Health Facts for You



Managing Miscarriage Remains

We are sorry for your loss. Whether you have a miscarriage at home, in the clinic or at the hospital, you can choose what happens to your pregnancy tissue.

Miscarriage at Home

If you pass your miscarriage at home, you can:

- 1. **Dispose of the pregnancy tissue on your own.** You can dispose of the tissue in the toilet or collect the tissue to memorialize the pregnancy. You could do so by burying the tissue at your home or by contacting local funeral homes to have the tissue cremated.
- 2. Bury miscarriage remains during the annual early pregnancy loss memorial service at Roselawn Memorial Park. To do this, bring your tissue to your OB clinic where you receive your primary obstetrical care. This tissue will be buried with tissue from other families who have also had a miscarriage. You will then be invited to attend the memorial service during which the tissue would be buried.

Miscarriage in Clinic or Hospital

In most cases, if your miscarriage occurs in the clinic or hospital, the tissue will be sent to the pathology lab to be looked at. This is standard procedure. After the lab is done, you can choose to have the tissue:

1. **Disposed of by the hospital.** The tissue is disposed of in a respectful way along with other tissue. This is done through a process similar to cremation.

- 2. **Returned to you.** Depending on how much pregnancy tissue is present, there may not be any tissue to return to you after the lab evaluation.
- 3. **Sent to a funeral home** of your choice for cremation.
- 4. Buried during the annual early pregnancy loss memorial service at Roselawn Memorial Park. Your pregnancy tissue would be buried, free of charge, with pregnancy tissue from other families who have had a miscarriage. You would be invited to attend the memorial service during which the tissue would be buried.

For More Information

If you are not sure which option is best or would like more information, contact your provider's clinic. They can answer any questions you might have.

Memorial Service at Roselawn Memorial Park

The early pregnancy loss memorial service is held on the first Wednesday of October at 10 am at:

Roselawn Memorial Park

401 Femrite Drive Monona, Wisconsin

Your health care team may have given you this information as part of your care. If so, please use it and call if you have any questions. If this information was not given to you as part of your care, please check with your doctor. This is not medical advice. This is not to be used for diagnosis or treatment of any medical condition. Because each person's health needs are different, you should talk with your doctor or others on your health care team when using this information. If you have an emergency, please call 911. Copyright © 8/2023 University of Wisconsin Hospitals and Clinics Authority. All rights reserved. Produced by the Department of Nursing HF#8296.