When to Test for Zika Virus

As a healthcare provider, you decide if a patient should be tested for Zika virus infection. The algorithm below will help you determine whether or not to test your patient for Zika virus infection. For information on which test to use, see www.cdc.gov/zika/hc-providers.

If your patient is
- Experiencing or has recently experienced symptoms of Zika*
- An asymptomatic pregnant woman

Ask the following questions

Does the patient live in or has the patient recently traveled to an area with Zika?

NO

Has the patient had unprotected sex with a partner who has lived in or traveled to an area with Zika?

NO

Do Not Test for Zika

YES

Test for Zika

CDC does not recommend Zika virus testing for asymptomatic
- Men
- Children
- Women who are not pregnant

*Healthcare providers should review their local and state health jurisdiction guidelines regarding testing of patients with clinically compatible illness without known travel or sexual exposures.