

## **Non-Invasive Prenatal Testing (NIPT) for Positive Screen Result from IPS, SIPS, or Quad**

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NIPT is funded for women who have received a Positive Screen result from IPS, SIPS, or Quad.

### **Next Steps**

Note: All documents are available on our website at [www.bcprenatalscreening.ca](http://www.bcprenatalscreening.ca).

1. Counsel your patient about their positive IPS/SIPS/Quad result.
2. Offer your patient:
  - NIPT: a non-invasive blood screening test that has a much higher detection rate and lower false positive rate than IPS/SIPS/Quad; OR
  - Amniocentesis with rapid aneuploidy detection.

To support your conversation, further information on NIPT and how it compares to amniocentesis is available on our website. If your patient is undecided or would benefit from genetic counselling, refer to Medical Genetics (Vancouver or Victoria).

3. If your patient chooses NIPT, you can order the Harmony NIPT test by filling out the **NEW** [PGSP / Dynacare Funded NIPT Requisition](#).
4. Use the patient-specific authorization code (“auth code”) supplied to you by the C&W Prenatal Biochemistry Laboratory. The code must be added to the patient’s NIPT requisition to ensure that the patient will not have to pay at the time of blood collection. The requisition must be completed in full and signed to avoid delay in obtaining results.
5. For NIPT blood collection, send your patient to one of the designated funded NIPT collection sites listed on our website (located at hospital outpatient labs in all health authorities).
6. NIPT results will be faxed (and mailed) directly to the ordering health care provider listed on the NIPT requisition. Results should be available to you within 10 days of blood collection. The C&W Prenatal Biochemistry Lab will not have a copy.

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### **To refer a patient for genetic counselling:**

Vancouver  
Provincial Medical Genetics Program  
BC Women’s Hospital & Health Centre  
Phone: 604-875-2818 Fax: 604-875-3484

Victoria  
Department of Medical Genetics  
Victoria General Hospital  
Phone: 250-727-4461 Fax: 250-727-4295

### **For questions regarding SIPS/IPS/Quad:**

Prenatal Biochemistry Laboratory  
BC Children’s and BC Women’s  
Phone: 604-875-2331 Fax: 604-875-3008