

Pregnancy Labs and Screenings

Lab Tests

Blood type • Rh factor • Antibody screen • RPR (syphilis) • CBC (complete blood count) Rubella • Hepatitis B • HIV • Sickle cell • Pap smear • Gonorrhea • Chlamydi • Urinalysis

Routine Screenings

Initial Visit + Anemia Screen

24-28 Weeks If hemoglobin is low, iron supplements will be necessary in addition to

prenatal vitamins.

10-20 Weeks Ultrasound/Sonogram

To examine fetal anatomy. Additional ultrasounds may be necessary if

medically indicated.

24-28 Weeks Diabetes Screen (One-Hour Glucose Tolerance Test)

To screen for gestational diabetes. Patients at higher risk may need to be screened earlier. If the one-hour test is elevated, a three-hour test will be

performed to confirm the diagnosis.

35-37 Weeks GBS Vaginal Culture

To identify women who are positive for group B strep. If the culture is positive, it is routine to receive antibiotics during labor to protect the

baby from the bacteria.

Optional Screenings

Initial Visit Carrier Screening

To determine if the patient is a carrier for conditions including cystic fibrosis,

spinal muscular atrophy, Duchene muscular dystrophy and Fragile X.

(If results are positive, testing is offered for your partner.)

10 Weeks Non-invasive Prenatal Testing (NIPT)

To screen for chromosomal abnormalities. It is non-invasive and detects

fetal cells that have crossed into the maternal blood stream.

11-13 Weeks Nuchal Translucency (NT) Performed at an outside facility

To measure a fluid-filled space in the back of a developing fetus' neck. Extra

fluid can mean a fetus is at higher risk for certain birth defects.

11-13 Weeks First/Sequential Screen Performed at an outside facility

To determine if the fetus is at higher risk for certain birth defects (Down

syndrome) and is performed in conjunction with the nuchal translucency test.

16-20 Weeks MSAFP Quad Screen

To screen for increased risk of spinal cord problems (spina bifida), Down

syndrome and Trisomy 18.

16-21 Weeks Amniocentesis Performed at an outside facility

To determine the genetic makeup of the baby. Usually done on women 35 or older at delivery, have a family history of genetic abnormalities, or are at increased risk for genetic disorders. It can also be done late in pregnancy to determine if the baby's lungs are mature when early delivery is indicated.

24 Weeks Antibody Screen (for Rh Negative patients only)

You will receive a RhoGAM injection at 28 weeks and when you deliver.