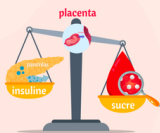


Should I Be Screened for Gestational Diabetes?



Gestational diabetes

develops during pregnancy.



When the body **does not produce enough insulin** to counteract the effects of hormones.

Screening test

1) Drinking a **sweet drink** equivalent to a day's worth of sugar.



2) Have a **blood test** 1 to 2 hours later.

The test is usually done between



24 and 28 weeks

of pregnancy.

A screening test for gestational diabetes should be done for every pregnancy.

In Canada,



1 in 10

pregnancy is diagnosed with gestational diabetes.

Any woman can develop diabetes.



Short, tall, slim, curvy, active, from here or elsewhere.

Untreated gestational diabetes



Increases the risk of complications.

Early screening for early treatment.



It is important to **limit complications** (e.g., hypertension or a larger baby).