

XXXXXX Health Center
Address
Phone:

Pregnancy Not Seen on Ultrasound Take-Home Sheet

Your pregnancy was not seen on ultrasound. There are 3 possible causes for this:

- 1) The pregnancy is normal but it is too early to be seen on ultrasound. This is the most common cause.
- 2) The pregnancy is not growing normally. This is the next most common cause.
- 3) The pregnancy is outside of the uterus, called an "ectopic pregnancy." This is rare.

To find the cause, we need to do blood tests. The blood tests measure the pregnancy hormone called human chorionic gonadotropin or hCG. You may need to do a second hCG blood test 48 hours after the first one.

An ectopic pregnancy can kill you if it bursts and bleeds inside. You should watch for sharp pain in your lower belly. If this happens, you must go to the hospital to get checked right away.

During this time, we need to stay in very close touch with you. We need a working phone number for you. This is our number: _____