




# Assessment of amniotic fluid volume

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## INTRODUCTION

Amniotic fluid volume (AFV) is routinely assessed sonographically during pregnancy because it is a marker of fetal health and thus useful for identifying, monitoring, and managing complicated pregnancies.

The sonographic assessment of AFV will be discussed here. Factors that influence AFV and specific disorders of AFV (oligohydramnios and polyhydramnios) are reviewed separately:

- (See "[Physiology of amniotic fluid volume regulation](#)".)
- (See "[Oligohydramnios: Etiology, diagnosis, and management in singleton gestations](#)".)
- (See "[Polyhydramnios: Etiology, diagnosis, and management](#)".)

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