

What does it mean? I'm not pregnant enough?

We have done an ultrasound examination of your uterus and we have determined that you are not ready to have an abortion today. That means we do not see a clearly identifiable pregnancy inside your uterus. That leaves several possible conditions.

1. **You may be very early pregnant.** This is the most likely situation. In this case, we prefer not to do the procedure today. It is very hard or even impossible to be certain if we can successfully complete the abortion. If you feel that there is a good reason why you **MUST** have the abortion today, please ask to have the doctor review your case. **IF** we agree to do your procedure today, you may be required to have a special blood test on two separate days, at additional cost to you and an additional office visit. Another reason for not doing very early abortions is that some early pregnancies will disappear (reabsorb) by themselves without surgery.
2. **You might not be pregnant at all.** If you have not had a pregnancy test, and if your uterus looks empty, then you should have a high sensitivity blood test (\$25 charge) because you might not be pregnant at all.
3. **The pregnancy MIGHT be outside of your uterus (ectopic or tubal pregnancy).** If your pregnancy test is positive and we don't see anything inside your uterus, then you **might** be too early pregnant (see above) or the pregnancy might be outside the uterus in the Fallopian tube. In this case, as the pregnancy grows, the tube could rip open causing internal bleeding. If this happens you would have to go to a hospital emergency room. Two special blood tests, two days apart, (at your expense) can diagnose ectopic pregnancy, or you can just wait a week or two for another ultrasound (at no additional cost). *If you choose to wait, you need to be alert for severe pelvic pain or vaginal bleeding, as these are some of the signs of possible ectopic pregnancy.*

After signing that you read this document, please take it to the receptionist window. They will give you a photocopy of this document for your records. She will also need your white receipt that you received when you paid today. She will be refunding you everything you paid today except the \$100.00 you paid for your ultrasound exam. When you return in one to two weeks, we will **NOT** charge you again for your ultrasound, **BUT** we will repeat your ultrasound to make sure you are far enough along to do your procedure.

Patient's Name: _____ **DOB:** _____

I have read and understood this form _____

Patient's Signature