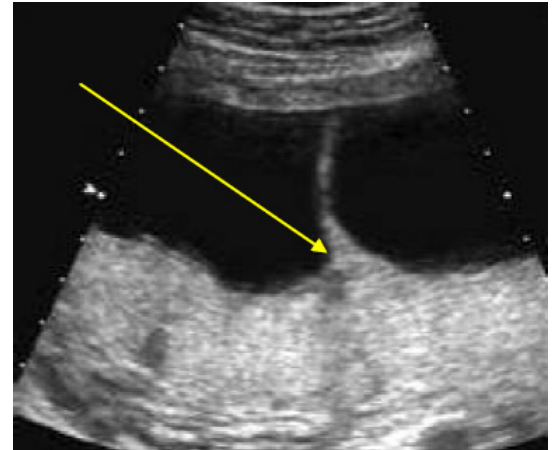
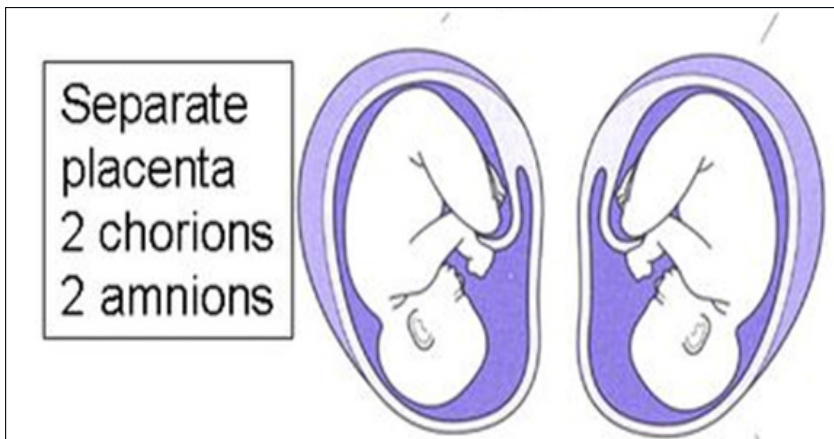


ULTRASOUND SURVEILLANCE IN DCDA TWIN PREGNANCIES

Congratulations! You are expecting dichorionic-diamniotic (DCDA) twins, which means that each baby has their own placenta and their own sac of fluid. Approximately 80% of all twins are of this type and they may be the same or different genders. Dr. Colin Walsh will be performing your ultrasound scans during the pregnancy.



As twin pregnancies have a higher risk of fetal growth problems and premature delivery compared to singletons, you will require extra ultrasound scans during the pregnancy to monitor fetal growth carefully. Our recommended ultrasound schedule for DCDA twins is:

8-10 weeks	Dating ultrasound + confirm chorionicity
11-14 weeks	<i>Nuchal translucency ultrasound (optional)</i>
16 weeks	Early fetal anatomy ultrasound
19 weeks	Detailed morphology ultrasound (and genders if requested!)
23-24 weeks	Fetal growth and cardiac ultrasound
27 weeks	Fetal growth and Doppler ultrasound
30 weeks	Fetal growth and Doppler ultrasound
33 weeks	Fetal growth and Doppler ultrasound
36 weeks	Fetal growth and Doppler ultrasound
37 weeks	Fetal Doppler and wellbeing ultrasound

This schedule is recommended for women with uncomplicated DCDA twins. Dichorionic twins complicated by fetal growth problems, maternal pre-eclampsia or gestational diabetes will often require increased ultrasound surveillance. Dr. Colin Walsh will discuss this carefully with you.