



BC Centre for Disease Control
Provincial Health Services Authority

CONGENITAL SYPHILIS

Rates of congenital syphilis have surged in B.C. and nationwide in recent years. A child born to a pregnant parent with syphilis could experience significant health issues, including neonatal death.

With appropriate testing and treatment, both parent and baby can have a healthy gestational period and delivery.

To decrease the possibility of syphilis at birth:

- Order syphilis bloodwork for any pregnant patient.
- Order a pregnancy test for anyone who can become pregnant, and has tested positive for or has been in contact with syphilis.
- If a patient tests positive for syphilis, emphasize avoiding sexual contact until all partners are tested and treated.
- Penicillin is the **only** safe treatment option in pregnancy. Refer to a BCCDC STI Physician if there is concern for penicillin allergy.

The BCCDC Syphilis Case Management Team will guide you regarding additional testing and care. If you are in the catchment area for VCH, you will be contacted by their Nursing Case Management Team.



BCCDC STI Physician Consult Line
604-707-5610



BCCDC Nursing Case Management Team
604-707-5607

Scan here for more information from Perinatal Services BC



Testing for one STI? Test for all!
Test for syphilis.