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**PLEASE READ THE AIDS IN PREGNANCY INFORMATION BELOW**

AIDS (Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome) is caused by a virus called human immunodeficiency virus. People who are infected with the virus may show no symptoms of the disease and feel well. The virus may be passed on from pregnant woman already exposed to human immunodeficiency virus (even if she shows no signs of the disease) to her unborn child. If this occurs, the child is at risk for developing AIDS or AIDS-related conditions.

The following groups of people are known to be at high risk for carrying human immunodeficiency virus. In some cases these risk factors are associated with life-style, and in other cases with geographic location or medical history.

- Women whose partners are known to be human immunodeficiency virus-positive
- Intravenous drug users or their partners
- Prostitutes
- Women whose male partners have had a homosexual experience or been exposed to someone with AIDS
- Hemophiliacs and partners of hemophiliacs or any recipient of multiple blood transfusions
- Women or women whose partners immigrated from the African malaria belt or Haiti after 1975

In addition, the following individuals may have a somewhat increased risk of carrying the virus:

- Women who had or whose partners had a blood transfusion between 1977 and the spring of 1985

There is a blood test available to identify people who have been exposed to this virus. If you belong to a high-risk group, the Department of Health and Human Service-Centers for Disease Control and the Department of Obstetrics strongly suggest that you have this blood test done to determine if you have been exposed to the human immunodeficiency virus, even if you feel perfectly well. This will help determine the best health care for you and your unborn child.

In order to arrange for a confidential blood test, or if you wish to have further information, let your doctor know. If you decide to be tested, please remember that a positive test does not mean you have AIDS. The results of your test need to be discussed with your doctor.

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Patient Signature

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