



Miscarriage Mark Scheme

You are the on call Obstetrics Registrar and you have been asked to go speak to a 30 year old (para 0+1) lady (20/30 weeks pregnant)and her husband, who presented to A+E with a 4hr history of lower abdo pain and absent fetal movements. The tests show an absence of fetal heart beat. You have to go and discuss with them the test results. What options are now available for expulsion and how this will affect future pregnancies. What follow up you will do?

Introduction(1)

Check correct patient (1)

Take quick history (1)

Ask patient what they think is wrong(1)

Explain tests show miscarriage (1)

Break Bad news! (3)

Explain options for removal –Surgical, medical conservative ERPOC(2)

Rhesus immunisation in RH –ve (1)

Following procedure you meet them on the ward and they want to ask you about future fertility/risks. (1)

3 miscarriages – Tests – Karyotype, SLE, thrombophilia, USS gynae, (midtrimester – incompetence - stitch (2)

Checked up in High risk clinics (1)

Causes of miscarriage (unknown, Infection) so want to monitor. (1)

Reassure outlook is good (1)

No reason not to start again right away(1)

Provide Support information bereavement (1)