

Protocol for Pregnant Women with RLQ Pain

- 1 – Complete abdominal ultrasound
Include search of the RLQ for the appendix, gallbladder and bile duct eval, liver, kidneys.
- 2 – Complete pelvic ultrasound
Include both transabdominal and endovaginal exam. Make sure UVJ's are evaluated for possible stones. Evaluate for ureteral jets.
- 3 – OB US to include biometry
- 4 – Surgery needs to be consulted and spoken to before performing cross-sectional Imaging
- 5 – Cross-sectional imaging – discuss appropriate modality before performing any cross-sectional imaging. After hours we do not routinely perform MRI; Discuss case with attending before performing MRI or CT.
 - 1 – If CT: oral and IV contrast at 5mm with 2.5 mm recons, mA of 175 or less if possible (150 ma is usually ok)
 - 2 – If MRI: call MRI fellow on call if after-hours and discuss with attending.