



CHECKLIST FOR EMERGENCY ROOM STAFF | FIRST TRIMESTER MISCARRIAGE

Implementation Guide

Background

People who experience first trimester miscarriage often report a lack of information around miscarriage and what to expect in terms of the experience and care provision.

The aim of this checklist is to:

- Facilitate discussions between healthcare professionals and people who may be experiencing a first trimester miscarriage, or a threatened miscarriage.
- Enable people to access the care/support they need in an appropriate and timely way, as well as enhance their knowledge and awareness of what to expect.

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<https://www.ucc.ie/en/pregnancyloss/researchprojects/recurrent/>.

How to use the checklist

The checklist is designed to be used by staff within emergency rooms when people call with queries around first-trimester miscarriage or threatened miscarriage.

The template can be adapted by individual maternity units/hospitals, e.g. logos and dedicated websites, further questions, and/or patient and staff identifiers can be added.

The checklist can also be used for training purposes, e.g. as part of induction or CPD.

Individual records can be completed for callers, with items ticked off as they are discussed or addressed. Individual units/hospitals would decide how to store this information, e.g. add page to a paper chart.

Alternatively, the checklist could be printed, laminated and posted in the area where calls are taken.

When completing the checklist, please note:

- These are sensitive discussions. Acknowledge any potential upset/distress that the person may be feeling from the outset.
- The questions are a guide; use judgement as to which questions are relevant or not to each individual caller.