

## **INITIAL TESTING**

\_\_\_\_\_ **TSH** (Thyroid Stimulating Hormone) and **Prolactin:**

These two hormones, produced from the pituitary, need to be normal in order to maximize your chances of getting pregnant and carrying a pregnancy. These levels should be **normal before** any further hormonal evaluation. The semen analysis should be **done first, before** any additional evaluation on the woman.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Chlamydia IgG Antibody:**

This blood test reveals if you've ever been exposed to Chlamydia, a sexually-transmitted disease that can cause fallopian tube damage. If your level is negative or a low-level positive, a **Hysterosalpingogram (HSG)** of your fallopian tubes is all that is needed to evaluate your tubes. If you have a mid or high level positive, an appointment to discuss **Laparoscopy** surgery versus hysterosalpingogram for tubal evaluation will be recommended.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Semen Analysis:**

This test checks for a man's sperm count, sperm motility (how well sperm move) and sperm morphology (whether the sperm are normally formed). It also checks for the presence of bacteria or infection. We request the Krueger scale of evaluation be used. That criterion has better fertility correlation.

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