

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 and 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 by slow intrauterine growth and low birth weight. Multiple abnormalities impacting the heart and other organs often present 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 OB Office 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 as provided by the office staff.

Step 4: Receive Your Results

- Discuss your results with your Provider.

Please contact our NIPT Benefits Verification Line if you should have any additional questions.

Phone: 561-463-8876



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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 and false positive results may occur.*

If you should have any additional questions that are not benefits/insurance related, please contact FWC Laboratory at 813-577-4686, Option 1



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. NIPT is covered by most major health plans, but may be subject to patient cost share such as co-pay, coinsurance, and yearly deductible requirements which may vary based on plan type and deductible met at the time of this testing. As most patients meet their deductible towards the end of their pregnancy, if you elect to have this test performed, you may be responsible for more or less than the good-faith payment requested at the time of benefits inquiry. Please reach out directly to your insurance carrier to discuss specific details of your plan benefits.

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.

Please call: 561.463.8876

or

Email to: nipflorida@vitalaxis.com

for your cost estimate today.

Please have your insurance information ready when calling the Benefits Line.

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 the 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 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 through Labcorp. If your provider has recommended Genetic Results Counseling or you would like to meet with a Genetic Counselor regarding your results for NIPT, please scan the QR code below with your mobile device or visit <https://schedulegc.integratedgenetics.com/FWCresultscounseling> and select "schedule appointment" to choose a time that is convenient for you. If you should have any questions, please call the Labcorp directly at 855-422-2557.

