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As of January 1, 2024, due to recommendations from the US Preventative Task Force, the AAP, and the Redbook on Infectious Diseases, we will be doing yearly **universal** Chlamydia screening on all patients ages 15 and up at their well visits. Chlamydia is asymptomatic > 50% of the time and can lead to Pelvic Inflammatory Disease and infertility if left untreated, hence screening in a high risk population (teens) is indicated.

This test will be a urine screen. At each well child visit (i.e. check-up or sports physical), any child aged 15 years old or greater will be tested. The result will be given to the teen only, and only positive results will be called.

Since this is a recommended practice, insurance is required to cover it, so you should not see a bill for this service. Please let our office know if you do. As always, it is up to the guarantor (parent or responsible party) to know what is covered under their specific plan.

As always, you are able to opt out of any test done in this office. We will not send this test without consent.

Please discuss any concerns you have with your doctor. You can trust that the care and health of your children remains our primary concern.