



GLUCOSE TESTING INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS

When you are 26 to 28 weeks pregnant or between _____ and _____, you will have to go to the Bronson lab to have a screening test for gestational diabetes. For this test, you have to drink a sugar-based drink called glucola. The lab will then draw your blood one hour after you have ingested this drink. You **MUST** remain in the lab during this hour so please plan your schedule accordingly. The lab will also be drawing your hemoglobin at this time. We will be giving you the order for these labs at approximately your 24-week visit. Please remember to take the order to the lab with you when you go. No appointment is needed. The outpatient lab is located at Outpatient Diagnostic Testing on the first floor of the Medical Office Pavilion. The lab opens at 7:00 a.m. Monday through Friday. If you plan to present to the lab in the late afternoon, please note that you must arrive no later than 5:00 p.m. for the one-hour test.

_____ If you are RH negative, **you need to go to the Bronson Hospital Lab** for your glucose test. They will also do an antibody screen on you to prepare for your Rhogam injection. (Don't worry---same sample----only one blood draw!) Please call our office to schedule an appointment for a return visit to receive your Rhogam injection within 2-7days See dates below.

The dates to have your blood drawn are between _____ & _____
The dates to have your injection are between _____ & _____

We recommend that all of our patients have the TDAP vaccination between 27 and 36 weeks. We will offer you the vaccine at your appointment, in our office. The Kalamazoo County Health Department and several other pharmacies in the area offer TDAP vaccine administration, as well. This vaccine is safe in pregnancy and protects your baby from diphtheria and pertussis. These are childhood illnesses that can be severe, and in some cases fatal. Also, encourage other family members who might have contact with your baby, to also get the vaccine. Insurance plans vary, so always check first with them regarding your coverage.