Prevention of Malaria during Pregnancy: Administer Intermittent Preventive Treatment in Pregnancy Using Sulfadoxine-Pyrimethamine (IPTp-SP) Starting at 13 Weeks

Start

Provide SP at every antenatal care (ANC) contact if at least 13 weeks pregnant, not taking cotrimoxazole, and at least one month since last dose.

Does the woman need SP at this ANC contact?

If first contact: Is she sure of the date of the first day of her last menstrual period (LMP)?
At first and every contact: Confirm LMP and ensure information is documented on ANC record.

No

Yes

If possible, confirm she has missed menses for three months before providing first dose of IPTp-SP.

Measure symphysis-fundal height (SFH) if you can feel the uterus in the abdomen:
Is SFH at least 3 cm (3 fingerbreadths) above the symphysis pubis?

No

Yes

The woman is probably not yet 13 weeks pregnant and not eligible for the first dose of IPTp-SP

The woman is at least 13 weeks pregnant. Provide SP if the following two conditions are met:
1. It has been at least one month since last dose of SP.
2. She is not taking cotrimoxazole

Before She Leaves Clinic

- Provide recommended ANC interventions and counseling, including testing for HIV, and address concerns.
- Counsel on danger signs (bleeding, fever, abdominal pain, headache, etc.) and what to do if they occur.
- Review importance of follow-up contacts and make appointment for next contact.
- Make sure she is using a long-lasting insecticide-treated net.
- If LMP is unsure and reliable ultrasound is available in your setting, obtain US scan prior to 24 weeks to determine gestational age.
- Document care on registers/cards and thank client.

No

Yes

Ask her to return for SP when she is 13 weeks pregnant.

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