CDC's Response to Zika

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Infant test results*		Interpretation	
rRT-PCR	IgM		
Positive	Positive or Negative	Confirmed congenital Zika virus infection	
Negative	Positive	Probable congenital Zika virus infection+	
Negative	Negative	Negative for congenital Zika virus infection+	

Abbreviations: rRT-PCR = real-time reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction; IgM = Immunoglobulin M

- * Infant serum, urine or cerebrospinal fluid.
- + Laboratory results should be interpreted in the context of timing of infection during pregnancy, maternal serology results, clinical findings consistent with congenital Zika syndrome, and any confirmatory testing with plaque reduction neutralization testing (PRNT).

CHECKLIST 1

Initial clinical evaluation & management of infants with laboratory evidence of Zika virus infection and abnormalities consistent with congenital Zika syndrome †

Consultation with:

- Neurologist for determination of appropriate neuroimaging and additional evaluation.
- ☐ Infectious disease specialist for diagnostic evaluation of other congenital infections (e.g. syphilis, toxoplasmosis, rubella, cytomegalovirus infection, lymphocytic choriomeningitis virus infection, and herpes simplex virus infection).
- ☐ Ophthalmologist for comprehensive eye exam and evaluation for possible cortical visual impairment prior to discharge from hospital or within 1 month of birth.
- ☐ Endocrinologist for evaluation for hypothalamic or pituitary dysfunction.
- ☐ Clinical geneticist to evaluate for other causes of microcephaly or other anomalies if present.

Consider consultation with:

- Orthopedist, physiatrist and physical therapist for the management of hypertonia, club foot or arthrogrypotic-like conditions.
- ☐ Pulmonologist or otolaryngologist for concerns about aspiration.
- ☐ Lactation specialist, nutritionist, gastroenterologist, or speech or occupational therapist for the management of feeding issues.
- ☐ Perform ABR to assess hearing.
- ☐ Perform complete blood count and metabolic panel, including liver function tests.
- ☐ Provide family and supportive services.

CHECKLIST 2

Outpatient management of infants with laboratory evidence of Zika virus infection and abnormalities consistent with congenital Zika syndrome †

- ☐ A medical home should be established, and visits with primary care provider should occur monthly for at least the first 6 months of life.
 - ☐ Follow growth parameters, monitor development, encourage parents and other caregivers to monitor child's development, provide routine immunizations and anticipatory guidance, psychosocial support, and to ensure infants receive necessary testing and consultations.
- □ Neurologic examination by the primary care provider at 1 and 2 months of age. Refer to neurology for any abnormalities, or for any parental or provider concerns.
- ☐ Refer to developmental specialist and early intervention services.
- ☐ Repeat a comprehensive ophthalmologic exam at 3 months of age, and refer to ophthalmology for any abnormal findings, or for any parental or provider concerns.
- ☐ Repeat ABR testing at 4-6 months of age, and follow up on any abnormal findings, or for any parental or provider concerns.
- □ Repeat testing for hypothyroidism (i.e. TSH, total T4 and estimated free T4) at 2 weeks and 3 months of age, even if the initial testing was normal. Refer to endocrinology for any abnormal findings.
- ☐ Provide family and supportive services.

CHECKLIST 3

Outpatient management of infants with laboratory evidence of Zika virus infection, but without abnormalities consistent with congenital Zika syndrome †

- ☐ A medical home should be established.
- ☐ Follow growth parameters, perform developmental monitoring at each well child visit and encourage parents and other caregivers to monitor child's development.
- ☐ Emphasize anticipatory guidance for families regarding developmental milestones, feeding and growth, sleep and irritability, and abnormal movements.
- Use a standardized, validated developmental screening tool at 9 months as currently recommended, or earlier for any parental or provider concerns.
- ☐ Referral to ophthalmology for comprehensive eye exam within one month of birth. Perform vision screening and assess visual regard at every well child visit, and refer to ophthalmology for any abnormal findings, or for any parental or provider concerns.
- ☐ Perform ABR within one month of birth. Perform behavioral diagnostic testing at 9 months of age, or consider repeat ABR at 4–6 months. Refer to audiology for any abnormal findings, or for any parental or provider concerns.
- ☐ Provide family and supportive services.