

MM-TI

Miscarriage Management Training Initiative

Didactic Overview

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I have provided over two dozen didactic sessions on the management of early pregnancy loss to a wide variety of audiences. The overall goal is to move miscarriage management from the operating room to the outpatient setting by training providers and support staff. We want to expand access to prompt, appropriate care, insure patient safety and satisfaction and decrease costs. The didactic provides an overview of miscarriage management including the etiologies of EPL and information on the three options (expectant, medical and surgical). As a Ob/Gyn physician; I have had the opportunity to support outpatient management by family medicine physicians, advance practice clinicians including nurse practitioners, physician assistants and midwives.

The didactic is often presented to the clinicians and support staff. The MM-TI team has found that full staff participation in learning about miscarriage management decreases the resistance to integrating the new service. I cover as many aspects of care as possible during the 90 - minutes lecture and allow time for questions throughout my lecture. I included several case studies to give a context to the information and engage the audience.

Ideally, the lecture is part of a training that includes a Papaya Workshop. If time does not allow for this; modeling uterine aspiration using a MVA and a ripe papaya can provide a great visual on this safe, simple medical procedure.

I am sharing with you the PPT that I created for this training and encourage you to adapt it to fit your audience and your health care setting.