Offering Routine Antenatal Communicable Disease Screening Tests

"The primary aim of screening women for these conditions is to ensure a plan for treatment and management for affected individuals and their babies".

NHS QIS Clinical Standards, Pregnancy and Newborn Screening

**On confirmation of pregnancy woman is referred for antenatal care**

**Health care worker confirms**
- Woman has read information leaflet, offers blood tests, obtains consent and informs woman when and how she will receive her results.
  - (within 21 days, Standard 3c.1,2,4,5)

**Test is indeterminate or unsatisfactory.**
- Counselling and/or further tests provided within 5 days of any indeterminate/unsatisfactory test.
  - (Standard 3d.1)

**Blood is taken and tests ordered for those tests where consent is given.**
- Is it imperative that the Pregnancy and Newborn Screening IM&T system is used to ensure tests can be tracked and failsafes are in place.
- The PNBS system should be updated if a previously declined test is later accepted.

**The laboratory sends result to a named person who will make arrangements to recall woman to site for repeat blood test within 5 days.**
- (Standard 3d.1)

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**If a woman develops symptoms of hepatitis or an STI she should be referred to the relevant professional (hepatologist/SHA) for appropriate assessment.**

**Overarching Principles – Pregnancy Screening**
- Relevant information, which outlines the benefits and risks of screening should be provided in a user-friendly manner so that women and their partners can make an informed choice. This information should be provided by her midwife with additional support from appropriate specialists as necessary. Contact details below.

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- VOL – 01389 817 270
- IRH – 01475 504 833
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**Test is negative.**
- Woman informed by letter of negative screening tests within 21 days (Standard 3c5).
- Confirmation that woman has received screening tests results should be recorded at subsequent antenatal visits.

**Woman requests more information or refuses one or more screening tests.**

- Women who **decline one or more tests**, should be **re-offered** testing early in the third trimester, between 28-31 weeks.
- Women who book late should be offered screening at the first opportunity.

**See Appendix 1 for Late Booking Protocol.**
- All test results for a woman should be known prior to delivery and definitely before discharge.

**SIGNIFICANT TEST RESULTS**
- Seronegative or equivocal result for rubella
- Carrier of hepatitis B
- Positive syphilis serology
- Positive for HIV infection

**REFER TO SIGNIFICANT TEST RESULT CARE PATHWAY FOR EACH INFECTION**

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