

Rh Factor and Pregnancy

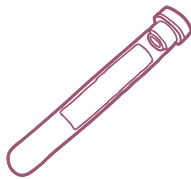


What is Rh Factor?

The Rh Factor is a protein on red blood cells. Most people have it and are **Rh-positive (Rh+)**. Some people do not have it and are **Rh-negative (Rh-)**.



If you are Rh-negative and your baby is Rh-positive, a small amount of the baby's blood can mix with yours during pregnancy. Your body may then make **antibodies** that can attack the baby's blood. This can cause serious health problems for the baby in this pregnancy or future pregnancies.



How do I prevent Rh problems?

A simple blood test can tell you whether you are **Rh-positive** or **Rh-negative**.



If you are **Rh-negative**, you will need a medicine called **RhoGAM** during pregnancy. RhoGAM stops your body from making harmful antibodies. This protects your baby now and in future pregnancies. You will need RhoGAM with every pregnancy if you are Rh-negative. Contact your doctor for more information on Rh testing.

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Questions? Need Resources?

We are here to help you make the best decision for yourself. Call us at **210-614-4124** if you have any questions or need resources to help in your decision. You are not alone.

