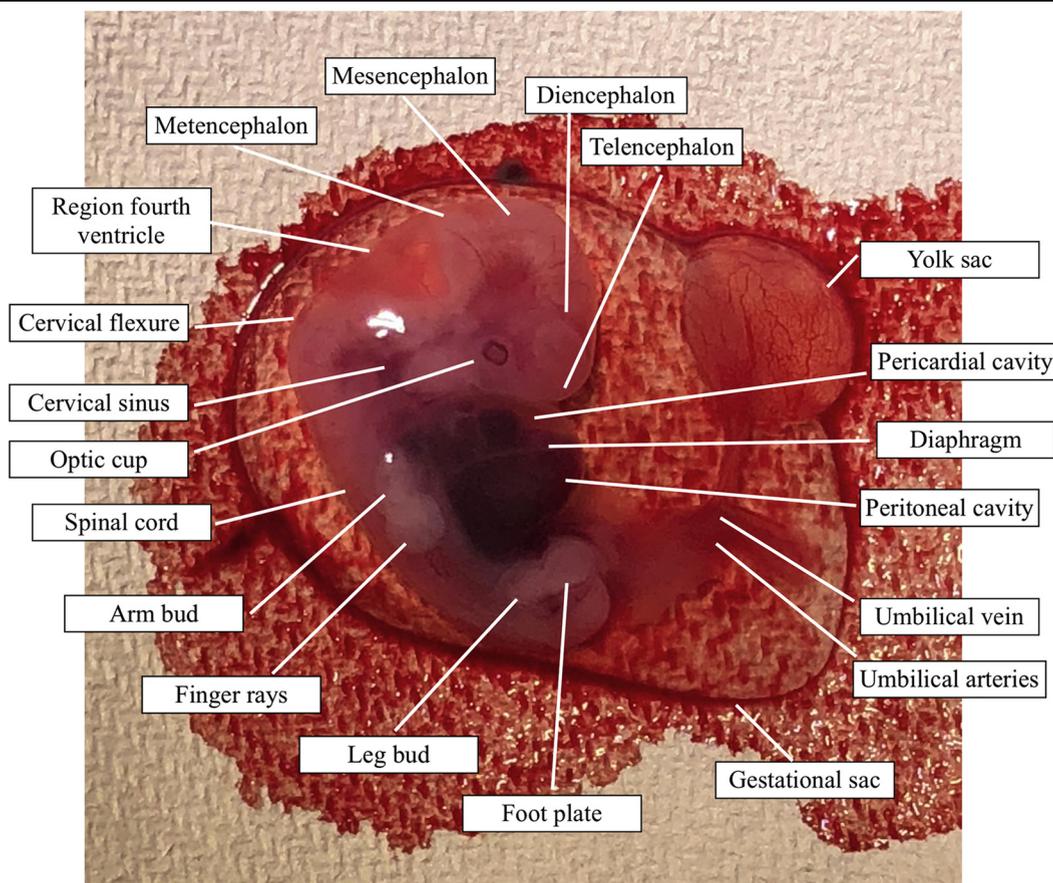


Complete spontaneous abortion with expulsion of an intact six-week embryo



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FIGURE
Intact gestational sac, with evidence of an entire 6 week embryo and yolk sac



Delli Carpini. Complete spontaneous abortion with expulsion of an intact six-week embryo. *Am J Obstet Gynecol* 2019.

A 35 year old woman at 8 weeks of amenorrhea presented at the emergency department of our hospital with vaginal bleeding and pelvic pain. At the insertion of vaginal speculum, expulsion of clots from external cervical os was observed, fol-

lowed by the expulsion of an intact gestational chamber and trophoblast residues. There was no evidence of a gestational sac or trophoblast at the following transvaginal ultrasound examination, and the pelvic pain subsided shortly thereafter. The examination of the embryo showed an intact gestational sac, with evidence of an entire 6 week embryo and the yolk sac (Figure). It was possible to clearly identify the neural structures, the optic cup, the pericardial cavity with heart and lungs, the diaphragm, the peritoneal cavity with the liver, the arm and leg bud, the spinal cord, and the structure that would become the umbilical cord.

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