

TALKING TO YOUR DOCTOR ABOUT NIPT AND CARRIER SCREENING

All Sequenom Laboratories tests must be ordered by a physician, and there are key questions to ask your doctor to see if our tests are the right fit for you. First, two brief explanations on the types of tests we offer.

NONINVASIVE PRENATAL TESTS (NIPT) are blood tests that are done as early as the tenth week of your pregnancy. They can tell you if you are having a boy or a girl, and screen for chromosomal abnormalities such as trisomy 21 (Down syndrome). We offer three NIPTs. Ask your doctor which one is right for you.



CARRIER SCREENING TESTS are for both men and women, and can be performed at any time. These tests can tell if you and your partner are carriers for genetic disorders (such as cystic fibrosis), which can be inherited (passed down from parent to child). We offer two carrier screening tests. Ask your doctor which one is right for you.



QUESTIONS TO ASK ABOUT NIPT

When can I have the test?

The tests can be offered starting around the tenth week of pregnancy. They can be ordered at the same time as a carrier screening test—using the same blood draw.

How much is it? Is it covered?

This is a question for us, not your doctor. We accept all insurance, and we work directly with every patient to make sure our testing services are both accessible and affordable, no matter what. Call **877.821.7266** for help.

What can I learn from NIPT?

In addition to common chromosomal conditions, some NIPTs can identify extra and/or missing pieces of chromosomes associated with a range of rare genetic conditions, many of which aren't evident at birth.

Will I need amniocentesis, too?

Most doctors will offer NIPT to see if an invasive procedure such as amniocentesis is necessary. If your NIPT is positive for a chromosomal abnormality, your physician should recommend confirmation of the result via a diagnostic procedure, such as amniocentesis.

QUESTIONS TO ASK ABOUT CARRIER SCREENING

When can I have the test? Should my partner have it, too?

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What can I learn from a carrier screening test?

Sequenom Laboratories offers everything from a simple screen for cystic fibrosis to a comprehensive screen for more than 250 genetic disorders. Ask your doctor which test is right for you.

What if my partner or I am a carrier for something like cystic fibrosis?

If you or your partner is identified to be a carrier of a genetic disorder, it doesn't necessarily mean you'll pass it on to your child. Discuss reproductive planning and further testing options with your doctor or a genetic counselor.