

## Information about 'Inconclusive Scan'

Your scan today has not been able to see your 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 have stopped or miscarried. If you have had bleeding, you may have already passed the pregnancy. Sometimes a miscarriage can occur but you have had very little, or no bleeding as yet.
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 reasons is the most likely for you right now.

### What happens now?

We would like to take blood from you to measure the pregnancy hormones. We often have to repeat the blood test in 48 hours to see whether the hormones are rising or falling as we expect. These results, along with your symptoms and the assessments we have carried out, will help us to see 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 until the result is 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
- 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) Treatment Centre, <b>Hinchingsbrooke Hospital</b>, Huntingdon, PE29 6NT</p> <p>Opening days may vary</p>	<p>The Emergency Gynaecology Assessment Unit (EGAU) Women's Health Outpatients, Bretton Gate, Peterborough (City Hospital), PE3 9GZ</p> <p>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>	