

Sample Protocol for Prenatal and Breastfeeding Women
Multifetal Gestation (C45)

Definition	Presence of more than one fetus diagnosed by a physician as self-reported by applicant/participant/caregiver; or as reported or documented by physician or someone working under physician's orders.	
Objective	Weight gain and weight gain rate within recommended values, as determined by WIC guidelines and the health care provider (HCP). Promote optimal maternal health, fetal growth and development, and prevent poor pregnancy outcomes	
Instructions for Staff	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review Nutrition Questionnaire/ISIS Summary Screen to determine WIC eligibility. 2. Determine potential topic(s) for nutrition education/referral 3. Have a conversation with the parent/guardian of the participant to identify what they are interested in discussing or learning about within the parameters of the participant's category, developmental stage, and health /nutrition risks. 4. Provide Healthy Lifestyle Messaging and /or information about the risk condition, as appropriate. 5. Work with participant to identify constructive "next steps" 6. If the Summary Screen shows an "N", ask the participant about seeing a Nutritionist to answer questions about the identified medical condition. 7. Document the nutrition education contact in ISIS. 8. Make referral(s) and schedule follow-up as needed 	
Possible Assessment Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accuracy of weight measurements • Weight history (recent weight loss, previous pregnancy weight gain) • What does HCP say about weight? Weight gain on target with guidelines? • How many fetuses? Age? • Related medical conditions and/or medications • Stress level/sleep adequacy • Physical activity appropriate per HCP? • Eating habits, including frequency of meals/snack • Adequacy of food groups, calories, and nutrients • Dietary restrictions (cultural or religious or fad diets) • Affects on appetite (nausea/vomiting/heartburn/constipation/diarrhea) 	
Possible Topics for Discussion (Focus on Healthy Lifestyle Messaging)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy or recommended weight range • Relationship of adequate weight gain to multifetal growth/development • Increased nutrient needs • Remedies for common problems during pregnancy • Physical activity as directed by health care provider • Breastfeeding support services 	
Possible Triggers for Referral to a Nutritionist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Does the participant have medical or social issues beyond the scope of the counseling session? • Is there a medical history of pre-term labor or low birth weight infant? • Is the participant breastfeeding twins or triplets? • Would the participant like to see the RD? • Very low Hgb/Hct? 	
Possible Referrals to outside WIC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Care Provider for medical issues • Community resources appropriate for prenatal women (food assistance) • Local breastfeeding support resources 	
Suggested Education Materials		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Give Your Baby a Healthy Start • Snacks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relief from Common Problems 	