

Preface

There have been many reviews and books on ectopic pregnancy. So, why produce another book? In fact, a casebook on ectopic pregnancy is unique and has never been published. More importantly, due to advances in the management of ectopic pregnancy, clinicians, and researchers are not always current with their knowledge.

In this book, we presented real cases that were treated by our expert contributors. Each chapter contains a case report, a discussion about diagnosis and assessment, and management of the case followed by images. At the end of the chapter, we provide clinical pearls and pitfalls about the topic.

The book starts with risk factors related to ectopic pregnancy, and human chorionic gonadotropin (hCG) discriminatory zone. It is followed by “Pregnancy of unknown location” and “Ectopic pregnancy after in-vitro fertilization.” Chapters 5–7 deal with medical and surgical treatments of ectopic pregnancy. For medical treatment, patient compliance is crucial and discussed in Chap. 8. Inadvertent methotrexate administration to a woman with an intra-uterine pregnancy and its implication is discussed in Chaps. 9 and 10. Different types of ectopic pregnancy including the rare types and their management are discussed in Chaps. 10–20. The last chapter discusses fertility after an ectopic pregnancy.

This concise casebook on ectopic pregnancy is for practicing physicians, obstetricians and gynecologists, residents and fellows

in Obstetrics and Gynecology, and allied health care professionals. Readers will gain an understanding of many aspects of different types of ectopic pregnancy and their management. We also hope that this book will be helpful in preparing students for examination, and directing new investigations and the clinical management of patients.

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