Welcome to your first day of the rotation.

I'm Hurting Again!

When did the pain start?
How bad is it?
Is it the same as before?
Any bleeding? Until now, you haven't had any pain since the miscarriage 5 days ago?
What's happening to me?
I'm not sure.

Our β-hCG levels have gone down. I'm worried that you may not have passed everything. It's called retained products of conception.

Aaaaaaaaaaagh...

You need to go to the ED.
Have Jesse take you to the ED. I'm on my way!
I almost fainted in triage. My BP was 80/44 but they said it might be normal because my heart rate was 85.*

*She is an athlete; her HR is usually lower.

My stomach feels bloated.

Was it like this when you got here?

I don't think they believed me... It's worse now.

Now my shoulder is killing me. Why is that hurting?

I don't know?*

*Of course I knew that blood in the abdomen can irritate the diaphragm and refer pain to the shoulder. She was also tachypneic.
Finally the imaging study.

Owwww!!

Eeek!

...just a few more views.

The trans-vaginal ultrasound was excruciating!

Hello, my name is Dr. Johnson. The ultrasound shows that you have a RUPTURED ECTOPIC PREGNANCY.

You are bleeding internally. We will take you to surgery as soon as the OR is ready.
Danielle is doing fine. Surgery went well, worst I've seen in 20 years. She lost 1 liter of blood in the peritoneum. You can go see her in recovery.

How are you feeling now Sweetie?

Like I'm in heaven.

Back on rotation 3 weeks later...

You don't want that chart.

She's histrionic and the FOB* is borderline combative.

It's alright. I've got this.

*FOB= Father of Baby

Rm: 10
CC: 32y.o. F
7wks pregnant, vaginal bleeding