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Preface

Obstetric and gynecologic emergencies



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The management of the female presenting to the emergency department with obstetric or gynecologic complaints is an obvious and expected occurrence in everyday life in emergency medicine. Emergency physicians must be capable of addressing and managing life-threatening entities in this large patient subgroup. In this issue of the *Emergency Medicine Clinics of North America*, we once again emphasize that every female presenting with abdominal pain is pregnant and has an ectopic pregnancy until proven otherwise. We take one more step forward and illustrate how we can rule out ectopic pregnancy with advanced techniques employing ultrasonography. We outline an efficient method of managing the sexually assaulted woman, examine a different approach to miscarriage, discuss vaginal bleeding in the nonpregnant female, and review emergency delivery, among many other topics.

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