

## RH PREVENTION PROGRAM OF HAMILTON



### AN IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL PATIENTS OF THE RH PREVENTION CLINIC



### 34 WEEK FOLLOW-UP BLOODTEST NOT NECESSARY!

Dear patient,

Until now, our protocols at the Rh Prevention Clinic have included a follow-up blood-test when you are 34 weeks pregnant. This has been to check whether the WinRho shot that you received at 28 weeks was “effective”.

We have reviewed the most recent and up-to-date recommendations and guidelines from the Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists on this matter. They feel that this blood-test is not really necessary. This is because the injection is so effective, there is no need to double-check.

Because of this information, most clinics in Canada have already stopped doing this blood-test.

Starting April 1, 2007, we will also stop routinely doing this blood-test. We have sent a letter to your health care provider letting them know as well.

Please feel free to discuss this issue further with your doctor or midwife. You can also call us at the clinic if you have any questions or concerns.

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