



QUAD SCREEN & PENTA SCREEN CONSENT

The Alfa-Fetoprotein, Quad Screen, or Penta Screen are recommended, but are all optional tests. A decision whether to have this test is a personal choice. A woman who would not consider terminating the pregnancy may still want this test to be performed. Studies have suggested that abnormal results of this test may increase the risk for developing preeclampsia, intrauterine growth retardation, placental abruption, premature delivery, and fetal demise.

Women who are 35 years or older are at increased risk for having a baby with Down Syndrome or other chromosomal abnormalities. Even with a normal Quad Screen or Penta Screen and ultrasound, there is still the possibility of having a baby with Down Syndrome or other chromosomal abnormalities. Amniocentesis or Chorionic Villous Sampling (CVS) are the most accurate tests for diagnosing Down Syndrome as well as other chromosomal abnormalities.

If you choose to have the Quad Screen or Penta Screen done, it should be drawn between 15 and 18 weeks. You will be notified of the results in 7 – 10 days. If you are 35 years or older and plan to have an amniocentesis, you should have the Quad Screen or Penta Screen drawn 7 – 10 days prior to your amniocentesis. This will help determine if you are at risk for developing any other third trimester problems mentioned previously.

I understand and wish to have the Quad Screen or Penta Screen done.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

I understand and DO NOT wish to have the Quad Screen or Penta Screen done.

Signed: _____ Date: _____