

Role: Attending physician

You are the supervisory attending in the OB-GYN unit. You just got a call from the emergency room physician about a woman with no past medical history being admitted with stabbing abdominal pain, nausea, and vomiting. Her symptoms resolved after Zofran and morphine, but she needs to be admitted for serial abdominal exams to watch for acute abdomen. A transabdominal ultrasound in the ER was inconclusive for appendicitis, and you are still waiting on a pregnancy test and a transvaginal ultrasound to rule out ectopic pregnancy and ovarian torsion. As far as you're concerned, once she gets her negative transvaginal ultrasound you won't have to worry about her.

This exercise begins with the nurse receiving and admitting the patient to the inpatient acute care ward. Once they have taken their focused history and her vitals, a medical student will join them to do their interview and examine the patient. Afterward, a resident will enter the room and perform an abdominal exam to monitor for acute abdomen. Finally, you will arrive to examine the patient and explain the plan going forward. Essentially, you plan on monitoring for an acute abdomen through serial abdominal exams and to rule out ectopic pregnancy and ovarian torsion with a routine transvaginal ultrasound, which the patient definitely needs.