

Prenatal Messages for Counseling Pregnant Women About the HIV Test



Anyone can get HIV. Women especially may not know they are at risk.



HIV is treatable. Treatment can prolong a woman's life and prevent transmission of HIV to her infant during pregnancy.



Most women who get the HIV test do not have the virus.



If a woman is HIV+ during pregnancy, she can get treatment immediately.



If a woman is HIV negative during pregnancy, she can learn ways to prevent getting the infection in the future.



All information about HIV testing and the results are kept confidential.



Federal and state laws protect women with HIV from discrimination.



Experts recommend that all pregnant women receive an HIV test regardless of whether a woman thinks she is at risk.