



## **GONORRHEA AND CHLAMYDIA DURING PREGNANCY**

The Physicians at Alliance Obstetrics and Gynecology, in addition to the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, recommend that all pregnant women undergo testing for chlamydia and gonorrhea at least once during their pregnancy.

Chlamydia and gonorrhea are sexually transmitted infections that do not always cause noticeable symptoms in affected individuals. These infections are easily treated with an antibiotic during pregnancy. If left undetected and/or untreated, these infections can cause serious harm (including blindness) to your baby when he or she is born.

These cultures will be collected by your physician during your pelvic exam at your next office visit. The results of these tests will only be shared with whom you request and only if you request. A positive result will be sent to your local health department as required under state law.

These tests may or may not be covered by insurance. In some cases, the tests are covered but will be applied to an out-of-pocket deductible when applicable. If you are uncertain of your coverage, please contact your insurance provider.