



Common Tests During Labor

This chart lists and briefly explains many of the tests you may have during your labor and birth. Be sure to talk to your doctor, nurse, midwife, or other clinic staff if you have questions or concerns about the tests or your test results.

Test	What's Tested	Information	Comments
Blood type/screen	<i>Blood</i>	Useful information in an emergency. Helps identify women who need Rhogam shot after the birth.	Transfusion only if needed. If mother is Rh negative and baby is Rh positive, the mother needs a Rhogam shot after the birth.
Group B strep (Beta strep)	<i>Results checked of cultures taken during pregnancy</i>	May pass infection to the baby at birth.	If bacteria is present in vagina or urine, or the mother has risk factors (PTL, ROM, etc.), she will be treated with antibiotics. If the mother has tested positive, baby may need to be observed after birth for the first day or two.

Questions?

Your questions are important. Call your doctor or health care provider if you have questions or concerns. UWMC clinic staff are also available to help at any time.

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Hematocrit	<i>Blood (from mother)</i>	Checks for low red blood cell count (anemia). Also done after birth to check blood loss during delivery.	May need iron supplements after the birth.
Rubella	<i>Blood</i>	Sample taken earlier in pregnancy.	If test is negative, mother is given vaccination after the birth.

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