

TEST	TIMING DURING PREGNANCY	PURPOSE
Urine Screening	Each prenatal visit	Screen for presence of protein & glucose; presence may indicate increased risk for certain complications
Weight	Each prenatal visit	Monitor weight gain during pregnancy
Blood Pressure	Each prenatal visit	Detection of increased blood pressure; a sudden rise could warn of potential complications
Blood Type & RH Factor	Initial prenatal visit	Identify mother's blood type & potential for incompatibility between mother's & fetus's blood
Antibody Screen	Initial prenatal visit & 28 weeks if RH negative	Identify potential for incompatibility between mother's & fetus's blood
Complete Blood Count	Initial prenatal visit, 28 weeks, & as needed	Screen for anemia & infection
Hemoglobinopathy Profile	Initial prenatal visit if needed	Identify Sickle cell traits and other blood traits which may affect pregnancy
Urine Culture	Initial prenatal visit & as needed	Detect urinary tract infections
Rubella	Initial prenatal visit	Determines mother's immunity to rubella infection
Sexually Transmitted Disease Screening (Hepatitis, HIV, Syphilis)	Initial prenatal visit	Identify infections that may be transmitted from mother to fetus
Infectious Disease Screening (TB Skin Test, Varicella, Toxoplasmosis)	Initial prenatal visit (If Needed)	Screens for specific infections or immunity
Pap Smear	OB physical (If Needed)	Routine screening for cervical cancer
Genprobe	OB physical & 36 weeks	Screening for Gonorrhea & Chlamydia
Group B Strep	36 weeks	Identification of Group B Strep Bacteria that may be transmitted from mother to baby during labor.
Glucose Screening (1 Hour)	28 weeks (some patients may also have a test in the 1st trimester)	Screening for gestational diabetes (A 3 hour glucose test is ordered for patients with an abnormal 1 hour glucose screening)
Ultrasound	18-22 weeks and at various times as needed for medical indications	Evaluate fetal age, fetal growth, fetal anatomy, fetal well-being, or placental location
Non-Stress Test	As needed in 3rd trimester	Evaluate health of fetus in mothers with certain medical conditions, reduced Fetal movement, or pregnancies proceeding past estimated due date
Urine Drug Screen	Initial prenatal visit & as needed	Screens for maternal use of drugs which could affect pregnancy