

HOW TO DISCUSS PRENATAL GENETIC SCREENING RESULTS

KEY POINTS

- Screening is not diagnostic.
- eFTS / STS only screen for trisomy 21 and trisomy 18.

Positive Screening Results

- A positive screening result does not mean the pregnancy has the chromosome difference. It means that the chance is increased above the accepted cut-off.
- If screening results are positive, the pregnant person can choose between NIPT, invasive diagnostic testing or no further prenatal testing.
- A referral for genetic counselling can be offered where available.
- Only invasive diagnostic testing (chorionic villus sampling or amniocentesis) can provide a diagnosis.

Multiple Marker Screening

eFTS / STS



eFTS - enhanced First Trimester Screening
STS - Second Trimester Screening
NIPT - Non-Invasive Prenatal Testing

Negative Screening Results

- A negative screening result is reassuring.
- A negative screening result does not guarantee the birth of a baby without any health concerns or other genetic conditions.
- A negative screening result would typically not prompt the offer of invasive diagnostic testing, in the absence of additional risk factors.



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