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To: Antenatal Care Providers in Nova Scotia

From: Reproductive Care Program of Nova Scotia (RCP)

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Subject: Revised RCP Documentation Tool and Resource:

- Nova Scotia Prenatal Record (PNR)
- Guidelines for Antenatal Screening and Testing

Please find attached/enclosed the following Reproductive Care Program documents:

- *Nova Scotia Prenatal Record (PNR)*
- *Guidelines for Antenatal Screening and Testing*
- *Prenatal Record Implementation Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)*

Evidence-informed and best practice standards for antenatal care have changed since the former *RCP Prenatal Record (PNR)* and *Guidelines for Antenatal Screening and Testing* were developed in 2015. Over the past several years the RCP has conducted a comprehensive process for the revision of the *RCP PNR* and the associated practice guidelines. This included a thorough review of the literature, national benchmarking, extensive engagement and consultation, and valuable feedback from perinatal care providers across NS.

Implementation of the 2022 version of the *RCP NS PNR* will occur in the Spring of 2022. We anticipate that there will be a period of transition for care providers as they shift to utilizing the updated PNR for documentation of antenatal care. Development of the PNR within the two EMR systems will occur in the coming months for care providers who utilize the PNR electronically. The *RCP Guidelines for Antenatal Screening and Testing* have also undergone an extensive revision to align with current evidence and best practice standards as reflected within the updated PNR. These guidelines will serve as a helpful resource and quick reference guide for care providers related to recommended antenatal screening and testing. Additional information that has informed the revisions to both the *RCP PNR* and *Guidelines for Antenatal Screening and Testing* can be found within the [RCP Prenatal Record Companion Document](#). The *Prenatal Record Implementation Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)* document has also been included to support transition to use of the new PNR.

RCP has enclosed a supply of the revised PNR and provided large laminated versions of the *Guidelines for Antenatal Screening and Testing* for posting in care provider clinics. The guidelines are also available on the [RCP website](#) in a convenient printable card format. If additional copies of the PNR are required, it can be ordered free of charge, at any time using [RCP's online ordering form](#) or by contacting the [RCP office](#).

With RCP's best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Leanne MacKeen'.

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