

Role: Resident physician

You are a resident taking care of a 24-year-old woman with no past medical history admitted to the hospital with abdominal pain. The emergency room performed a transabdominal ultrasound which was inconclusive for appendicitis. You are currently awaiting on results from a pregnancy test and a transvaginal ultrasound to rule out ectopic pregnancy and ovarian torsion. In the meanwhile, you have been instructed by the surgeons to perform serial abdominal exams to monitor for acute abdomen.

This exercise begins with the nurse admitting the patient to the inpatient acute care wards. Afterward, the medical student will join them and interview and examine the patient. Just before the medical student is done, enter the room, take a quick history, and perform an abdominal exam to monitor for acute abdomen. Finally, the attending will arrive and explain the plan to the patient.