



PARENT INFORMATION SHEET

ROUTINE SCREENING OF FEMALE PATIENTS BEFORE A RADIOLOGY EXAM OR PROCEDURE

Your doctor has ordered an imaging study for your child to obtain information that may help with diagnosis or to determine an appropriate treatment plan. In preparation for this procedure, your child may be asked to provide a urine sample for pregnancy screening.

Who will be tested?

Females 10 years of age and older are required to have a pregnancy screening performed before certain radiology procedures.

Why is testing necessary?

As the average age girls begin having their period has shifted younger, University of Michigan C.S. Mott Children's Hospital policies have evolved to help prevent or reduce radiation exposure to unborn babies. Pregnancy testing is done to prevent harm to a developing pregnancy.

When will the test be done?

The test can be performed any time within 28 days prior to the imaging procedure. The test can be performed in your physician's office, or your physician may help you identify a laboratory to provide the testing.

How is the test done?

The patient will be asked to provide a urine sample for testing. If she is unable to provide urine, a blood sample can be taken.

Who will get the results?

If the test is positive, the patient will be notified. By law, she must give her permission in order for the hospital to share the test results with a parent or guardian.

Who pays for the cost of testing?

The pregnancy screening will be billed in the same way that any other lab charges for the procedure will be billed.

Are there exceptions to this policy?

Patients in whom pregnancy is a physical impossibility are exempt from the to the pregnancy test requirement. This would include patients with congenital or surgical absence of the uterus or ovaries. In rare extenuating circumstances, the requirement may be waived for a patient who is physically or mentally unable to cooperate for a test, or in emergencies in which delay of imaging might jeopardize the life of the patient. The pregnancy testing requirement can not be waived solely on the insistence of a parent.