

➔ AVAILABILITY OF NUCHAL TRANSLUCENCY (NT) ULTRASOUNDS

NUCHAL TRANSLUCENCY (NT) ULTRASOUNDS, as part of IPS, are available at certified ultrasound clinics in all health authorities. Island Health data shows there are a number of IPS-eligible women only accessing SIPS. A reminder that NT ultrasound sites are located in:

- Victoria (3 locations) and North Island Hospital Comox Valley

Try booking at your local site first. But eligible women can be referred to any certified NT ultrasound site, regardless of health authority. View the complete list at: <https://tinyurl.com/BC-NT-sites>

Reminders

- Women age 35 or older at EDD, or **ANY** maternal age with a **MULTIPLE** gestation qualify for an NT ultrasound
- An NT ultrasound is **NOT** recommended for women who have chosen self-pay NIPT. NIPT is a superior screening test to the NT ultrasound for aneuploidy screening

➔ PART 2 BLOOD COLLECTION CAN OCCUR AS EARLY AS 14 WEEKS

- Check your EMR for the updated Lab Requisition or download from <http://tinyurl.com/LabReqs>

➔ WAYS TO IMPROVE THE SCREENING PROCESS

Timing is everything. The earlier the results, the earlier patients are reassured or, in the event of a positive screen, the more time is available for follow up testing if desired (NIPT or amnio). BC data shows that NIPT uptake for positive screens is very high (93%), reflecting that women want this non-invasive option for the 2nd tier. Ensuring women go for SIPS part 2 early is important to allow for earlier NIPT and/or amnio results.

