3-Hour Glucose Tolerance Test Information

All pregnancy women need to be tested for Gestational Diabetes. This test is called a glucose screening. You may have already completed a one-hour glucose screening. The three-hour test better shows how well your body handles sugar. This is a FASTING TEST.

The tests lasts three hours and consists of:

- Giving a urine sample
- Having an initial blood draw from your arm
- Drinking a sweet liquid
- Having blood drawn from your arm at one, two and three hour intervals after drinking the liquid.

Three days before the test, eat foods that are high in carbohydrates. (This includes potatoes, breads, rice, and pastas.) This makes the test more accurate. We have attached some sample menus.

*DO NOT EAT ANYTHING AFTER MIDNIGHT THE NIGHT BEFORE YOUR TEST *

*NOTHING TO DRINK BESIDES SIPS OF WATER AFTER MIDNIGHT THE NIGHT BEFORE YOUR TEST *

During the test:

- No eating or drinking
- No smoking or gum chewing before or during the test
- Sit quietly in the waiting room. You may bring a book or work to do while you wait.

Be sure to bring a snack to eat AFTER the test. You may feel weak or shaky after the test.

Sample Menus

Breakfast

- 1 banana
- 2 slices of toast, any kind, with jelly, jam or honey
- 2 tbsp peanut butter
- 1/3 cantaloupe
- 1 English muffin with jelly, jam or honey
- 1 egg
- 1 tbsp reduced calorie margarine if desired
- 1 bowl Raisin Bran, or other dry cereal with
- 1 cup of milk, any kind
- 1 biscuit, with sausage, egg or cheese
- 1 cup fruit juice
- 2 pancakes
- 1 tbsp reduced calorie margarine
- 1 cup light yogart
- 1 cup of fresh fruit, like berries

Pancake syrup

Snacks

Milk and cereal

One of the following: fruit, cheese and crackers, popcorn or pretzels

Lunch/Supper

Wendy's:

- 1 large chili
- 1 side salad with dressing, any kind

Crackers- at least three packs

Subway:

6-inch sub, any kind

Add vegetables and dressing

Taco Bell:

Steak, chicken or veggie Fajita Wrap

Other options:

2 slices of medium pizza Salad with 2 tbsp of any salad dressing

Chicken sandwich Lettuce, tomato or coleslaw Small order of fries

1 ½ cups of spaghetti with meat sauceTossed salad with dressing1 piece of Italian bread

3 oz pork chop
½ cup of baked beans
1 biscuit or piece of corn bread
½ cup collards
1 tbsp reduced calorie margarine

3 oz steak or beef patty1 baked potato, medium size1 dinner rollTossed salad, with salad dressing