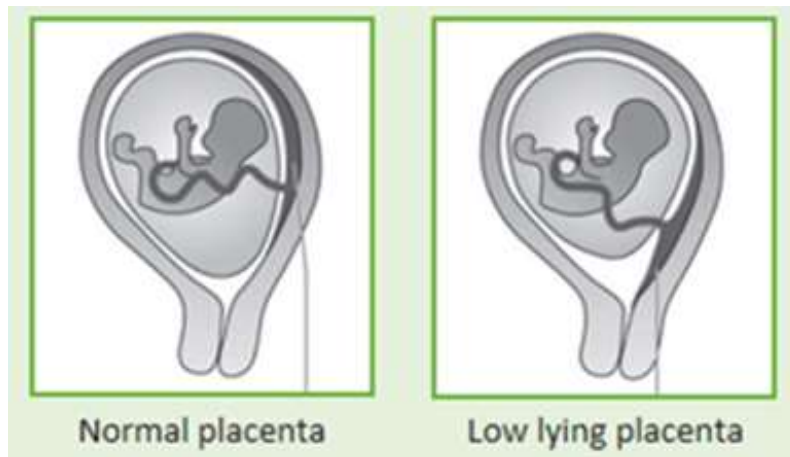


Department of Radiology

Patient Information

Low Lying Placenta at the Fetal Anomaly Scan



If your placenta is recorded as low lying at your anomaly scan, you will be offered another scan around 32 weeks of pregnancy to check its position.

It is important that you attend this appointment with a full bladder.

9 out of 10 women, who have a low lying placenta at the anomaly scan, will no longer have a low lying placenta at the follow up scan. This is because as the uterus grows the placenta moves upwards and out of the way of the cervix (neck of the womb).

In a small number of women (1 in 200) the placenta continues to lie in the lower part of the uterus (womb) in the last few months of the pregnancy. This condition is known as placenta praevia.

With a low lying placenta you may experience some vaginal bleeding. If you have any bleeding at any time please contact your midwife or Obstetrician straight away.