IT'S THE LAW!

It's the law! In most cases, perinatal transmission of HIV can be prevented!

In 1988, Michigan state legislation mandated that healthcare providers perform HIV testing to all expectant mothers because...
LEGISLATION

- Since 1988, Michigan law has required health care workers who attend pregnant women to perform HIV testing, unless the woman does not consent to testing, or if the test is deemed medically inadvisable.*
- HIV testing is required at the initial prenatal care visit and is strongly recommended to be performed again in the third trimester, preferably before 36 weeks gestation.**
- An HIV test must be performed on:
  1) Women who present at delivery with no record of an HIV test during pregnancy;
  2) Women who present for care in the immediate postpartum period (24 hours), having recently delivered outside a health care facility and there is no documentation of HIV test results.*
- Documentation of acceptance of HIV testing and test results or refusal of HIV testing is required to be in the woman's medical record.

** State of Michigan Guidelines to Reduce the Transmission of Perinatal HIV, Hepatitis B and Syphilis, 2003

FACTS

- As of October 1, 2005, there were 11,932 people living with HIV/AIDS in Michigan, including 2,690 females over the age of 12 years*** and 162 children (age 12 years and younger***).
- While there are 2,690 females over the age of 12 years*** reported to be living with HIV/AIDS in Michigan, MDCH estimates that there are approximately 3,650 females currently infected. This estimate accounts those who are infected but have not been tested and those who have been tested but not reported.
- As of October 1, 2005, there has been a total of 261 children ages 12 years and younger*** diagnosed with HIV/AIDS in Michigan.
- Of the living pediatric cases, 86% were infected by perinatal transmission.

*** Age is age at HIV diagnosis.
The statistics presented above were provided by the Michigan Department of Community Health, HIV/STD and Bloodborne Infections Surveillance Section.

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Reminder

Michigan law requires HIV positive test results be reported to MDCH or a local health department within seven days of obtaining a confirmatory positive test result.

This also includes the reporting of children perinatally exposed to HIV regardless of their confirmed infection status.