

Mom Delivers Healthy Baby After Rare Undiscovered Ectopic Pregnancy

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A mother in Missouri and her baby are both healthy after a rare and undiscovered ectopic pregnancy. Jonna Snodgrass, 36, delivered Jatelyn Snodgrass at Heartland Regional Medical Center's New Beginnings Unit earlier this month.

Doctors discovered the baby girl was ectopic and didn't implant in the uterus. For more details, go to

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undergoing a C-section delivery, was a big surprise.

"I was shocked and I don't know how we both survived it, but we're both here," she said.

Ms. Snodgrass said nothing about her pregnancy seemed out of place.

"Really nothing was different, except for the C-section, that was totally new to me," she said. "Everything else was pretty much the same."



The Snodgrasses noted that Katelyn's location was undetected by two sonograms done after the 20-week mark.

Dr. Brooke Seevers was Ms. Snodgrass' obstetrician throughout the pregnancy. Dr. Seevers said ectopic pregnancies, pregnancies where an embryo implants outside of the uterus, are uncommon.

"It's a very rare complication to develop for a pregnancy," she said.

Ms. Snodgrass' case was an even rarer form of ectopic pregnancy in terms of

where the embryo implanted. Ovarian ectopic pregnancies account for about half a percent of all ectopic pregnancies, Dr. Seevers said. Implantation on the fallopian tubes is far more common.

She said typically ectopic pregnancy patients receive the diagnosis after experiencing pain and bleeding early on. In addition to being potentially life-threatening to the mother, they also run a high risk of miscarriage or premature birth.

From birth weight to length, the decor, affixed to a labor/delivery/recovery/post-partum room in the maternity wing, announced the details of Katelyn Snodgrass' birth at 11:49 a.m. Monday.

Not included, however, was the fact that she was brought into the world following an unusual gestation. Instead of growing inside her mother's uterus, her embryo had taken root on an ovary.

Katelyn's mother, St. Joseph resident Jonna Snodgrass, 36, said finding out that fact, after