

Complications of Ectopic gestation

These are related to misdiagnosis, late diagnosis or surgical intervention

Complications related to delayed/misdiagnosis

1. Tubal rupture(Leading to haemorrhage leading to hypovolaemic shock)
2. Disseminated intravascular coagulation (DIC)
3. Infertility (10-15% up to 50 %)
4. Psychological – Especially depression. Results from;
 - Loss of foetus
 - Surgery
 - Loss of reproductive organs
 - Disruption to family life
 - Hormonal changes

Complications related to surgery

1. Anaesthetic
2. Loss of reproductive organs
3. urinary/intestinal fistula
4. Haemorrhage
5. Infection
6. Repeat ectopic. (7-10% of cases).
 - Depends on the type of surgery –laparoscopic ; 6-16%, laparotomy ; 7-28%
 - In cases associated with IUCD risk less if device removed