

PRECLAMPSIA

Women with pre-pregnancy or chronic high blood pressure are at greater risk for developing preeclampsia. You may be seen more frequently and have additional testing during your pregnancy. These appointments are important and necessary to provide adequate care for you and your baby.

Preeclampsia is a condition that typically starts after the 20th week of pregnancy and is related to increased blood pressure and protein in the mother's urine.

When changes in blood pressure are detected and treated early, the mother and baby can avoid many serious problems. Women who are overweight, diabetic or over the age of 35 are at increased risk for preeclampsia.

If you have been diagnosed with preeclampsia and are experiencing headaches, sudden swelling, visual disturbances or pain in the upper abdomen, call the office immediately.