

## Gynaecology Emergency Assessment Clinic (GEAC)

### Information and criteria for referral

The GEAC service is provided at the Royal United Hospital, located in the Princess Anne Wing (D3) and run by a multidisciplinary team. The aim of the clinic is to provide prompt and thorough assessment, investigation and treatment to women, avoiding delays in the Emergency Department (ED), helping to reduce hospital admission rates and support patients who need immediate review by a specialist team.

### When does the GEAC clinic run?

Clinics run daily from Monday to Friday inclusive from **12 noon until 1pm**.

### GEAC Referrals

All referrals should be made via the On Call Consultant between 08:30hrs – 17:00hrs via 07824363076. Thereafter, by the On Call Registrar via the RUH switch board on 01225 428331.

All patients should be discussed with a senior doctor, Registrar or Consultant. This is not a self-referral clinic.

The following table provides guidance in relation to the types of referrals that **will be accepted to attend the GEAC Clinic**:

Symptom/Condition	Including
Early pregnancy complications	Retained Products of Conception (RPOC), Evacuation of Retained Products of Conception (ERPC)  Miscarriage  Concerns for women who are between 14-22 weeks pregnant including Vaginal bleeding with <b>NO fetal heart</b> .
Acute lower Abdominal Pain	Ovarian Cyst Accidents  Pelvic Inflammatory Disease (PID)  Lost IUCD/IUS with pelvic symptoms

	Pelvic mass
Painful genital lumps	E.g. Abscesses, Bartholin's
Genital Trauma	E.g. cervical tears, labial tears
Post-surgical Complications	Infection Haematoma
Significant vaginal bleeding	In a stable patient
Acute prolapse	with urinary or bowel complications
Pessary Complications	Fallen out with urinary or bowel obstruction Pain Urinary retention

Patients with the following symptoms/conditions **will not be accepted to attend the GEAC clinic** but information on the appropriate referral pathway is listed below:

Symptom/Condition	Referral Route/Guidance
Concerns about pregnancy <14weeks gestation	To attend early pregnancy clinic – please call 01225 825803
Pregnancy 14-22 weeks with PV bleeding and +fetal heart rate	Single minor episode, no indication for assessment.  Recurrent minor bleeding, refer to next antenatal clinic.  Significant bleeding, refer direct to the Emergency Department.
Chronic Pain	Routine Gynaecology Outpatients referral
Pelvic/Abdominal Masses (in the absence of pain)	Routine or 2 week wait outpatients referral
Lost IUCD/IUS with no symptoms	Routine Gynaecology Treatment clinic referral
Very heavy vaginal bleeding (unstable patients)	Via the Emergency Department. or direct to Charlotte Ward following discussion with On Call Team.

Hyperemesis Gravidarum	
Sepsis	To attend the Emergency Department
Postmenopausal Bleeding	2 week wait outpatient referral
Dysfunctional Uterine Bleeding	Routine Gynaecology outpatients referral
History of previous pregnancy complications e.g. ectopic pregnancy	To be referred via early pregnancy clinic - please call 01225 825803
Perineal tear complications (breakdown, infection)	To discuss with On Call Consultant and if required to be seen attend the DAU please call 07824363076

## What can patients expect following arrival at the clinic?

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- The clinic does not have specific appointment slots and so all women are advised to attend from 12 noon. Priority will be given to those who are medically unwell or need medical attention first.
- There is a maximum of 3 ultrasound slots per day available to the GEAC Clinic.
- Patients will be assessed by a staff nurse on admission and an ultrasound scan (USS) will be performed if required.
- The patient will then be assessed by the on-call doctor (Senior House Officer/Registrar/Consultant) and further investigations are performed if required.
- All patients will be given a discharge summary of their attendance and a copy will be sent to their GP.
- Patients will be either admitted, discharged back to their GP or a follow up will be arranged in the appropriate Gynaecology Outpatient Department.