FACT SHEET FOR FIRST PRENATAL VISIT About syphilis testing





It's possible to get syphilis and not know it.

Syphilis is treatable with antibiotics.

Congenital syphilis can have major health impacts on your baby.

Testing and treatment during pregnancy can prevent congenital syphilis, a common and treatable sexually transmitted infection (STI).

- Even if you were tested before, you should get tested for syphilis again when you become pregnant and again in the third trimester to make sure you don't pass it to your baby.
- You may have symptoms that mimic other illnesses or you may not have symptoms at all.
- See your healthcare provider for prental care and to get tested as soon as possible.
- You may also search for STI testing sites on the CDC Get Tested website at gettested.cdc.gov.

