

## INITIAL TESTING

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**TSH** (Thyroid Stimulating Hormone) and Prolactin: These two hormones produced from the pituitary. Your doctor may ask you to have these hormones checked before your start treatment in order to maximize your chances of getting pregnant and carrying a pregnancy. You will need to have this lab work done before 9 AM.

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**Hysterosalpingogram (HSG)** is an x-ray study of your fallopian tubes needed to evaluate if your tubes are open and uterus is normally shaped. Depending on your history, **Laparoscopic** surgery versus hysterosalpingogram may be recommended for tubal evaluation.

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**Semen Analysis:** This checks for a man's sperm count, sperm motility (how well the 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 for evaluation be used. This is the best way to evaluate sperm for fertility. The semen analysis should be **done before** any additional evaluation on the woman is performed as a part of the initial evaluation.