



## Prenatal Care Compliance Policy

Dr. Worley is committed to providing you the best care possible throughout your pregnancy. However, it will also take a commitment on your part to achieve that goal. The following policies regarding compliance and conduct have been implemented by Alliance Obstetrics & Gynecology.

Prenatal care is important and attending your visits is both your right and your responsibility. It is also critical to ensure the health and well-being for both you and your new baby. Additionally, certain labs, ultrasounds, referrals, or other testing are required to take place at certain points in time during your pregnancy and cannot be completed late. Those which are skipped can lead to an inability to timely or accurately diagnose you or your baby with a potentially serious condition and may have consequences.

We understand that vacations, relocations, and even insurance can affect your schedule. We request that any planned absences be discussed in advanced with Dr. Worley. Any patient who encounters an insurance or financial hardship should call our office as soon as possible. Financial stressors should never interfere with the care you need, and we are willing to work with you to ensure your pregnancy needs are met with minimal disruption.

The following list is an overview of your anticipated prenatal schedule and our compliance policy:

- 8-32 weeks of pregnancy (visits are every 4 weeks)
  - o Any patient with a gap in care of more than 4 weeks without prior notice or scheduling arrangements, will receive a compliance warning. Failure to attend a follow up appointment within 2 additional weeks may result in discharge from the practice.
- 32-36 weeks of pregnancy (visits are every 2 weeks)
  - o Any patient with a gap in care of more than 2 weeks without prior notice or scheduling arrangements, will receive a compliance warning. Failure to attend a follow up appointment within 1 additional week may result in discharge from the practice.
- 36-39 weeks of pregnancy (visits are every week)
  - o Any patient with a gap in care of more than 1 week without prior notice or scheduling arrangements, will receive a compliance warning. Failure to attend a follow up appointment within 1 additional week may result in discharge from the practice.
- 40-41 weeks of pregnancy (visits are twice per week)
  - o Any patient with a gap in care of more than 1 week without prior notice or scheduling arrangements, will receive a compliance warning. Failure to attend a follow up appointment within 3 days may result in discharge from the practice.



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- High Risk Pregnancies
  - o Some patients will require twice weekly visits starting as early as 32 weeks for additional fetal monitoring. For those with restrictive schedules, an alternative once per week testing *may* be an option. Any patient with a gap in care of more than 1 week without prior notice or scheduling arrangements, will receive a compliance warning. Failure to attend a follow up appointment within 3 additional days may result in discharge from the practice.
  
- Makena Patients
  - o Patients with a history of spontaneous preterm delivery receiving Makena injections are expected to receive weekly injections from 16-36 weeks of pregnancy. It is imperative that these injections be administered the same exact day each week with only 1 day “buffer”. Patients who miss more than 2 Makena injections may be discharged from the practice.
  
- Labs / Ultrasounds
  - o For your convenience, we provide both lab and imaging services in our office. However, on occasion certain labs or ultrasounds must be performed directly at the lab or hospital. This is especially true for tests or imaging needing to be completed over the weekend, during holiday office closures, or for certain high-risk tests. Failure to complete any lab testing within the required timeframe, without prior notice, may result in discharge from the practice.
  
- Referrals
  - o Sometimes things arise in pregnancy which require referral to another specialist to ensure safety and well-being. Failure to attend any referrals within the required timeframe, without prior notice, may result in discharge from the practice.

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Printed Name

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Signature

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Date