POLICY | PURPOSE STATEMENT:
The purpose of the policy is to establish a formal process to delineate in writing the policy regarding prevention of Rh isoimmunization and RhoGAM administration in pregnancy for women at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center School of Nursing (TTUHSC SON) and Larry Combest Community Health and Wellness Center (LCCHWC).

SCOPE:
This policy applies to all clinic staff and all patients of the Larry Combest Community Health and Wellness Center Clinic.

PROCEDURE:
First and second trimester Rh factor and antibody testing:
- A prenatal type and screen will obtained on every prenatal client at initiation of care to assess Rh factor and antibody status

First and second trimester RhoGAM administration:
- RhoGAM 300mcg IM* should be administered within 72 hours in the first and second trimester, for Rh negative clients, if there is a possibility that fetal cells have entered maternal circulation as a result of the following events:
  1. Spontaneous or medical abortion
  2. Ectopic pregnancy
  3. Miscarriage
  4. Amniocentesis
  5. Chorionic Villi Sampling
  6. Blunt abdominal trauma
  7. Hemorrhage
  8. Fetal Demise (>20 weeks gestation)
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Note:
The list above is not comprehensive, and RhoGAM administration for other qualifying events will be determined by collaboration amongst the clinician, collaborating physician and laboratory personnel.

Second and Third Trimester Testing and RhoGAM administration:
- Each Rh negative mother should have an antibody titer drawn between 24-28 weeks gestation.
- If antibody titer is negative, RhoGAM 300mcg IM should be administered at approximately 28 weeks.

RESPONSIBILITIES | REVIEW | REVISIONS:
It is the responsibility of the Policy & Procedures Committee to review and initiate necessary revisions based on collaboration and input by Policy and Procedure committee and through Administrative management of this policy, including the review and revisions will be the responsibility of the Clinical Services Director.

RIGHT TO CHANGE POLICY:
TTUHSC SON Combest reserves the right to interpret, change, modify, amend or rescind this policy in whole or in part at any time to reflect changes in policy and/or law.