

## *Pilot Project for Northern Health Authority only*

**1<sup>st</sup> Tier Funded Non-Invasive Prenatal Screening (NIPS)** is available for your pregnant patients who meet the eligibility criteria (see below). Offering 1<sup>st</sup> tier NIPS to these patients in lieu of IPS reflects the added challenges faced in your region to access nuchal translucency ultrasound, and promotes equity and access.

# Eligibility Criteria

Maternal  
age 35 years  
or older at  
EDD

Twin  
pregnancies  
*regardless of*  
maternal age

## Patient Pre-requisites

### Dating ultrasound

Ideal time 11-12 weeks  
Point of Care US by  
qualified provider  
acceptable for NIPS  
dating

Blood collection >10  
weeks GA after dating US  
done

## Lab Requisition

Ultrasound  
dating  
information  
needed

Community  
specific  
authorization code  
required

Signed  
by  
patient

### Contact

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- Further information/questions
- Community specific authorization code for lab requisition

### Website

[www.bcprenatalscreening.ca/nipt](http://www.bcprenatalscreening.ca/nipt)

- Funded NIPS lab requisition
- Lab collection sites and times