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Testing of Pregnant Women for Sexually Transmitted Diseases.

(1) Practitioners attending a pregnant woman shall test them at the initial prenatal visit for chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis, hepatitis B virus (HBV), hepatitis C virus (HCV), and HIV infections unless the pregnant woman has previously been confirmed to have HIV infection.

(2) Practitioners shall test for:

(a) Syphilis during the third trimester, between 28-32 weeks gestation, regardless of risk factors.

(b) HIV infection at 28-32 weeks gestation, regardless of risk factors, unless a pregnant woman is already confirmed to be infected with HIV.

(c) Chlamydia and gonorrhea at 36 weeks of gestation if the initial testing was positive, signs and symptoms are present, or the pregnant woman is at high risk of infection.

(d) A pregnant woman who declined to test earlier in their pregnancy shall again be offered testing for chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis, and HIV during the early third trimester.

(3) Practitioners shall test all pregnant women at the time of labor and delivery for syphilis, HIV infection (unless they are already confirmed to be infected with HIV), and HBV (if no prior testing for HBV or the pregnant woman has signs or symptoms of hepatitis).

(4) If a pregnant woman first presents for care at the time of labor and delivery, practitioners shall test the pregnant woman for chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis, HBV, HCV, and HIV infection. (HIV testing is required if the pregnant woman is not confirmed to have HIV infection.)

(5) Refusal of a pregnant woman to permit testing for chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis, HBV, HCV, and not previously confirmed to have HIV infection, despite pre-test counseling, shall be documented in the medical record.

(6) Practitioners shall use only those tests for sexually transmitted diseases/infections licensed by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Test results for HIV infection shall be confirmed

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Appendix IV - Alabama Prenatal STD Testing Summary Table.

| Test | Initial Prenatal Visit | Third Trimester | Labor and Delivery |
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| Chlamydia | All pregnant women | All pregnant women at 36 weeks gestation if: * The initial test was positive, * Signs or symptoms present, or * At high risk of infections | Only if no prenatal care |
| Gonorrhea | All pregnant women | All pregnant women at 36 weeks gestation if: * The initial test was positive, * Signs or symptoms present, or * At high risk of infections | Only if no prenatal care |
| Hepatitis B | All pregnant women | | All pregnant women |
| Hepatitis C | All pregnant women | | Only if no prenatal care |
| HIV | All pregnant women not previously confirmed as HIV infected | All pregnant women at 28-32 weeks gestation unless previously confirmed as HIV infected | All pregnant women not previously confirmed as HIV infected |
| Syphilis | All pregnant women | All pregnant women at 28-32 weeks gestation | All pregnant women |

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