What is Congenital Syphilis (CS)?

Syphilis is a sexually transmitted disease (STD).

Congenital syphilis occurs when a pregnant woman with syphilis passes the infection to her unborn child.

This can cause serious problems like premature birth, low birth weight, birth defects and stillbirth.

What are Symptoms of Syphilis?

Most people with syphilis have symptoms such as a sore or rash. Even if they do, they may not notice them.

The only way to know for sure is to get tested. Getting tested for syphilis is part of routine prenatal care.

Who Should Get Tested?

If you are pregnant or might get pregnant, it is important to get routine prenatal care.

Getting tested for syphilis and other STDs is part of routine prenatal care.

Pregnant women should get tested for syphilis at the first prenatal visit. Syphilis testing should be repeated during the third trimester (28-32 weeks gestational age) and at delivery in women who are at high risk for syphilis or live in areas with high rates of syphilis.

Be sure to get your syphilis test results and follow any medical advice at that time.

How is Syphilis Treated?

Syphilis can be cured, even during pregnancy. Proper treatment will help prevent your baby from becoming infected.

Be sure to inform your sex partner(s) because they will need to be tested and treated too. This will help them stay healthy, avoid infecting others and avoid reinfecting you.

The clinics listed on the front of this brochure offer FREE or LOW-COST STD testing and treatment and pregnancy planning services.

Protecting Yourself and Your Baby
from Syphilis

Get Yourself Tested!

You can get syphilis and other STDs more than once.

If you need to get tested or would like more information on protecting yourself and your baby, talk to your health care provider, or visit a local clinic.

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Clinic Name1
Street Address
City
Phone: xxx.xxx.xxxx
Clinic Hours (M-F, xx-xx)

Clinic Name2
Street Address
City
Phone: xxx.xxx.xxxx
Clinic Hours (M-F, xx-xx)

Clinic Name3
Street Address
City
Phone: xxx.xxx.xxxx
Clinic Hours (M-F, xx-xx)

Clinic Name4
Street Address
City
Phone: xxx.xxx.xxxx
Clinic Hours (M-F, xx-xx)

Clinic Name5
Street Address
City
Phone: xxx.xxx.xxxx
Clinic Hours (M-F, xx-xx)

Clinic Name6
Street Address
City
Phone: xxx.xxx.xxxx
Clinic Hours (M-F, xx-xx)

For a list of free or low-cost clinics near you, go to https://gettested.cdc.gov/ or call Public Health at xxx-xxx-xxxx.

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