



TOP Mark Scheme

You are the on call gynaecologist. An 18 year old (para 0+2) presents at the Pregnancy help centre requesting a Termination of Pregnancy. She is eighteen/eight weeks pregnant. Discuss with her possible options?

Following this discussion having had 2 previous terminations you feel you should discuss contraception with her –

Introduction(1)

Check right patient(1)

Counsell History Reasons for. Ascertain her decision(3)

Father's views (1)

Legal issues (1)

Screen for STI (1)

Establish Pregnancy and gestation USS (1)

Explain options and procedure (less than 12 weeks surgery and medical) post 13 weeks medical) (1)

Surg – misoprostol pessary 4hr pre op, GA, suction removal placenta and foetus. 2 weeks follow up +USS to ascertain TOP worked. (3)

Med 1st Tri = Mifepristone orally 36-48hrs pre-admission, on admission mifepristone or prostaglandin pessary – 94% abort spontaneously within 24hrs and pass, bleeding for 10days, <5% require evacuation 2 weeks follow up for bleeding and check TOP. (3)

Med 2nd tri = Oral mifepristone and vaginal prostaglandins/misoprostol as above. Further prostaglandin pessaries every 6hrs for 24hrs or oral misoprostol every 3hrs for 24hrs. Give appropriate analgesia and emotional support. Check placenta and foetus evacuated. 6% require evacuation. 2 week follow up (3)

Take bloods – group and save, anti-D (1)

No increased risk to further pregnancy. (1)

Discuss contraception (1)

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