

THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO A WOMAN WHO OBJECTS TO A STANDARD SEROLOGICAL SYPHILIS TEST BECAUSE THE TEST IS AGAINST THE RELIGIOUS BELIEFS AND PRACTICES OF THE WOMAN.

(B) BLOOD TESTS REQUIRED.

(1) THE INDIVIDUAL ATTENDING A WOMAN FOR PREGNANCY SHALL SUBMIT TO A MEDICAL LABORATORY:

(I) A BLOOD SAMPLE TAKEN FROM THE WOMAN AT THE TIME THAT THE INDIVIDUAL FIRST EXAMINES THE WOMAN; AND

(II) A BLOOD SAMPLE TAKEN FROM THE WOMAN DURING THE THIRD TRIMESTER OF THE PREGNANCY.

(2) THE MEDICAL LABORATORY TO WHICH A BLOOD SAMPLE IS SUBMITTED SHALL DO A STANDARD SEROLOGICAL SYPHILIS TEST THAT IS APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT.

REVISOR'S NOTE: This section is new language derived without substantive change from former Article 43, § 31B(a), (b), (c), and (e).

In subsection (b) of this section, the references to a "medical laboratory" are substituted for the ambiguous references to an "approved laboratory", which suggested that a laboratory is "approved" for purposes of this test. This substitution conforms to the terminology used in Title 17, Subtitle 2 of this article, which requires a permit to operate a "medical laboratory". Therefore, former Article 43, § 31B(d), which described an "approved laboratory", is deleted as unnecessary.

In subsection (b)(1) of this section, the former specific references to the individuals who take the blood sample are deleted as unnecessary.

Defined term: "Department" § 1-101

18-308. GONOCOCCAL OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.

(A) USE OF PROPHYLACTIC.

IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE BIRTH OF A CHILD, THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR ATTENDING NURSE MIDWIFE SHALL USE IN THE EYES OF THE CHILD A PROPHYLACTIC, APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT, AGAINST GONOCOCCAL OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.

(B) TESTS REQUIRED.

IF, WITHIN 2 WEEKS AFTER THE BIRTH OF A CHILD, AN EYE OF THE CHILD BECOMES INFLAMED OR SWOLLEN: