EXPECT A HEALTHY BABY.

Get tested. Protect your baby from syphilis.
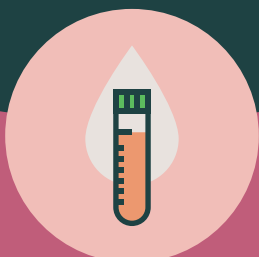
WHAT IS CONGENITAL SYPHILIS?

Congenital Syphilis is a sexually transmitted infection (STI) that occurs when a mother with syphilis passes the infection on to her baby during pregnancy or delivery. If left untreated, a baby born with syphilis can have life-long issues like seizures and developmental delays, or even worse, can die from the infection.

Not all mothers with syphilis present with symptoms, which is why it is critical to get tested early and throughout your pregnancy. Testing for syphilis is free and easy, and the infection is treatable with simple antibiotics.

PREVENT INFECTION

- Wear a condom during sex
- Limit your number of sexual partners while pregnant
- Go to your prenatal care checkups even if you're feeling fine
- Talk with your doctor if you have syphilis and may be pregnant
- Ask your partner to get tested for syphilis if you have the infection. Both partners must be treated or the infection can reoccur and affect your baby.

GET TESTED

- Get a free blood test given by your health care provider or your local county health department to test for syphilis. All pregnant women should be tested, even if you don't think you have any exposure or symptoms.
- Ask to be tested at any point during your pregnancy, but especially during the first and third trimesters.

RECEIVE TREATMENT

- Treatment can be free, and done with a simple shot or IV of simple antibiotics to treat and cure yours and your baby's syphilis.
- Your sexual partner must be tested and treated too so your baby is not at risk throughout your pregnancy

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