

## Contact Information

Emergency Gynaecology Assessment Unit (GAU).  
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There may be students and observers present during your consultation as part of their ongoing training. Please let the staff know if you do not wish any students to be present during your attendance.

Please ask a member of staff if you would like a chaperone present during your procedure.

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## Patient information leaflet

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Dacă aveți nevoie de această broșură într-o altă limbă sau într-un format accesibil, vă rog să discutați cu un membru al personalului să se ocupe de acest lucru pentru dumneavoastră

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## What is the Gynaecology Assessment Unit (GAU)?

The Emergency Gynaecology Unit is located on Ward E and provides urgent care and assessment for women experiencing acute gynaecological problems. Our aim is to provide fast, effective diagnosis and treatment in a supportive environment.

### Conditions we commonly see

- Pelvic pain.
- Heavy or abnormal vaginal bleeding.
- Suspected miscarriage or ectopic pregnancy.
- Complications in early pregnancy (up to 16 weeks).
- Severe pain after gynaecological procedures.
- Ovarian cyst complications.
- Persistent vomiting/unable to keep fluids down in pregnancy.

### What to expect at your visit

1. **Triage assessment:** You will be seen by a nurse who will take your vital signs and assess your symptoms.
2. **Clinical assessment:** A doctor will examine you and may request:
  - Pelvic examination.
  - Blood tests.
  - Urine test.
  - Ultrasound scan.
3. **Follow-up or admission:** Depending on your condition, you may be:
  - Discharged with a treatment plan.
  - Asked to return for follow-up care.
  - Admitted to the ward for further investigations or treatment.

### Investigations may include

- Transvaginal or abdominal ultrasound.
- Beta-HCG levels (pregnancy hormone).
- Full blood count (to assess for infection or anaemia).
- STI screening if appropriate.

### Treatment options

- Pain management.
- Antibiotics (if infection is suspected).
- Surgical intervention - in cases like ectopic pregnancy or ovarian torsion. Ovarian torsion can happen when an ovary twists around its supporting tissue.
- Pregnancy support (for miscarriage management).

### When to seek urgent help

Call GAU or go to GAU if you have:

- Severe, sudden abdominal pain.
- Heavy vaginal bleeding soaking more than 1 pad per hour.
- Fainting or dizziness.
- Excessive vomiting.
- Positive pregnancy test with severe pain or bleeding.
- High fever and severe pelvic pain.

### Notes

- Please bring a list of any medications you are taking.
- Let us know if you are pregnant or might be pregnant.
- You will be asked to provide a urine sample upon arrival.