

Instructions for Maternal Physical Examination

Purpose: To assess, document and evaluate health related information on the prenatal patient.

Instructions: Initial Physical Examination: Indicate whether within normal limits by placing your institution's appropriate acceptable abbreviation. Record any additional objective data as appropriate.

If all items under a section are normal you may check off the "yes" box and proceed to the next section. If anything in that section is abnormal then check the "no" box and fill out each item in that section individually.

- Physical — Self-explanatory
- Pelvic Exam — Self-explanatory
- Diagrams — Draw any positive findings as needed
- Detail Positive Findings Below — Explain pertinent information that may impact patient care whether or not a significant problem
- Assessment — Check off if exam is "Within Normal Limits" (WNL) and if "Size equal Dates" (S=D)
- Other Assessment — Write in any other findings/assessments
- Comments/Counseling — use this space for any other comments or specific counseling given client as a result of findings during physical examination. If you are using a progress note for extra notes document here "see progress note"
- Return to Clinic (RTC) — indicate the date or the number of weeks the patient is to return for next appointment
- Examiner Signature — Self explanatory
- Interpreter Used — Self explanatory

Disposition: This form is to be retained in accordance with the records disposition schedule of medical records as issued by the Division of Archives and History.

Location: Go to the following link to access this form and print as needed:
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