

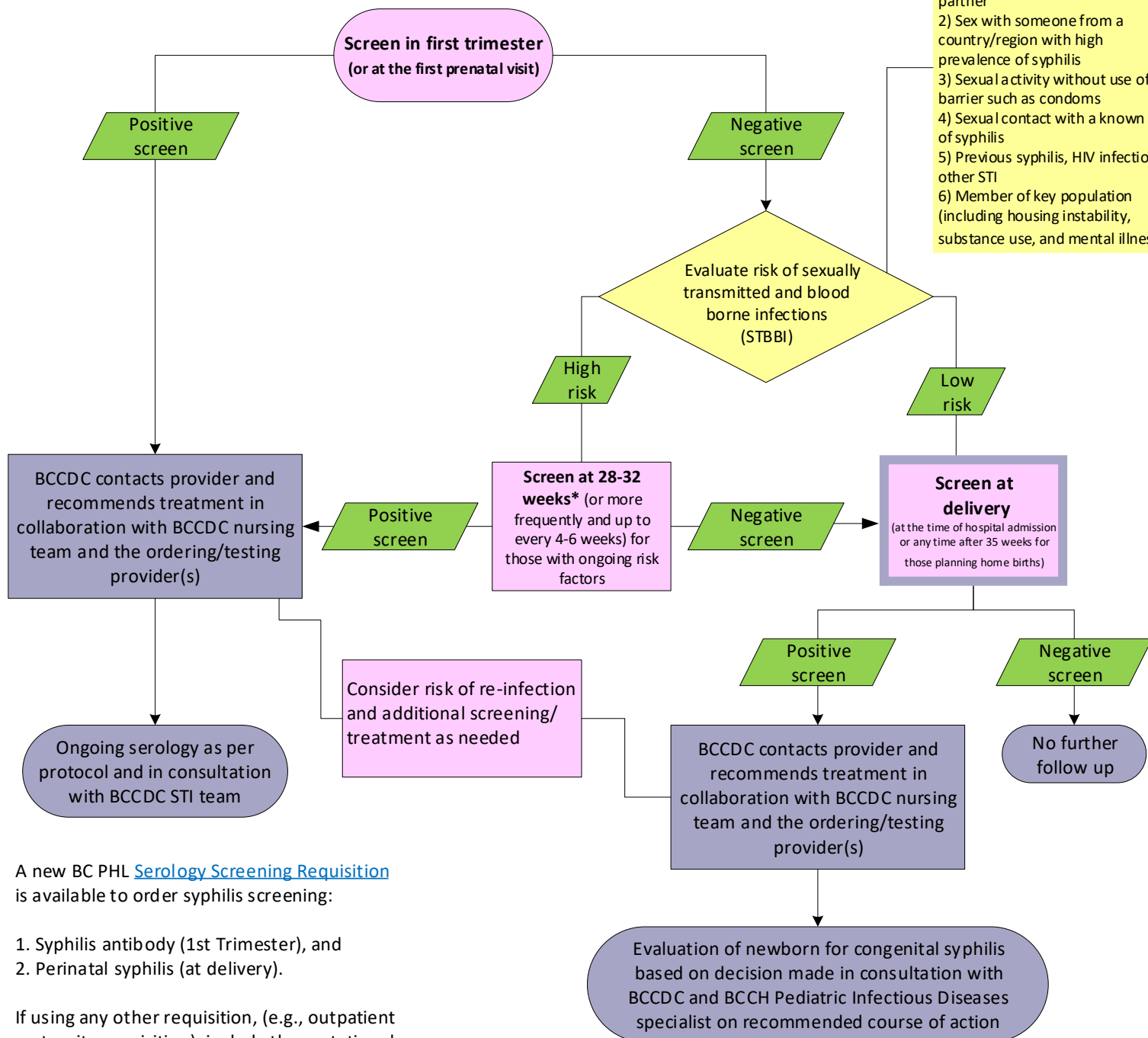
Clinical Algorithm for Syphilis Screening in Pregnancy

In pregnancy, universal screening for syphilis at at least 2 time points. In the context of ongoing risk factors, more frequent screening (up to every 4-6 weeks) should be considered.

1. First screening in the first trimester of pregnancy or at the first prenatal visit; and
2. At delivery – at time of admission for delivery or any time after 35 weeks for those planning home births.

Risk Factors for Syphilis:

- (Health Canada, 2021)
- 1) Being sexually active with multiple partners, casual partners, anonymous partners or a new partner
 - 2) Sex with someone from a country/region with high prevalence of syphilis
 - 3) Sexual activity without use of a barrier such as condoms
 - 4) Sexual contact with a known case of syphilis
 - 5) Previous syphilis, HIV infection or other STI
 - 6) Member of key population (including housing instability, substance use, and mental illness)



A new BC PHL [Serology Screening Requisition](#) is available to order syphilis screening:

1. Syphilis antibody (1st Trimester), and
2. Perinatal syphilis (at delivery).

If using any other requisition, (e.g., outpatient maternity requisition), include the gestational age on the requisition.