

# Pregnancy Test DHA CSSP Algorithm

**FEMALE (16-44)**

**\*\*Exclusion Criteria\*\***

Any "yes" responses to the exclusion criteria require provider notification for a plan of care.

- Is the female patient < 16 or > 44 years old?
- Has the patient had previous complications during a pregnancy?
- Has the patient experienced fever or chills?
- Is the patient experiencing moderate or severe abdominal pain?
- Is the patient experiencing heavy vaginal bleeding or spotting (more than the normal menstrual cycle)?
- Is the patient currently ill?
- Is the patient currently experiencing severe nausea?
- Is the patient currently experiencing cramping?

**IMPORTANT:**

- Abnormal vital signs must be repeated after 5 mins & both sets reported to the provider for plan of care.

**Abnormal Vital Signs**

- SBP < 90 or > 140
- DBP < 60 or > 90
- Pulse < 60 bpm or > 100 bpm
- Temp > 101.5 F or 38.6 C
- RR < 12 or > 20
- O2 Saturation < 95%

A female patient age of 16-44 presents to the clinic for a Pregnancy Test and states one or more of the following:

- Patient is over 5 days late for her menstrual cycle.
- Patient had a positive home pregnancy test.

Walk-in: encounter created.

Support staff completes the DHA Pregnancy Test CSSP.

**\*\*Exclusion Criteria\*\***  
Any "yes" responses from the Exclusion Criteria or abnormal vital signs?

Yes

Support staff will consult with the provider about the plan of care.

No

If criteria are met, order a pregnancy test (beta HCG) per local protocol. If patient declines the pregnancy test, suggest the patient schedule a future provider appointment. If criteria are not met consult with the provider.

Verify the patient's contact information, provide patient education handout and follow-up instructions. Send patient to lab or collect specimen as per local protocol.

Ensure thorough documentation of all aspects of the visit are entered into the EHR (e.g. patient education, counseling, and/or follow-up care instructions).

When results are available, notify the patient in person (if the patient is waiting) or by the patient's preferred method of contact.

Negative: Advise pt to return in one week for repeat testing if desired or to f/u with PCP PRN.

Positive: Place referral to OB. Order pre-natal vitamins. Ensure has appropriate contact numbers for nurse. Discuss warning signs and when to go to the OB.

Provider will review/sign the EHR note and close the encounter.