Non-stress Test in Pregnancy

A non-stress test checks your baby’s heartbeat and movement during pregnancy.

Arrive on time for your test. The test is painless and takes about 30 to 60 minutes.

To Prepare
- Eat before the test. This may increase your baby’s movement.

During the Test
- The pads are put on the skin of your stomach. They are held in place with elastic belts.
- Your baby’s heart rate is recorded by one pad. The other pad records your contractions.
- If the baby is not active during the test, you may be asked to move or the staff will try to make your baby move using noise or touch.

Test results are sent to your doctor. Your doctor will share the results with you.

Talk to your doctor or nurse if you have any questions or concerns.

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