

Congratulations on your pregnancy. Florida Woman Care Laboratory (FWC Lab) can provide additional information regarding the health of your baby. Part of the testing now available to you as an expectant mother includes Non-Invasive Prenatal Testing (NIPT*).

What is NIPT?

Non-Invasive prenatal testing, or NIPT, is a screening test that looks for the presence of common chromosomal abnormality conditions in the baby from a sample of the mother's blood. This test looks for differences in the number of chromosomes, having more or less can result in health issues. This test allows your doctor to evaluate the potential risk of these conditions:

- **Trisomy 21 (Down syndrome)**

Most cases result from an extra copy of chromosome 21. The syndrome is often characterized by a distinct facial appearance, muscle weakness in infancy, intellectual disability, and cognitive delays with varying severity.

- **Trisomy 18 (Edwards syndrome)**

Most cases result from an extra copy of chromosome 18. This syndrome is often characterized with slow intrauterine growth and low birth weight. Multiple abnormalities impacting the heart and other organs which often presents as life-threatening. There is a high rate of mortality prior to or within the first month of birth.

- **Trisomy 13 (Patau syndrome)**

Most cases result from an extra copy of chromosome 13. This syndrome is characterized by severe physical abnormalities and intellectual disability. These are often life-threatening which leads to a high rate of mortality prior to or within the first days/weeks after birth.

Patient Checklist

Step 1: Benefits Eligibility Check

- Call 561-463-8876 or email niptflorida@vitalaxis.com FWC Laboratory billing for benefits eligibility discussion.

Step 2: At your Next Care Center Visit

- Read and sign the Benefits Eligibility Document.
- Read and sign the NIPT Informed Consent Form.

Step 3: Specimen Collection/Submission

- Follow your Provider's office blood draw directions provided by the care center staff.

Step 4: Receive your Results

- Discuss your results with your Provider.

Please contact Florida Woman Care Laboratory should you have any additional questions.

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NIPT uses a sample of maternal blood to examine fetal DNA to test for the likelihood of a genetic disorder. NIPT targets small fragments of "Cell Free DNA" (cfDNA) derived from the placenta. NIPT is non-invasive and low-risk to perform and can be performed when fetal gestation is 10 weeks or more in singleton pregnancies.

FWC Laboratory's NIPT will test for:

- ◆ **Trisomy 21** - Down syndrome
- ◆ **Trisomy 18** - Edwards syndrome
- ◆ **Trisomy 13** - Patau syndrome
- ◆ **Gender** of the baby can be determined if requested.

**NIPT is a screening test. As with any screening test, false negative & false positive results may occur.*

Benefits & Eligibility Determination

Am I Covered?

If you are interested in having NIPT performed, please contact Florida Woman Care Laboratory Billing for your benefits eligibility review. Most patients meet their deductible throughout their pregnancy care and your out of pocket costs may be \$0. If your insurance deems this a non-covered service or you do not have insurance, the cost of the test will be \$249. If your insurance applies the cost of this test to your deductible, your costs may be lower or higher than \$249.

Florida Woman Care Laboratory will contact your insurance carrier and obtain a benefits eligibility determination for the NIPT. Once eligibility is determined, Florida Woman Care Laboratory Billing will call you back and advise you of your benefits per your insurance carrier.

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or

**Email to: niptflorida@vitalaxis.com
for your cost estimate today.**

Patient EMR#:

Reading your results

A report will be issued stating the test results.

Low Risk, means there is a decreased risk for these conditions. This is only a screening test, and these results are not definitive.

Elevated Risk, means there is an increased likelihood that a chromosome abnormality may be present. This is the equivalent of a positive test result. This is only a screening test and results are not definitive. Your doctor will evaluate next steps to confirm these findings with diagnostic testing, as applicable. No decisions should be made based on the results of a screening test alone.

Inconclusive, this means for technical or biological reasons, we were unable to obtain a valid result. Your doctor will evaluate the need for follow-up testing.

Genetic Results Counseling

Genetic Results Counseling is available for all patients after receipt of report regardless of the test results. Please reference the Genetic Results Counseling document or call Florida Woman Care Laboratory for additional assistance.

If you should have any additional questions, please contact

**FWC Laboratory at
813-577-4686**

