

## Maternity Care Questions

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What is your recommendation to her at this visit concerning prevention of preeclampsia?

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Correct answer: E. Any previous GBS bacteriuria, regardless of colony count or timing during pregnancy, indicates need for GBS prophylaxis at the time of delivery. The other indication to withhold GBS testing is when the mother has had a previous infant with GBS sepsis.

Choice A is incorrect. While the indicated range for performing a GBS swab is 35 to 37 weeks, it is not necessary in this case given her history of GBS bacteriuria.

Choice B is incorrect, as the colony count in a urine culture does not factor into whether to offer GBS prophylaxis at the time of delivery.

Choice C is incorrect, as it is unlikely the urine culture was incorrectly cultured. Any GBS bacteriuria indicates a need for GBS prophylaxis at the time of delivery, regardless of its timing to other urine cultures.

Choice D is incorrect, as four weeks would be sufficient time between antibiotic treatment and the performance of the GBS swab. There is some debate as to whether recent antibiotic usage (within one week) should delay GBS swab performance; however, no consensus exists.

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Correct answer: C. Patients with known risk factors for glucose intolerance such as this patient (hypertension, hyperlipidemia, obesity) should be screened for diabetes at their initial obstetrical appointment. The standard two-step method of a 50g oral one-hour glucose tolerance test followed by a 100g oral three-hour glucose tolerance test if  $>140$  is an appropriate way to screen.

Choices A and D are incorrect. A HgbA1C can be a useful screening test for diabetes for those that cannot tolerate the oral glucose tolerance tests. However, a first trimester cut-off of 6.5 is recommended. The HgbA1C loses accuracy as pregnancy progresses and is generally not recommended between 24 and 28 weeks.

Choice B is incorrect. A fasting blood sugar can be used for those that cannot tolerate the oral glucose tolerance test, though the oral glucose tolerance test is recommended. If a fasting blood sugar is used, a value of  $>126$  is the threshold for treatment.

Choice E is incorrect. While the regimen listed is correct, this patient needs screening prior to 24 to 28 weeks given her risk factors.

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Correct answer: B. Preeclampsia prevention with aspirin 81mg PO qday is indicated if a patient has developed preeclampsia before 34 weeks in any previous pregnancy. Other indications for prevention include being high risk to develop preeclampsia, such as patients with hypertension, and multiple pregnancies with preeclampsia.

Choice A is incorrect. Advanced maternal age is a risk factor for preeclampsia, but by itself, it is not an indication to start preeclampsia prevention with aspirin, and it is not the most important reason to start aspirin in this patient.

Choices C and D are incorrect. Previous pregnancies without preeclampsia do not affect the decision to offer prevention. Regardless of what number pregnancy a patient develops preeclampsia before 34 weeks, it is still appropriate to offer prevention. For example, if a patient develops preeclampsia before 34 weeks with her first pregnancy and then has three straight pregnancies without preeclampsia, she should still be offered preeclampsia prevention.

Choice E is incorrect. A normal blood pressure does not preclude the need for preeclampsia prevention in this patient. Blood pressure does not play a role in the decision to offer prevention or not.