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# INFORMATION SHEET FOR EXPECTANT MANAGEMENT OF FIRST TRIMESTER MISCARRIAGE

Indication: incomplete miscarriage and silent miscarriage

# Nature of procedure

- Await spontaneous complete emptying of the womb without surgical or medical intervention
- Pain-killers may be needed
- Vaginal bleeding and pain can occur prior to passage of tissue mass
- Complete miscarriage in the follow-up up to 2 weeks: 85% in incomplete miscarriage and 30-40% in silent miscarriage
- Surgical evacuation may be required in case of retained tissue mass or incomplete miscarriage with heavy bleeding and/or severe pain
- Tissue removed will be sent to the Department of Pathology or disposed of as appropriate unless otherwise specified

### **Benefit of the procedure:**

• Emptying of the womb without surgical or medical intervention and their associated risks or side-effects

### Other consequences after the procedure:

• May experience some vaginal bleeding (longer and heavier compared with surgical evacuation) and abdominal cramps within 2-3 weeks

Risks and complications may include, but not limited to the followings:

- Women who are obese, who have significant pathology, who have undergone previous surgery or who have pre-existing medical conditions must understand that the quoted risks for serious or frequent complications will be increased.
- Serious
  - excessive bleeding which may need blood transfusion
  - pelvic infection(lower risk compared with suction evacuation) and the associated adverse effect on future fertility

#### **Possible alternatives**

- Medical treatment
- Surgical evacuation
- others:



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# Other associated procedures (which may become necessary during the procedure):

• Surgical evacuation in case of incomplete miscarriage with heavy vaginal bleeding or severe abdominal pain

# Any special follow up

- Please consult doctor in case of heavy vaginal bleeding and/ or severe abdominal pain
- A specimen bottle would be given to you for collection of tissue mass passed vaginally. Please send it to our general gynaecology ward (K5S) for pathological examination at your earliest convenience.
- Assessment 2-3 weeks later to ascertain whether miscarriage is complete.

Statement of patient: procedure(s) which should not be carried out without further discussion

I acknowledge that the above information concerning my operation/procedure have been explained to me and discussed with me by the medical staff and I fully understand them.

I have been given the opportunities to ask questions pertinent to my condition and management and satisfactory answers have been provided by medical staff.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date