

A Negative Pregnancy Test in a Pregnant Patient

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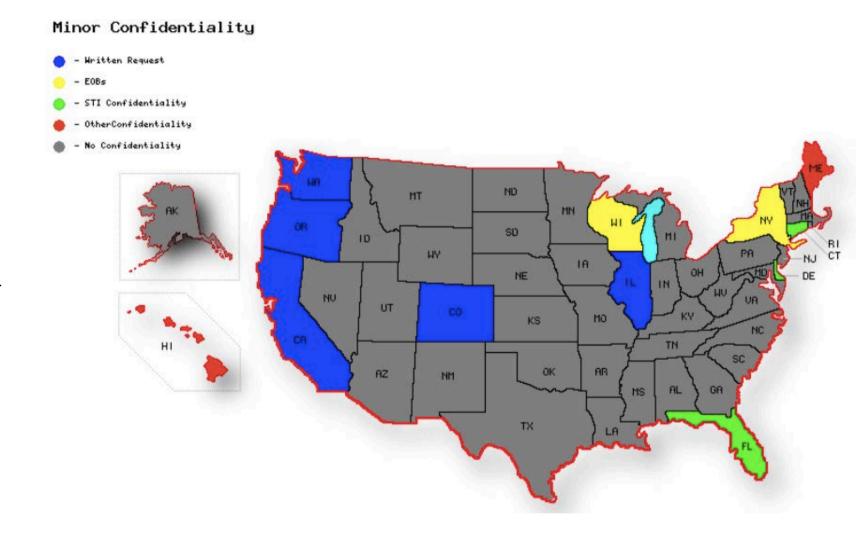
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Case

J.D. is 19 year old female who presented for an IR embolization for an arteriovenous malformation in her left index finger. She was otherwise healthy and had a urine pregnancy test in preop which was negative. She did not receive any midazolam. She underwent general anesthesia with a supraglottic airway device for just under 1 hour and 45 min, during which time her arteriovenous malformation was embolized, under fluoroscopic guidance, centered on her hand. She also received a dose of ketorolac and ondansetron intraoperatively. She had no complications post-operatively and was discharged home the same day. About one week later, J.D. called back to the clinic stating she had taken a urine pregnancy test with a positive result and she was concerned about the effects of her recent procedure to the fetus. Her radiologist counseled her that the radiation exposure to her abdomen was minimal. At a follow up visit 1 year later J.D. had her infant child with her.

Non-Obstetric Surgery in Pregnant Women

- VTE prophylaxis
- aspiration prophylaxis
- Left uterine displacement
- Avoid hypotension, hypoxemia, hyper/hypocarbia
- Titrate meds to effect, altered sensitivity
- •FiO2 >50% and etCO2 32-34
- Minimize uterine manipulation
- Monitor FHR pre and post op, intraop and postop for viable fetus (>23 weeks)
- •No currently used *anesthetic* agents have been shown to have any teratogenic effects in humans when using standard concentrations at any gestational age





Discussion

- Radiation Exposure
 - Increased risk during first trimester
 - Radiography and fluoroscopy Decreased significantly If fetus outside of the field of view
 - Computed tomography is much more complicated to calculate, and delivers higher doses of radiation
- Minor confidentiality varies state to state
 - Difficult to protect privacy in preop
 - A minor is not emancipated until the baby is born
- Pregnancy tests (urine & serum)
 - Positive result after implantation
 - Serum earlier than urine
- Medications
 - NSAIDS
 - Anti-emetics
 - benzodiazepines

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