

# Prenatal Care in US: 40 weeks of pregnancy



~12 Weeks (or first prenatal visit):

Blood and urine tests to check for infections that can be treated in pregnancy

Discuss options to screen for potential genetic problems with baby

20 weeks:  
ultrasound to examine baby parts inside womb

26-28 weeks:  
Blood tests to look for low blood counts and high blood sugar of pregnancy

Offer vaccine to protect baby from infection from whooping cough

36 weeks:  
Maternal cultures for Group B Strep a bacteria than can affect baby

36 weeks until delivery:  
Weekly visits to check on baby

39-41 weeks:  
Delivery of baby

At every visit, check baby's heart rate and size, check mom's blood pressure and weight