Screening journeys
(Northern Health)

BC Prenatal Genetic Screening Program

Which option is best for you?

Women/individuals less than 35 years old

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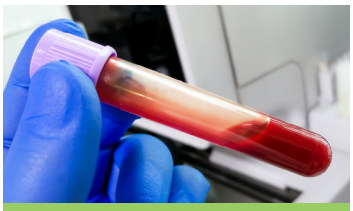

BLOOD TEST

Best time for ultrasound and SIPS blood test

11–13 weeks	Dating ultrasound
9–13 weeks	First blood test*
14–16 weeks	Second blood test
19–21 weeks	Detailed ultrasound

* Blood draw can be done based on Last Menstrual Period dating

Women/individuals 35 years or older and those with twin pregnancies

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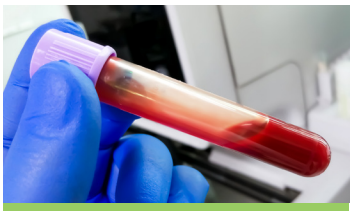

BLOOD TEST

Best time for ultrasound and NIPT blood test

11–13 weeks	Dating ultrasound
10+ weeks⁺	One blood test - NIPT
19–21 weeks	Detailed ultrasound

⁺ After dating ultrasound done

Women/individuals with first appointment after 14 weeks gestation

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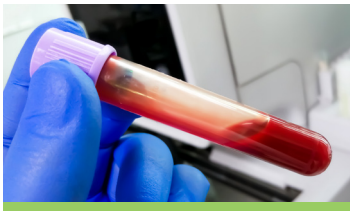

BLOOD TEST

Best time for ultrasound and Quad blood test

After first appointment	Dating ultrasound
14–21 weeks	One blood test^
19–21 weeks	Detailed ultrasound

^ Women/individuals 35 years or older and those with twin pregnancies have NIPT instead of Quad

Women/individuals who choose not to test for Down Syndrome

ULTRASOUND

Best time for ultrasound only

11–13 weeks	Dating ultrasound
19–21 weeks	Detailed ultrasound

A completed lab requisition is required for each blood collection:
SIPS: https://cms.psbchealthhub.ca/sites/default/files/2023-09/PGSLabReq.pdf
NIPT: https://cms.psbchealthhub.ca/sites/default/files/2023-09/DynacareLabRequisition_Funded.pdf

For more info see website:
https://www.psbchealthhub.ca/screening-programs

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