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Posted by Irinka - 2008/11/18 04:01

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Posted by Ilse Witch - 2008/11/18 04:01

Hi all! I am in my 6th week now and everything went fine until yesterday I discovered some brownish stains in my underwear that nearly made me faint. General warning: m/c and bleeding mentioned I don't want to scare you or anything, you are most likely out of your wits already, but brown stains in my case have gone either way. Let me first say that it is a *very common* thing in early pregnancy and it doesn't mean you will miscarry at all. Keep an eye on it, you may want to keep a diary on what you experience. Warning symptoms are: red spotting, even small amounts and especially when not related to intercourse or a bowel movement, and cramping in your lower abdomen, like period pains. If you want clarity, just call your midwife for a check. Say clearly you are spotting and she will make time for you instantly (if not, you want to reconsider your caregiver). When pregnant with DS I had spotting like that for weeks, starting at week 5, ending after week 10, but it was small amounts and *always* brown. Usually in the mornings a little more than during the day, and also more after a bowel movement. A first u/s at 7w didn't show anything, but a second at 8.5w clearly showed a foetus with heartbeat and deep down I just knew all was well. WARNING: if you're really upset and worried, don't read any further. I just want you to hear the full story if you are OK with it. However, as you can see in my sigline, my second and third pregnancy were not succesful. During both I had similar spotting, in the second from week 8, in the third from week 5. The main difference I noticed was that in the second pregnancy there really was a LOT more spotting, almost like the end of a period at times, but always brown. I didn't have real cramping though, so I wasn't too worried at first and only found out things were not good when I asked for an u/s at 10w. Turned out I had a blighted ovum and I m/c a few days later. The third time I had one week of spotting just like with DS, it stopped at 6 weeks, but at 7 weeks I suddenly started to bleed dark red and heavy and knew this wasn't good. In the last case I don't know if the spotting was a bad sign or not, it could have gone either way IMO.

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Hi all! I am in my 6th week now and everything went fine until yesterday I discovered some brownish stains in my underwear that nearly made me faint. I too had brownish spotting with my first pregnancy at 6 wks. I called my doc. asap and went in for an u/s that same day. Everything was fine . . . If anything, I would call your health care provider for peace of mind. Chances are the brown spotting is old blood. Best wishes. Paula DS (November '01) EDD Baby #2(Aug. '04)

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Posted by countertroll - 2008/11/18 04:01

Any bleeding in early pg is considered a threatened m/c, but that doesn't really mean much when you consider the number of women who bleed and _don't_ m/c. I had brown spotting for about a week or so with both pregnancies, with #1 it became pink for about a day, with this one it was pink for a couple of days and I passed a couple of small clots and had cramping. I was sure I was m/c but I'm now 26 weeks. Do definitely keep an eye on it and mention it to your Dr/midwife. If you're really worried, they can do blood levels of Hcg to see if they're rising normally or if you're about to m/c. Just take it easy, avoid sex for a little while until everything has settled down - bleeding in early pg is commonly from the cervix which is more sensitive & vascular during pg. All the best, Amy Irinka <irina.galk...@earthlink.com wrote in message Hi all! I am in my 6th week now and everything went fine until yesterday I discovered some brownish stains in my underwear that nearly made me faint. I am so scared... what would that be? Is that something every wrong going on? It's doesn't look like blood and it's not too much either (just a few small stains) and doesn't have a particular smell. It's my first pregnancy and I really don't know what to expect. Does somebody know what this discharge can mean and if I should go to the doctor asap? Thanks a lot for all replies!

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Green can also mean infection... I knew a girl that had this problem and she had an infected uterus... she ended up losing the baby... But it was the 3rd miscarriage in less than 8 months and she did go against the dr.s orders of not trying for 1 year after the 2nd mc. If a woman has no medical condition that would influence a subsequent pregnancy, and she is emotionally OK, there is no reason to wait at all after m/c. Advising to wait a year without any reason is nonsense, IMO.

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She had told me once that if she had all the babes that she was pregnant with she would have had 9 of them. I'm sorry for her, that must be really tough. In her case I would probably have paid more attention to what the doctors told me, but still, waiting for a year... I don't know if that would really have helped. Why a year, why not two or just a few months? It is so hard to say without having a proper diagnosis of what causes the m/c. My impression is that often they'll just tell you to wait, hoping that whatever caused the problems will go away, rather than do an in-depth health check.

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Unfortunately there is also a belief out there that m/c doesn't happen after 12 weeks or that babies can't die once they're viable, a belief that I fell prey to :-(((Amy)))

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