Screening for Genital Herpes

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En Español (Spanish Version)

Screening Guidelines

Screening for genital herpes is not recommended for everyone. But, if you are being tested or treated for other sexually transmitted disease, your doctor may screen you for genital herpes. Having multiple sex partners puts you at an increased risk of being infected with the virus.

If you are pregnant, your doctor will ask you if you have genital herpes and examine you for any sores in your genital area. A test may also be done to find out if you do have the virus. This is especially important at the time of labor to avoid spreading the virus to your baby.

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