PLEASE REVIEW THIS AS YOU WILL BE ASKED TO SIGN AN ELECTRONIC COPY AT THE TIME OF YOUR VISIT.

OBGYN Associates of Ithaca

Prenatal Contract

We would like to welcome you as an obstetrical patient. The following information will help to clarify our office fees:

Prenatal Fee Breakdown:

1. Each visit will be billed individually at the time of service.
2. Ultrasounds, non stress tests and blood draws will also be billed at the time of service.
3. Genetic testing and all other lab work (pap smears, routine blood work, glucose testing) will be billed by the laboratory rendering the service. The laboratory's that we use are Cayuga Medical Center and Natera.
4. All visits may be subject to a copay depending on your specific insurance. It will be your responsibility to check with your insurance regarding this.
5. It is also your responsibility to verify that your insurance participates with both our doctors and our midwives for delivery.
6. If your son is to be circumcised by one of our physicians, the charge will be billed to your insurance company. Please call us with your child's insurance information as soon as you get home for the hospital. We must have this information in order for correct billing to take place. If we do not receive this information in a timely manner, you may be responsible for the circumcision charge.

Your insurance company will be billed for the total cost incurred at every visit. There will be an additional monthly service charge of $15.00 accrued if your account is not paid in full within 28 days once your insurance company has processed your claim, unless you have set up a payment plan with our office. We will be more than happy to assist you with any insurance problems or resubmitting that you may need. However; you must realize that our contract is with you the patient, not the insurance company. We do send monthly statements to you if you have any chargeable items done.

Screening Tests

Testing is offered to all pregnant patients. All testing is voluntary. You may chose to do no testing.

NIPT

Non Invasive Prenatal Testing is a screening test that detects greater than 99% of pregnancies with Down Syndrome, greater than 98% of pregnancies with Trisomy 18 and about 65% of pregnancies with Trisomy 13. It will also detect abnormalities of the fetal sex chromosomes such as Turner Syndrome.

False positive rate is 1% (0.2% for Down Syndrome).

It does not detect ONTD, so MSAFP will also be needed to be performed.

NIPT consist of 1 maternal blood sample done after 10 weeks of pregnancy; the test measures the relative amount of free fetal DNA in the mother's blood. Results are available within 2 weeks after blood is drawn. It is a non invasive test; therefore, it has no risk of miscarriage.

The test is sometimes not successful when not enough free fetal DNA is detected. In this case, you can opt for repeat sample, invasive testing (amniocentesis) or screening test (depending on gestational age). If NIPT indicates an abnormality, further options will be discussed.

Carrier Testing

Carrier testing can tell whether you are a carrier of over a hundred different genetic diseases, including cystic fibrosis, thalassemia, and sickle cell disease. As a carrier, you are healthy and show no signs of the disease. You can be a carrier even if everyone in your family is completely healthy.

Carrier testing is important because if you are a carrier and you have a baby with someone who is also a carrier of the same disease, there is a 25% chance that the baby will be born with the disease.

The diseases tested for are in 4 general categories:

1. Diseases which can be managed with early intervention, such as PKU

2. Chronic diseases which need lifelong management, such as cystic fibrosis

3. Diseases causing intellectual disability (mental retardation), such as Fragile X

4. Diseases with no treatment, such as spinal muscular atrophy

For a full list of diseases included or more information, go to either:

Natera.com or 855-271-1502: Test name: Horizon.

For information about billing, call Natera's local rep Neil Cavanaugh 401-323-5249

You can choose:

1. NO TESTING
2. Testing for CF (Cystic Fibrosis) only
3. Testing for CF and SMA (Spinal Muscular Atrophy)*
4. Full carrier testing panel

How testing works:

1. A blood sample is drawn from you at any time. It can be done before or during pregnancy.
   Results take 2 weeks.
2. If results are negative, this means you are not a carrier of any disease.
3. If results are positive, you will be notified of the disease you are carrier of.
   If possible, the father of the baby should be tested to see if he is also a carrier.
4. It the father of the baby is negative, no further testing needs to be done.
   The baby cannot be born with the disease (but may be a carrier).
5. If father of baby is positive, the baby has a 25% chance of having the disease.
   You may opt for further testing to find out if the baby is affected.
   We will discuss your options in detail if this occurs.
6. If the father of the baby is not able to be tested, you may opt for further testing
   to find out if the baby is affected. We will discuss your options in detail if this occurs.