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Ultrasound Guided Intrasac Methotrexate Instillation for Live **Cesarean Scar Ectopic Pregnancy**

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Abstract A 38-year-old G5P2 with previous 2LSCS, 2D&Cs and hysteroscopic myomectomy presented with a live Cesarean scar ectopic of 7 weeks gestation. Transabdominal ultrasound-guided intrasac potassium chloride and methotrexate instillation was performed under local anesthesia leading to a successful resolution of the ectopic pregnancy.

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Case Summary

A 38-year-old G5P2 with previous 2LSCS, 2D&Cs and hysteroscopic myomectomy presented with a live Cesarean scar ectopic pregnancy (CSEP) with measurements corresponding to 7 weeks' gestation (Fig. 1a,b). Gestational sac

diameter was 29 mm and crown to rump length was 14.8 mm both corresponding to 7 weeks and 5 days. Fetal heart rate measured 148 beats per minute. Transabdominal ultrasound-guided intrasac potassium chloride (KCL) and methotrexate instillation was performed under local anesthesia in the same sitting (Fig. 1c,d). Preprocedure betahCG of 1,65,000mIU/mL decreased to < 5mIU/mL over 5 weeks. Ultrasound findings took 16 weeks to resolve completely (Fig. 1e,f).

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Figure 1 a 3D and **b**: 3D rendered (inversion mode) images on transvaginal ultrasound showing cesarean scar ectopic pregnancy implanted within the previous scar and an empty fundus. GS: gestational sac, YS: yolk sac, UB: urinary bladder **c**: Ultrasound guided intrasac methotrexate instillation into the CSEP (arrowhead

Compliance with Ethical Standards

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pointing to needle tip) **d**: Post-procedure colour Doppler showing collapsed gestational sac with no cardiac activity **e**, **f**: 2D ultrasound images at 10- and 16-weeks post-procedure showing complete resolution of the CSEP

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