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Ectopic Pregnancy



Complications of Pregnancy

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What is an ectopic pregnancy?

An ectopic pregnancy occurs when a fertilized egg implants itself outside the uterus. This usually occurs in the fallopian tubes. It can also occur in other places, like the cervix.

What causes this to happen?

- The fallopian tube is inflamed.
- The fallopian tube is damaged.
- The fertilized egg is not forming right.

What are the symptoms?

- You have vaginal bleeding.
- You have pain in your lower abdomen.
- You feel dizzy or lightheaded.

Left untreated, an ectopic pregnancy can cause harmful bleeding and death.

Seek emergency medical help if you:

- Have severe pelvic pain with vaginal bleeding
- Feel faint or lightheaded

Are you at risk of having an ectopic pregnancy?

- You have had one ectopic pregnancy.
- You have infections that may cause your fallopian tubes to be inflamed.
- You have had trouble getting pregnant.
- You had surgery that may have damaged your fallopian tube.
- You had your appendix rupture.
- You are over age 35.
- You have had many sex partners.