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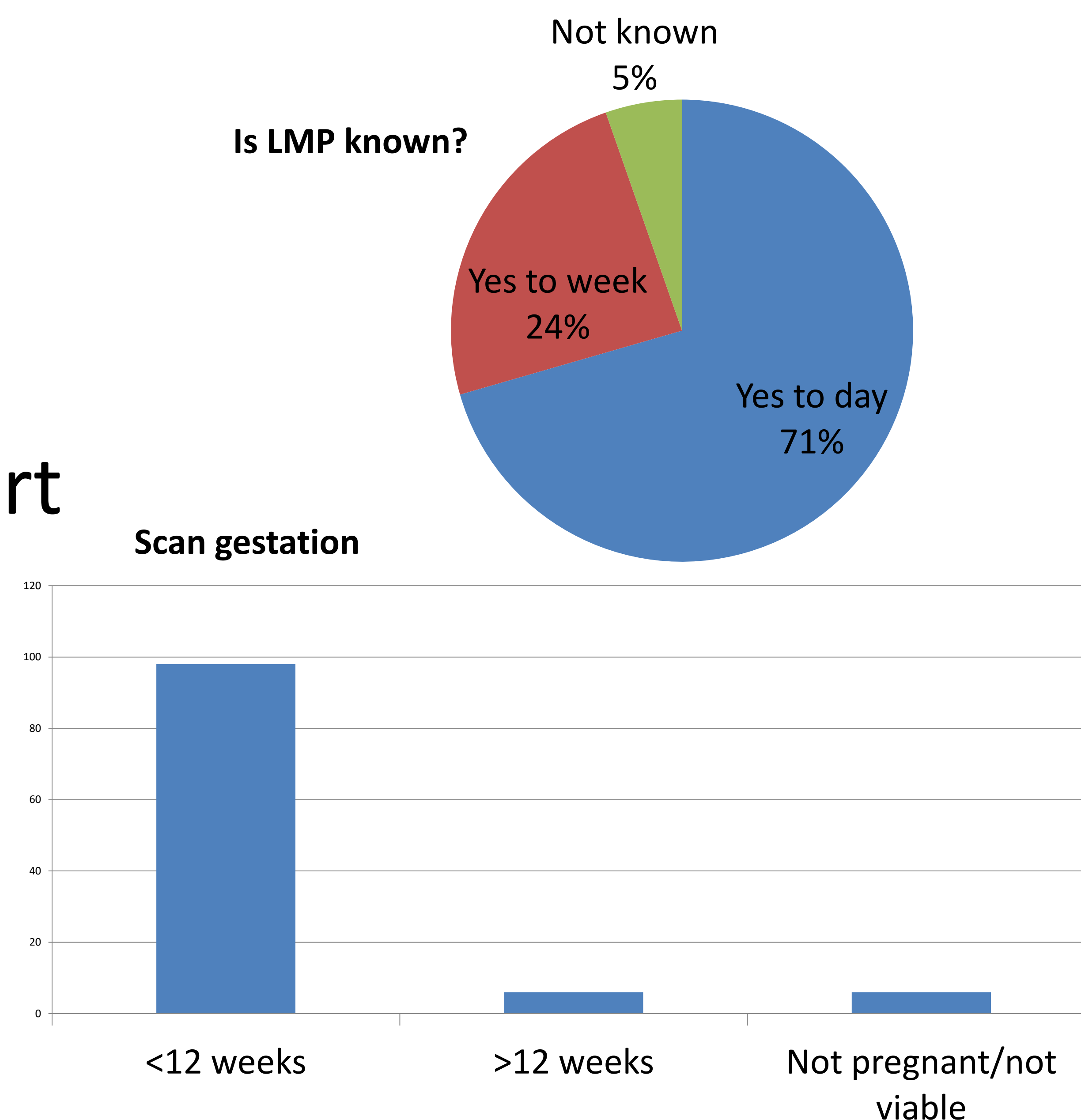
Telemedicine -

- Use of technology
- Increases access
- Employs triage system
- Generally safe and effective

Staff sometimes question whether women will accurately self-report gestation



Study: Our region looked retrospectively at the accuracy of self-reported gestation in women presenting for abortion. We compared LMP reported on referral with scan gestation.



Results: 112 women self-referred in 1 month.

On referral:

71% gave LMP to nearest day/week
24% gave to week/fortnight
5% uncertain of LMP

On scan:

5% not pregnant
90% <12/40
5% >12/40

Accuracy of estimation (not pregnant excluded):

77% accurate to nearest week and further 8% accurate to nearest 2 weeks (total 85%).

5% had not known LMP – all <12/40
10% underestimated gestation – median 18 days.

➤ **Conclusion:** The majority of women are able to estimate their gestation to the nearest week.

➤ Most present in the first trimester.

➤ Many of those who cannot estimate their gestation would be picked up by triage system.

