

# Decision aid for early medical abortion without ultrasound

Clinician name:

Date and time:

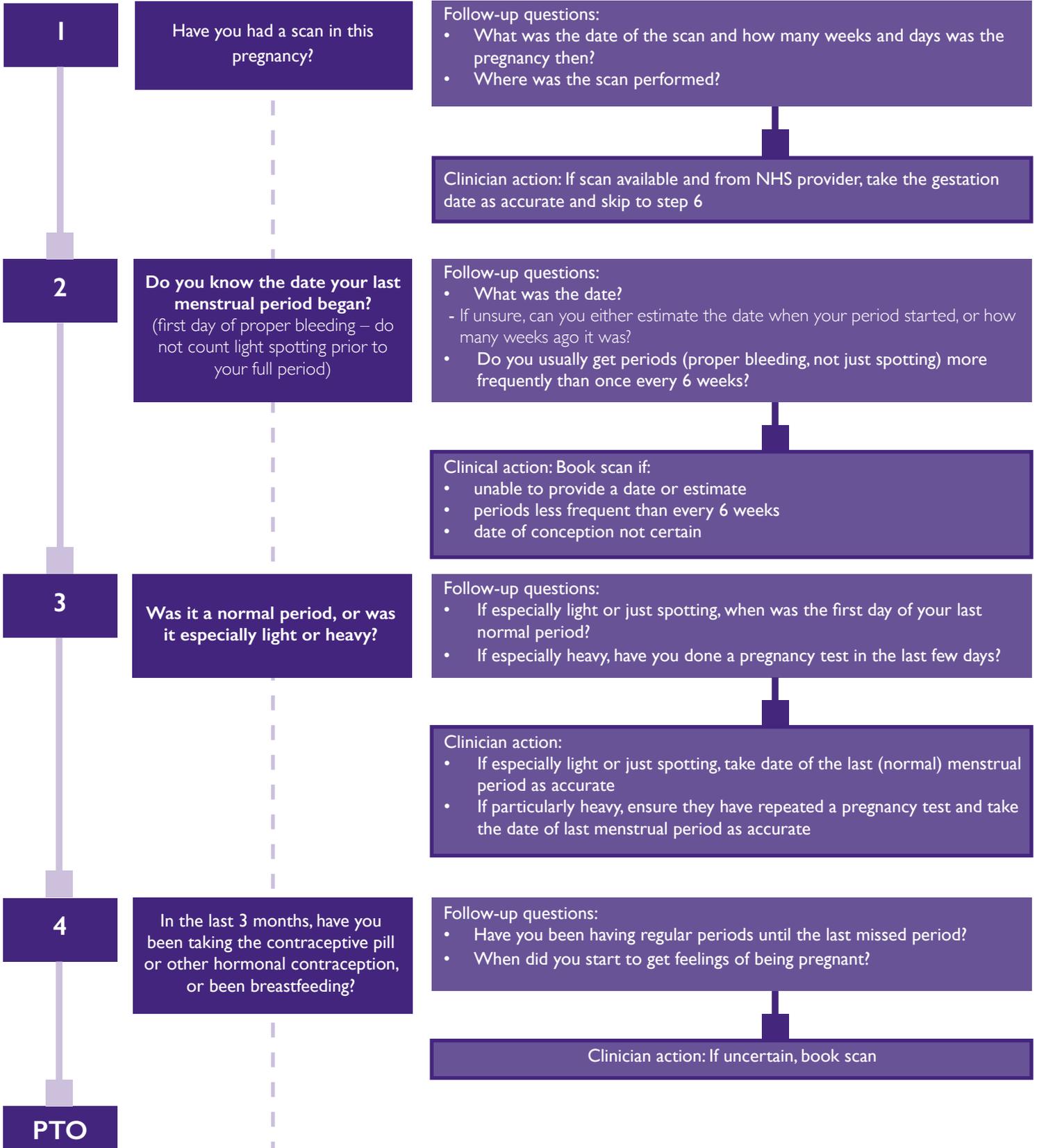
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Affix Patient Label  
Name

DOB

Number

## Questions to ask the patient



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Are any of the following statements true for you?

- You have experienced abdominal ('tummy') or pelvic pain which is worse on one side, and vaginal bleeding/spotting
- You had an intrauterine device (e.g. 'contraceptive coil', 'Mirena', 'Jaydess', 'Kyleena', 'Levosert') in place when you conceived
- You have experienced a previous ectopic pregnancy
- You have been informed, following an operation or scan, that your fallopian tubes (which connect the ovaries to the womb) are damaged
- You have had surgery on your fallopian tubes

If 'yes' to any, book scan

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Gestation estimated to be <10 weeks and no indication for scan

**Offer early medical abortion without ultrasound**

**Where early medical abortion without ultrasound is being offered, consider and discuss the following:**

- Some pregnancies (less than one in a thousand) may be developing outside of the womb and are known as an 'ectopic pregnancy'
- An early medical abortion remains safe, but will not treat the ectopic pregnancy; it is important that the ectopic pregnancy is identified
- You will be given advice about what to expect and what tests are needed to make sure the abortion care you receive is effective
- In the unlikely event you do develop worsening pain after your abortion care, especially if this is under your ribs or shoots up into your shoulder, then you should seek medical help immediately
- This advice is the same for anybody in early pregnancy who develops symptoms of an ectopic pregnancy, whether they choose to have abortion care or to continue pregnancy
- If you have to seek help, tell the doctor or nurse that you have had an early medical abortion without ultrasound



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