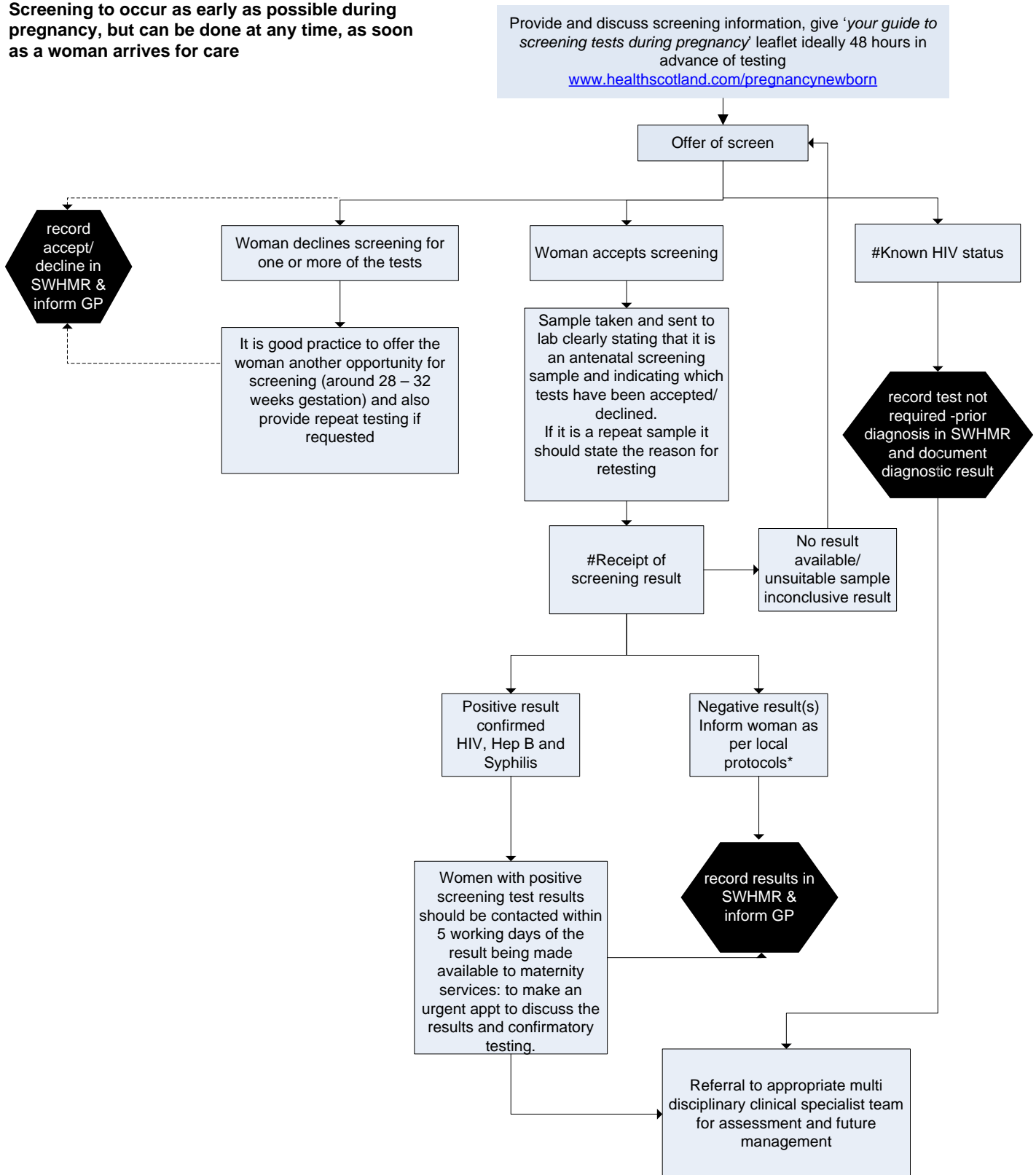


Patient Pathway: Screening for Communicable Diseases in Pregnancy

Screening to occur as early as possible during pregnancy, but can be done at any time, as soon as a woman arrives for care



It is the responsibility of the maternity service to have clear processes in place to ensure a result is received for each specimen sent, and that confirmation is received of prior diagnosis. These processes should detail who to contact within the laboratory service if no result is received/confirmed.

*If the woman has disclosed ongoing risk factors it is best practice for the Health professional to offer repeat testing around 28-32 weeks gestation. Advice about risk of acquisition and avoidance of infection should be provided to women receiving negative test results. Information should also be provided on the availability of testing on request should the woman consider herself to be at risk at any point in the pregnancy.