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**PRENATAL TESTING**

Please feel free to discuss options for prenatal testing with us. The following are screening tests available. Other testing for women over 35 years of age are the maternal serum fetal DNA test, and amniocentesis.

I understand the following prenatal diagnostic tests are available to look for potential problems with my baby, such as Down's syndrome, Spina Bifida or other abnormalities:

**Ultrascreen** – 11-13 weeks 6 days. Specialized ultrasound combined with blood work. Detects approximately 90% of Down's syndrome cases with a 5% false positive rate.

**Multiple Marker Testing** – 14-22 weeks (Triple screen, Quad screen, Penta screen). Detects 75-85% of cases of Down's syndrome with a 5% false positive rate.

**Alpha-fetoprotein Testing** – 15-22 weeks. Used as a companion to Ultrascreen testing to look for problems with formation of brain and spinal cord (spina bifida) – included in Multiple Marker tests.

**Cystic Fibrosis Carrier Testing** – if you desire this test it will be added to your routine initial OB labs.

**I choose to perform the above tests**

**I decline all above tests**

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_