

## Ectopic pregnancy and miscarriage: diagnosis and initial management update

Consultation on draft guideline – deadline for comments 5pm, on Tuesday 17 February 2026 email: [Ectopic-pregnancy@nice.org.uk](mailto:Ectopic-pregnancy@nice.org.uk)

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1				We consider the recommendations to be clear, proportionate and clinically reasonable. We have no additional suggestions for change to the proposed updates regarding Anti-D immunoglobulin prophylaxis..
2				The quality statement on timely referral to early pregnancy assessment services is clear and clinically appropriate. However, the section outlining what the statement means for different audiences would benefit from greater specificity.
3				<p>For primary care and for women, the current wording does not fully capture the practical constraints of referral pathways. In many areas, GPs are unable to refer directly to early pregnancy assessment services outside of the unit's opening hours. For example, if a patient is assessed in primary care late in the day, when the early pregnancy unit is closed, referral may not be possible until the following working day. Although the patient may then be seen within 24 hours of referral, this does not reflect the total time from first clinical assessment.</p> <p>We therefore recommend that the quality measure considers timeliness from the point of first assessment in primary care, rather than from the point of referral. Measuring time to secondary care assessment from initial primary care contact would more accurately reflect the patient experience and avoid penalising clinicians where referral is unavoidably delayed due to service operating hours.</p>

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