



**Position Statement
on
HIV Testing of Pregnant Women
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The American Academy of Dermatology recommends routine confidential HIV testing of pregnant women as part of their prenatal care, and supports the comprehensive counseling and treatment for all women who learn that they are HIV-positive as a result of testing.

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