

Our Staff

Dr John Cooper, M.D.
Obstetrician and Gynecologist,
Vancouver Island Health Authority

Dr Cooper is the Clinic Director and a member of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Victoria General Hospital. He has a strong interest in General and High Risk Obstetrics and First Trimester Complications of Pregnancy. Dr Cooper also provides a First Trimester Genetic Screening Program in Victoria. He is an active clinical teacher with the University of Victoria Faculty of Medicine.

Leigh Anne Cooper, R.N., B.N.
Clinical Nurse Specialist,
Early Pregnancy Assessment Unit

Leigh Anne is a Registered Nurse with extensive education and experience in Maternal Child Health. She has worked in Labour and Delivery and Neonatal Critical Care Units at BC Women's Hospital and Victoria General Hospital. She maintains a strong interest in Antepartum Assessment and the Diagnosis of Early Pregnancy Complications.

General Office Information

We are located at Suite 306 – 2020 Richmond Avenue (directly across Richmond from the Royal Jubilee Hospital).

Our office phone number is 250-592-5633.

Clinic hours for referrals are daily, Monday to Friday, from 9:30 am to 11:30 am.

Note

Leigh Anne can also be contacted outside of these hours for urgent advice as required. She can be reached by contacting the office.

The Victoria Early Pregnancy Assessment Unit

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THE VICTORIA EARLY PREGNANCY ASSESSMENT UNIT

Helping you find
the answers...

Welcome to the Victoria Early Pregnancy Assessment Unit

We are located in the office of Dr John Cooper, M.D., F.R.C.S.C., Obstetrician and Gynecologist.

Did You Know...

Approximately 50% of all pregnant women experience some bleeding during the first weeks of pregnancy. While first trimester bleeding is common, and does not necessarily indicate a pregnancy loss, it can be extremely distressing for the pregnant woman. It is necessary to investigate episodes of first trimester bleeding, not only to confirm the viability of a pregnancy but also to look for other pregnancy complications which may pose a risk to mother or baby.

What We Provide

The purpose of the Early Pregnancy Assessment Unit is to provide timely and sensitive urgent assessment for the woman experiencing worrisome first trimester pregnancy complications. Care can be accessed by referral at any time up to and including fourteen weeks gestation.

Our Nurse Clinician is available Monday through Friday to provide urgent assessment of first trimester bleeding or cramping. This will include an office consultation and ultrasound assessment to determine the viability of the pregnancy. If necessary, she can also provide ongoing assessment over a period of weeks to monitor the status of a worrisome pregnancy. She can provide ongoing support and facilitate access to other services as needed.

Dr Cooper is the Clinic Director and is available on an urgent basis to provide obstetrical specialist assessment and treatment as required.

Our goal is to help the woman who is facing a possible pregnancy complication or loss obtain an answer as quickly as possible without the trauma of repeated and possibly lengthy hospital emergency room visits. As well, we will provide supportive medical and emotional care in any way that she needs, in as timely a manner as possible. We know that this can be traumatic, and we want to make the assessment, diagnosis and treatment process as smooth as possible.

How to Contact Us

If you are experiencing first trimester bleeding or cramping, you must first notify your primary care physician, maternity doctor, or midwife. They can contact us by phone, and submit a referral. In most cases, you will be able to be seen very quickly.

Our office telephone number is 250-592-5633.

Please Note

If you are bleeding very heavily, please indicate this to your doctor or midwife, as it may be more appropriate to send you directly to the Victoria General Hospital.

