

SAQ 2

Candidates did well:

- 1. When each historical feature or symptom was then ascribed to the condition that was being excluded or discriminated from in the relevant history of a 24 yo F with RLQ pain
 - Eg. Appendicitis Mcburney sign, psoas sign, anorexia, rosvings sign
 - Ectopic Pregnancy confirmed pregnancy of unknown location, previous ectopic, known IUD insertion with pregnancy, known tubal pathology.
 - 2. When relevant detail was given for each of the imaging modalities which discriminates it from the other modality
 - Ultrasound trans vaginal -
 - cut off > 1500 for Trans vaginal US for IUG, hence Earlier positive scan possible in threatened miscarriage.
 - Higher sensitivity and specificity for diagnosis of ectopic/ ruptured ectopic
 - patient and operator dependant (.5 mark)

Candidates did not do well

- 1. When a symptom was just stated in a list without any detail given as to which condition that symptom/feature discriminated against. Therefore, not consultant level rather just a list of symptoms.
 - Eg. "Last period"
 - Dysuria
 - Pv bleeding
- 2. When minimal detail given as to benefit of that particular imaging modality
 - Transvaginal- "more sensitive"- To what??
 - POCUS "free fluid" (rather this should be POCUS can be helpful in unstable pt to suggest free fluid and the can suggest ectopic preg and therefore expedite Mx)

Candidates PLEASE Be as specific as possible as this is a consultant level exam yet also trying to minimise prose. Write only important relevant points to the question.

Best of Luck



