

Early Pregnancy Assessment Clinic (EPAC)

Healthcare Professional FAQ

Q: What are the criteria for who can be seen by EPAC?

A: **The early pregnancy clinic is not equipped to see women with hemorrhage, suspected ruptured ectopic pregnancy or other medical emergencies.** EPAC is for women <20 weeks in pregnancy who have a diagnosed spontaneous miscarriage needing management or women who are in stable condition, experiencing complications such as bleeding (<1 pad/hr) or with mild to moderate pain. Women you would regularly manage in your office for such issues you should continue to see.

Q: Who can refer to the EPAC?

A: Physicians, Nurse Practitioners and Midwives.

Q: How do I refer to EPAC?

A: A referral can be made by both calling EPAC at (306) 766-4123 and speaking to the RN (or leaving a voicemail message) **and** faxing the completed referral form (and other relevant ultrasounds and blood work results) to (306) 766-4124. You do not need to consult the Obstetrician on-call. **We will contact your patient with the appointment date/time.**

Q: Where can I get the referral form and Patient information sheet?

A: The referral form and information sheet can be printed from www.rqhealth.ca. They are found under the tab *Programs and Services > Women's Health > Early Pregnancy Assessment Clinic*.

Q: Can non-pregnant women be seen by EPAC for urgent gynecological concerns?

A: Yes, on a case by case basis. **In these cases you must still directly contact the Gynecologist on-call, and they will advise on the most appropriate place to see your patient.** Patients you would otherwise consult the Gynecologist on-call to be seen in the Emergency Department for non-emergent concerns **may** be seen in EPAC.

Q: What are the hours of operation?

A: EPAC is open from 8 am to 4 pm Monday to Friday only. We are closed weekends and statutory holidays.

Q: Where is the EPAC?

A: The EPAC is located within the Women's Health Centre (Unit 3C), at the Regina General Hospital.

Q: How soon can I expect my patient to be seen?

A: The RN will contact your patient same-day, or next working day if the referral is received outside of working hours, to arrange the appointment. You can expect your patient will get seen within 48 hours of being contacted.

Q: Will EPAC see patients for their ongoing prenatal care?

A: No. The Pooled Referral system should continue to be used to refer to an Obstetrician for ongoing obstetrical care. EPAC is for women experiencing bleeding/pain or for management of spontaneous miscarriage that cannot be managed in the community.