

Congenital Syphilis: New Screening during Pregnancy Guidelines

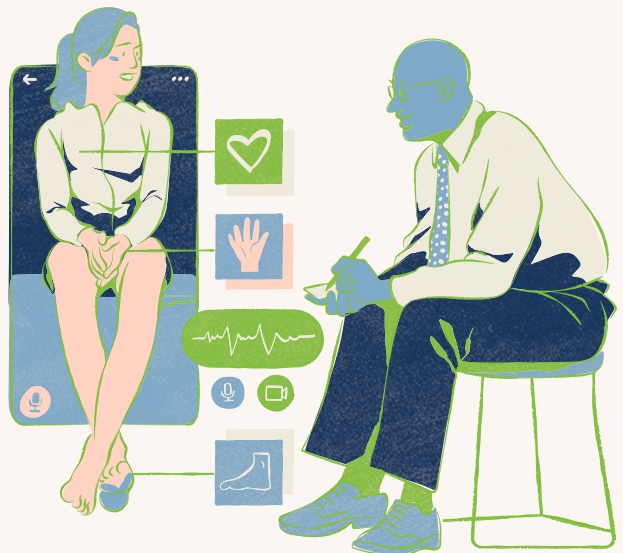


Updated Screening Protocols for Pregnant Individuals

Congenital syphilis cases increased by 755% from 2012 to 2021.

New Screening Guidelines

1. Initial Screening
 - Serological screening at first prenatal care visit
2. Third Trimester Screening
 - Early third trimester between 28-32 weeks gestation
3. Screening at Birth
 - Re-screening at the time of birth



Rationale for New Guidelines

- 3,755 cases of congenital syphilis reported in 2022
- 88% could have been prevented with timely screening and treatment
- 2 in 5 infants with congenital syphilis were born to individuals who received no prenatal care

Key Considerations for Healthcare Providers

- Use every healthcare encounter as an opportunity for screening
- Consider ED's and obstetric care as part of annual check-ups.
- Address stigma and barriers to completing treatment regimen (multiple injections). Follow reporting requirements.

