

7.2 Diagnostic Testing

All testing, procedures, and consultations related to pregnancy and OB/GYN conditions may be performed or ordered directly by the participating OB/GYN without consulting the PCP, including:

- Sonograms performed during pregnancy
- Cervical biopsy
- Cesarean section
- Referral to a cardiologist for evaluation of heart murmur/dyspnea during pregnancy
- Referral to an endocrinologist for evaluation of metabolic disorders during pregnancy

When a PCP refers a member to the OB/GYN for consultation, the OB/GYN may order or perform certain diagnostic tests. The OB/GYN must communicate all test results to the PCP.

OB/GYN providers should not order tests or consultations for the evaluation of any condition that is not obstetric or gynecological. For example, if a member expresses concern about knee pain during a routine exam and requests referral to an orthopedist, the OB/GYN may not provide such a referral. The member must be referred back to her PCP for follow-up on this condition.