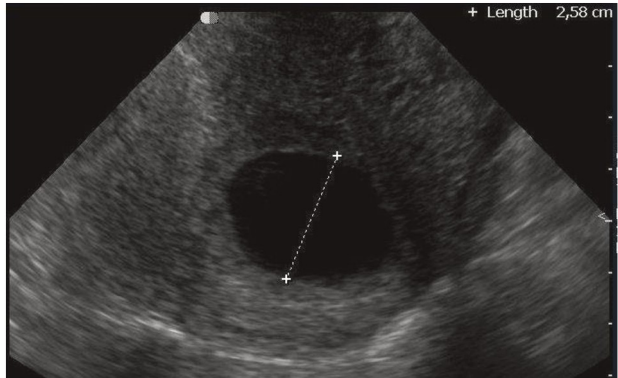
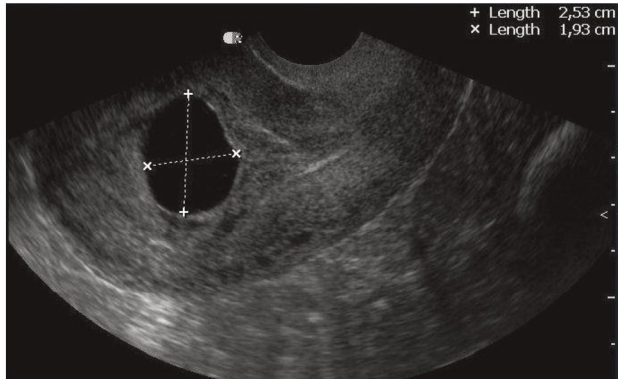


# Uncertain viability 6<sup>2</sup> weeks

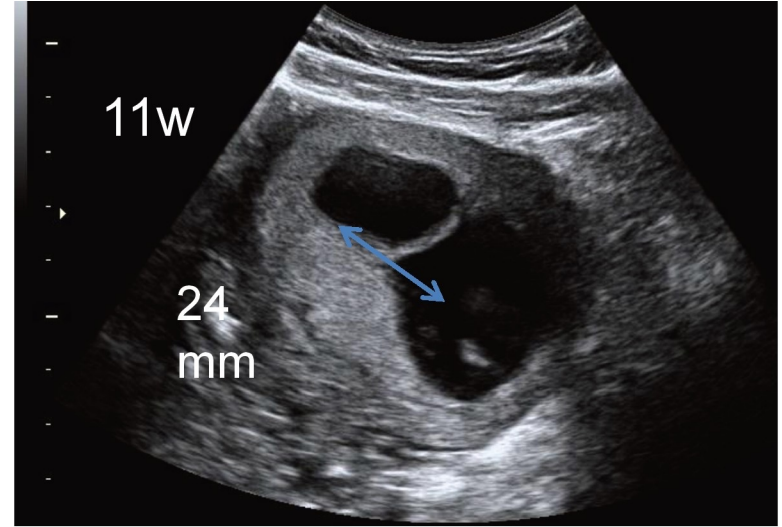
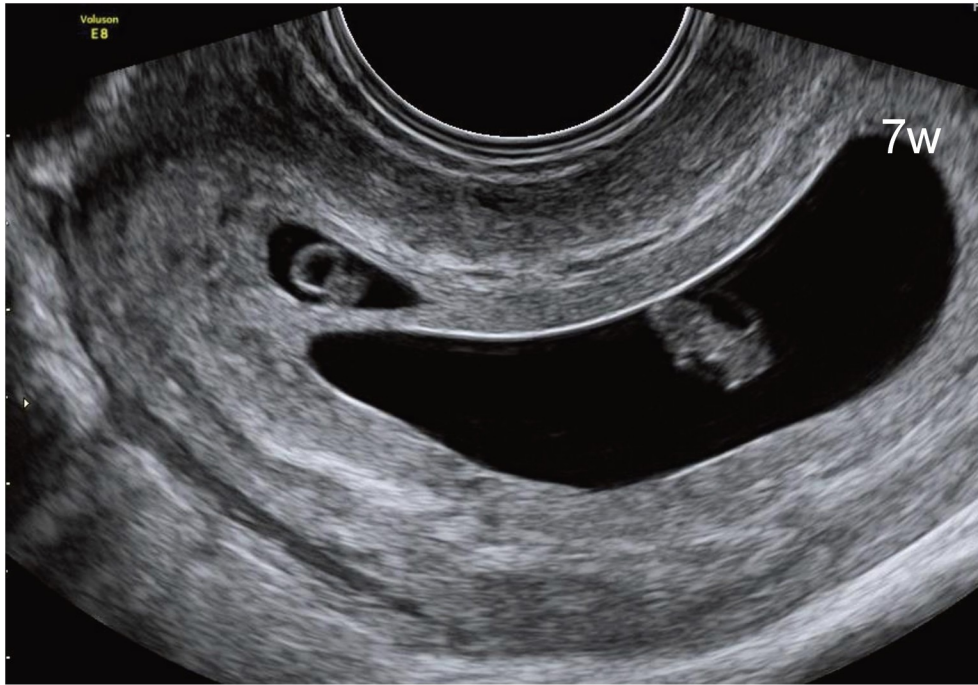


GS and YS, no heartbeat  
Repeat scan 1 week

# GESTATIONAL SAC: FAILING PREGNANCY 100

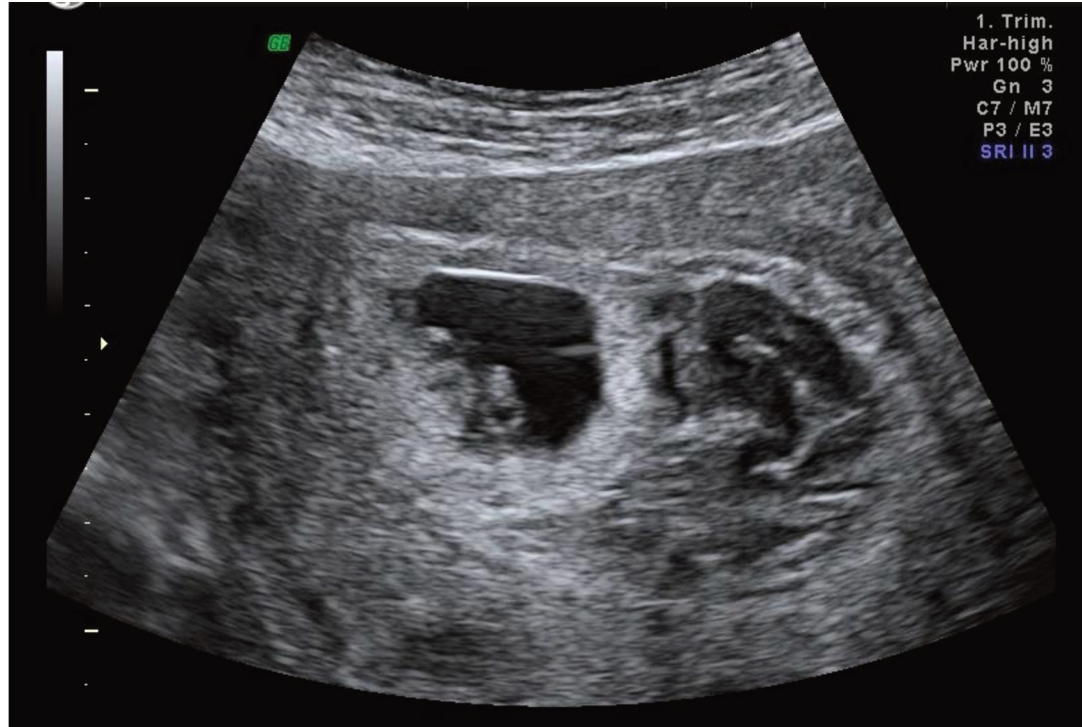


# Twin pregnancy with vanishing twin



Evron et al Fertil Steril 2015;103:1209-14

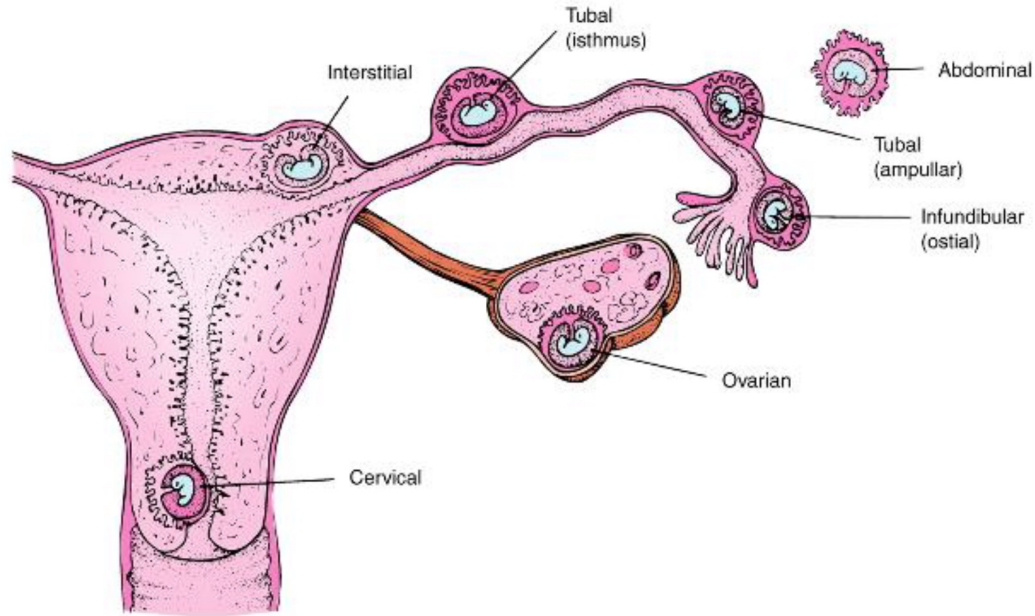
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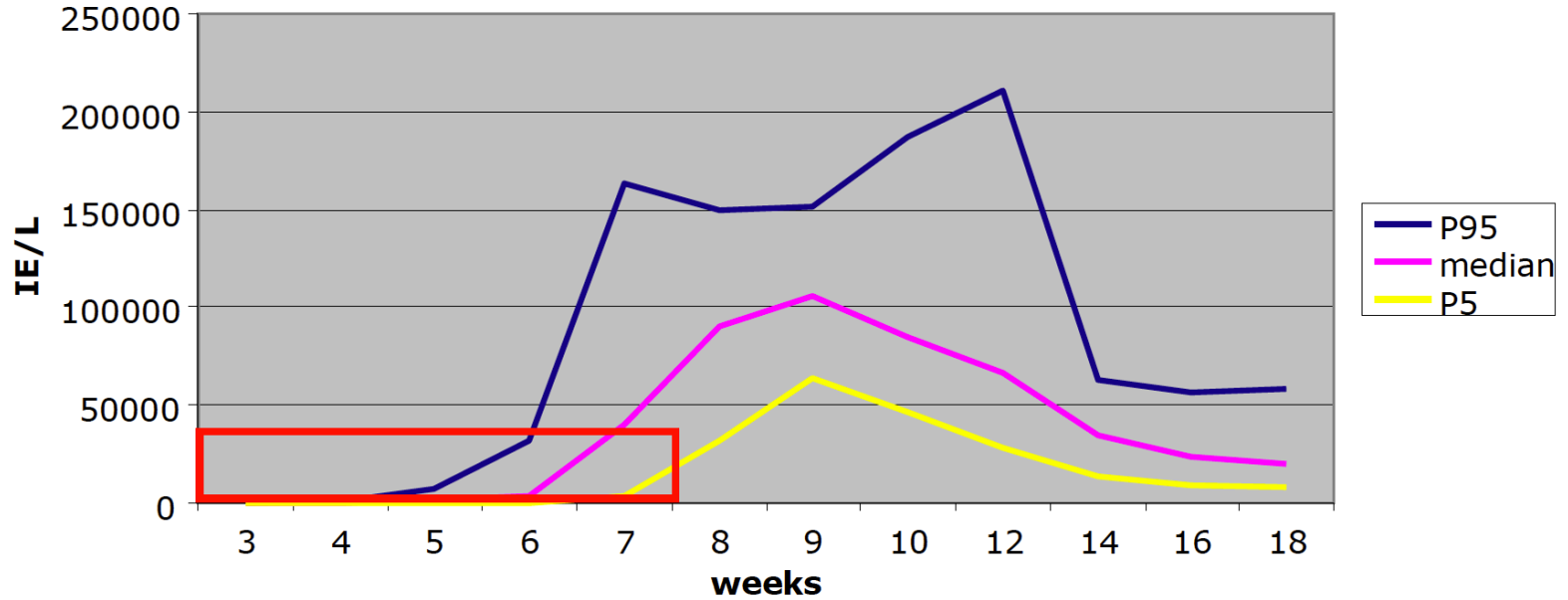
# Sites of ectopic pregnancy



**Figure 46-9** Sites of ectopic pregnancy.

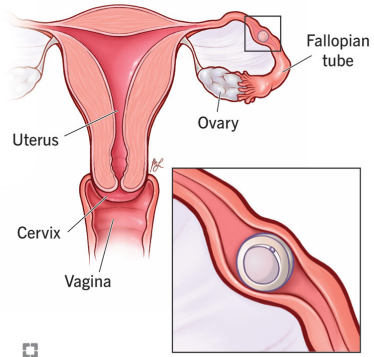
# Early pregnancy: normal values of hCG

## hCG (intact + $\beta$ -subunits)





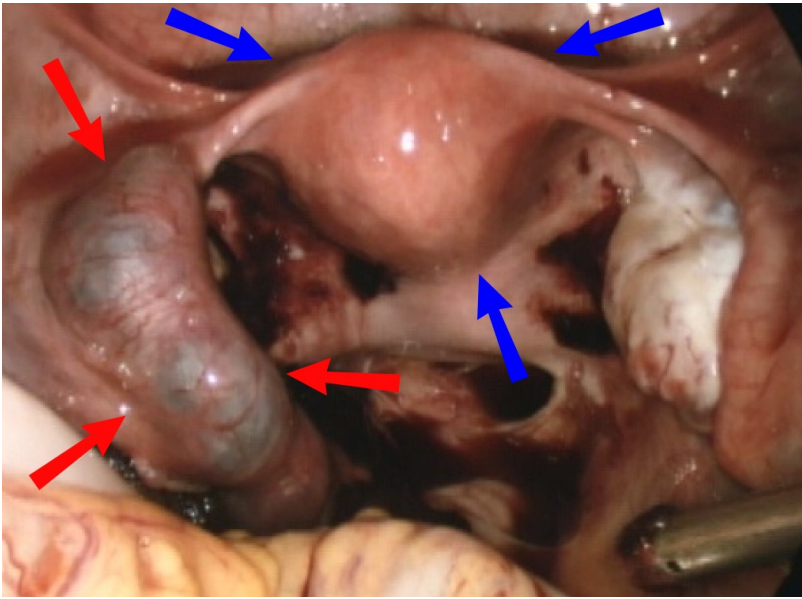
## Ectopic pregnancy



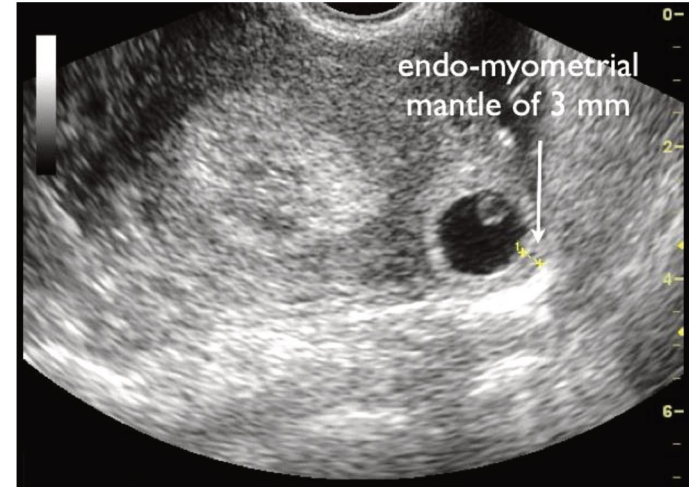
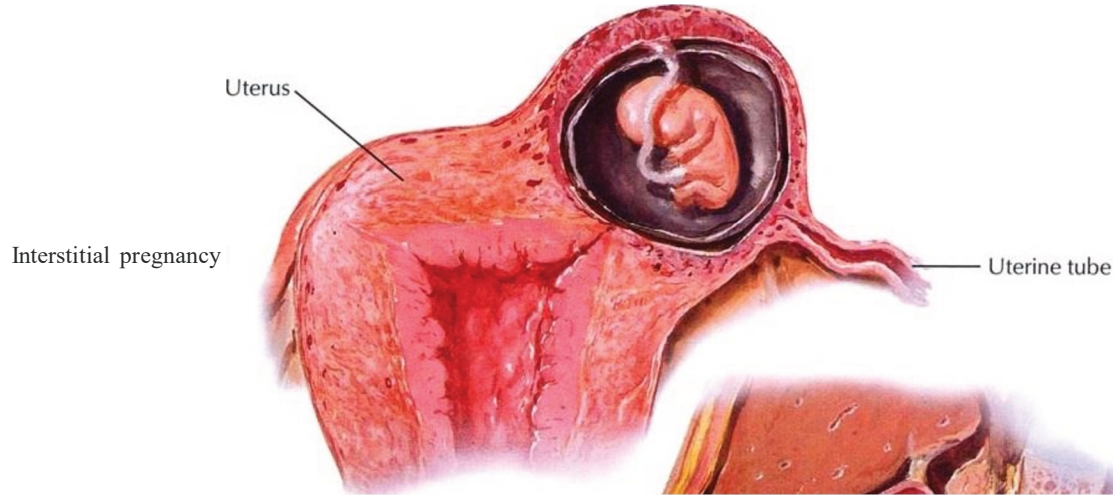
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Fertilized egg develops  
outside of the uterus

# ECTOPIC PREGNANCY



# Interstitial pregnancy



# Cervical ectopic pregnancy

Gestational sac in lower segment in cervical canal



# Gestational sac in lower segment - in cs scar



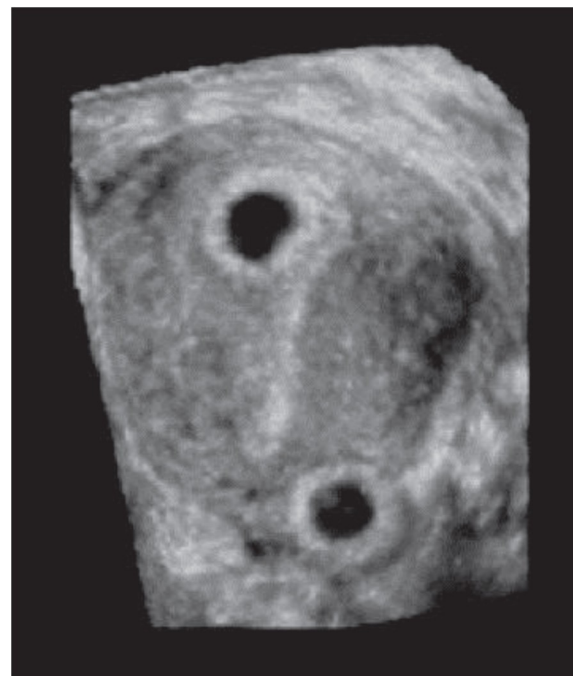


# HETEROTOPIC PREGNANCY

Prevalence heterotopic pregnancy  
Spontaneous pregnancy 1:30,000  
ART pregnancy 1:100-500

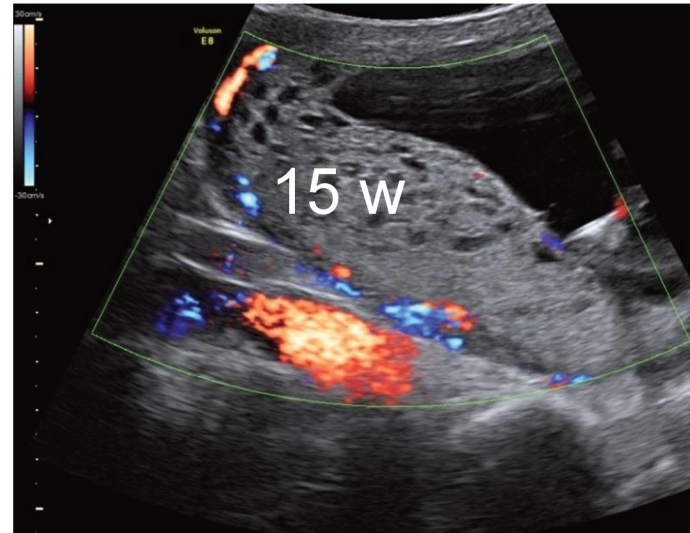
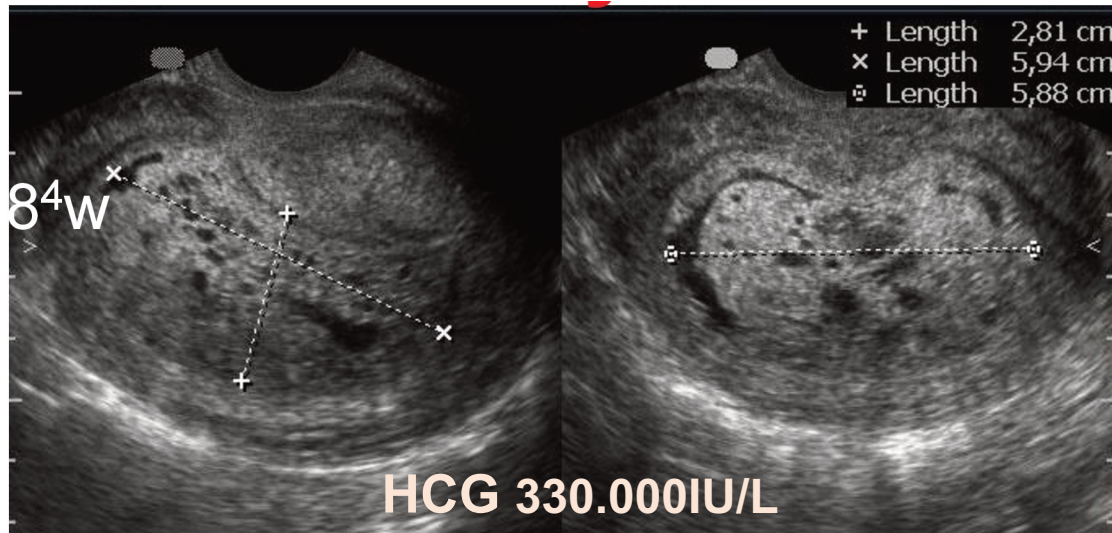


Intrauterine



Ectopic

# Hydatiforme mole

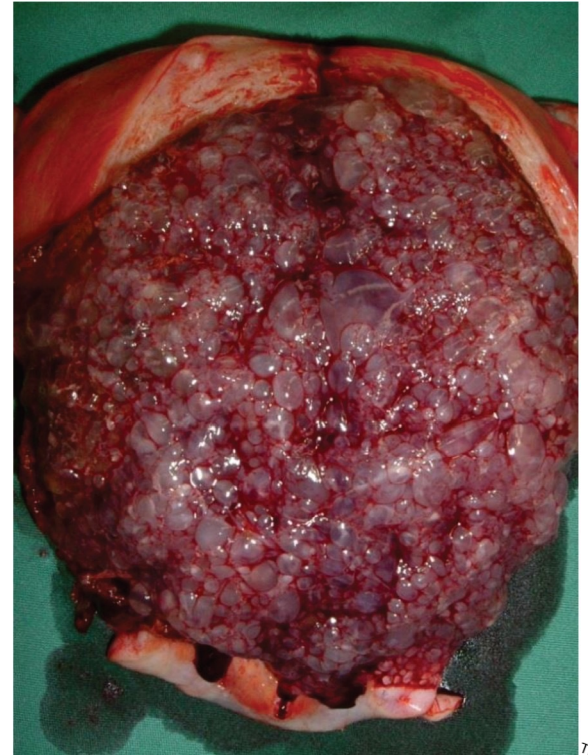


Complete  
Prevalence 1:1500-2000  
46, XX only paternal  
Persisting throphoblast 15%

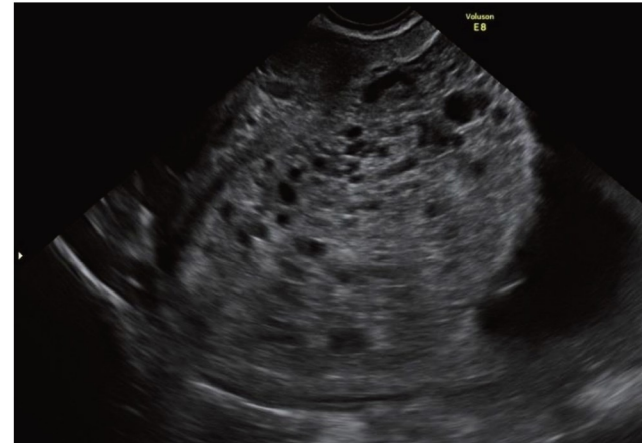
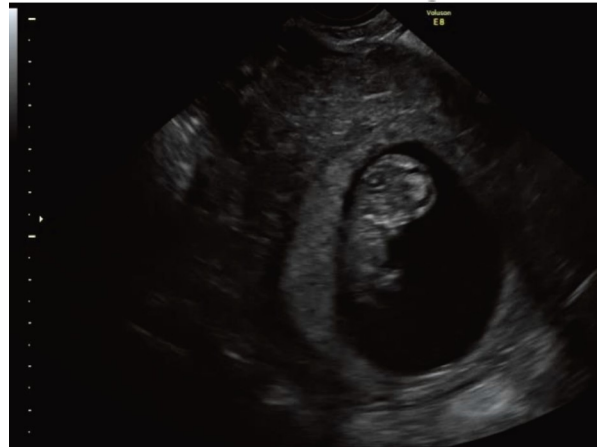
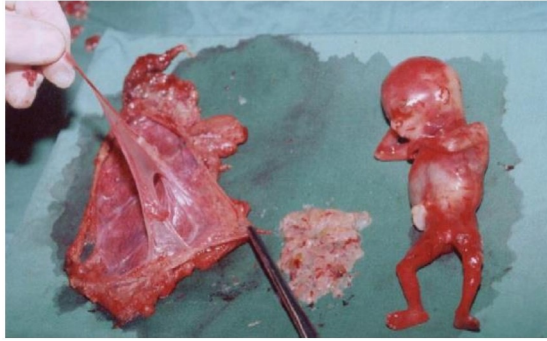
Partial  
Prevalence 1:700  
69 XXX of 69 XXY (triploidy), paternal and maternal  
Persisting throphoblast 2%



# Hydatiforme mole



# Hydatiforme mole in twin pregnancy



Prevalence 1:10.000-100.000

## Conclusion

1. Aware of normal appearance and assessment GS, YS & embryo from 4 weeks gestational age onwards
2. Criteria and terminology of viable and nonviable pregnancy
3. In doubt about viable intrauterine pregnancy: repeat scan 1 w
4. Scan uterus and ovaries to recognize ectopics
5. Management of PUL and role hCG and progesteron
6. Molar pregnancy appearance and pitfalls
7. In doubt of location of pregnancy: repeat scan within 2 days