

## Information about ‘Inconclusive Scan’

Your scan today has not been able to confirm a pregnancy. This is called an ‘inconclusive’ scan.

There are three possible reasons why this can happen:

1. **Normal early pregnancy.** It is difficult to see a pregnancy on scan before six weeks. If it is less than this since your last period, your periods are irregular or you are unsure of your last period date, the pregnancy may be normal, but just too early for us to see today.
2. **A miscarriage.** Your pregnancy may be in the uterus (womb) but unfortunately not growing normally. If you have experienced bleeding, you may already have had a miscarriage which is why we are unable to see any pregnancy on scan today.
3. **An ectopic pregnancy.** Your pregnancy may be growing in the fallopian tube or other place in your abdomen rather than inside the womb. This can be dangerous.

‘Inconclusive’ scan means we cannot be sure which of these is reasons is relevant to you at the moment.

### What happens now?

We would like to take a blood test to measure your pregnancy hormones. Often we have to repeat these in 48 hours to check whether the hormones are rising or falling. These results, along with your symptoms and clinical assessments will help us with which of the possibilities is most likely.

### Do I stay in hospital today?

If you are well you can go home and return in 48 hours for your next blood test. Sometimes we advise you to stay in the unit until the results are ready. If you are allowed home it is important to contact us if your condition changes or if you develop any of the following:

- Severe pain not helped by regular paracetamol
- A new one-sided pain
- Pain at the end of your shoulder tips
- Heavy bleeding/soaking pads/passing large clots

### Contact Details:

<p>The Early Pregnancy Unit (EPU) Lily clinic, treatment Centre, <b>Hinchingsbrooke Hospital</b>, Huntingdon, PE29 6NT Opening days may vary</p>	<p>The Emergency Gynaecology Assessment Unit (EGAU) 1<sup>st</sup> floor, woman and child unit, Bretton Gate <b>Peterborough (City Hospital)</b>, PE3 9GZ Open: Weekdays 0800-1800 Weekends/Bank Holidays 0800-1200</p>
<p>Central triage line for EPU and EGAU: 01733 673758 (voicemail will cut in when the line is engaged – please leave a message for a call back).</p>	
<p><a href="http://www.womenshealthpeterborough.co.uk">www.womenshealthpeterborough.co.uk</a></p>	
<p>For emergencies only, out of these hours, please attend the Emergency Department.</p>	

Within this leaflet we use the term woman/women, however we acknowledge that it is not only people who identify as women for whom it is necessary to access our services. We recognise the importance of providing inclusive and respectful care to all people and their families, including those whose gender identity does not align with the sex they were assigned at birth. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to make you feel more comfortable while you are under our care.