

**➔ ADDED CAPACITY FOR NUCHAL TRANSLUCENCY (NT) ULTRASOUNDS**

NUCHAL TRANSLUCENCY (NT) ULTRASOUNDS, as part of IPS, are available at certified ultrasound clinics in all health authorities. Lower mainland data shows there are a large number of IPS-eligible women only accessing SIPS. To help with this, capacity has been added in Vancouver Coastal:

- BC Women’s, St. Paul’s, Downtown Radiology, Greig Associates, North Shore Medical Imaging, Whistler (*NEW*)

Try booking at your local site first. But eligible women can be referred to any certified NT ultrasound site. 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.

