

Dear Patient:

In accordance with the guideline from the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology, all pregnant patients are being screened for hepatitis B antigen. This is to protect your infant as well as your family and yourself from the problems of this potentially lethal disease. In addition to screening all pregnant women, those that are at high risk may need further evaluation and/or treatment. Please read over the following list of possible high-risk groups and if you are a member of any of these groups. Please indicate by putting a check in front of the appropriate statement.

- Women of Asian, Pacific Island, or Alaskan Eskimo descent, whether born in the United States or elsewhere
- Women born in Haiti or Sub-Saharan Africa
- Women with the histories of:
 - Work in a health care or public safety field
 - Acute or chronic liver disease
 - Work or reside in an institution for the mentally handicapped
 - Work or treatment in a hemodialysis unit
 - Rejection as a blood donor
 - Blood transfusion on repeated occasions
 - Frequent occupational exposure to blood in medical-dental settings
 - Household contact with an HBV carrier or hemodialysis patient
 - Multiple episodes of sexually transmitted diseases
 - Percutaneous use of illicit drugs
 - None of the above

Name: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____