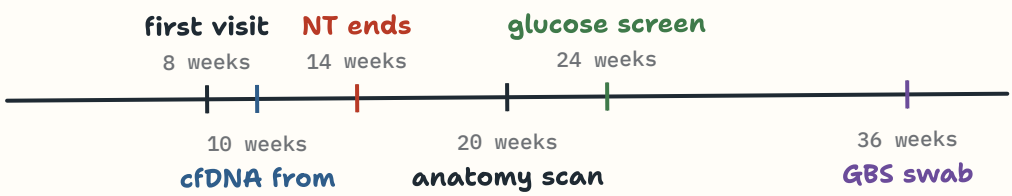
Prenatal screening timeline

What is done when in pregnancy



Step by step

1. Screening estimates risk; diagnostic testing (CVS, amniocentesis) confirms.
2. Ask: is it measurable now, and can I still act on it?
3. Group B streptococcus swab at 36 0/7 to 37 6/7 weeks; antibiotics in labour if positive.

Window	Test
6–8 weeks (first visit)	Blood count, blood group, Rh and antibody screen, rubella and varicella, infection screens, urine culture
From about 10 weeks	Cell-free DNA
About 10 to 13 weeks 6 days	Combined test: nuchal translucency + PAPP-A + free β-hCG
15–22 weeks	Quad screen
18–22 weeks	Detailed anatomy ultrasound
24–28 weeks	50-g glucose screen; Rh antibody recheck; anti-D at 28 weeks

Routine tests by window

Each test has a window

Ask what it looks for, whether it is measurable now, and whether the window is open, closed or still ahead.

Exam traps

- The nuchal translucency window closes at 13 weeks 6 days; the quad screen window closes at 22 weeks.
- Glucose screening at 24–28 weeks is for everyone; earlier testing is for high-risk patients only.
- The group B swab belongs at 36 0/7 to 37 6/7 weeks, not earlier.

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