Pregnancy Testing Before Surgery/Procedure

Why does my daughter need a pregnancy test?
Girls who have started their periods are screened for pregnancy. This is done because she may receive medications during her surgery/procedure that could be harmful to a fetus in early pregnancy. Our goal is to provide her with the safest care possible.

As a parent of a minor child, you have the right to decline the pregnancy test if you believe that your child could not be pregnant. The nurse in the pre-op holding area will provide you with the necessary form to complete.

How is the test done?
Your daughter will be asked to provide a urine sample for testing. If she is unable to urinate, a blood sample will be needed.

What should we expect after the test?
The results of the test will be given to you prior to going to the operating/procedure room.

Very rarely a false-positive result can occur, and further testing would then be needed. If a girl is found to be pregnant, resources will be provided to help the family make the best decision.

This sheet is not specific to your daughter but provides general information. If you have any other questions or concerns about the test, please ask your anesthesiologist.