

Fetal Screening Information and Codes

What is fetal screening? These are a group of tests that help us to see what is happening with your pregnancy. No test will tell us the health of a baby. These tests will help us develop a care plan for you and your baby.

Are fetal genetic screening tests harmful to my baby? No, these tests are blood draws and ultrasound. These tests are considered safe during pregnancy

What tests are recommended? There are 4 test that we would recommend doing together.

- Non-Invasive Prenatal Testing (NIPT): this is a blood draw for you that looks at specific genetic issues. The test is checking fetal DNA for issues with chromosome 13, 18, 21. NIPT can also check fetal sex and issues with sex chromosomes. This test is drawn at East Lansing Alliance office by U-M Health Sparrow lab team and sent to Natera. The test is called Panorama. It can be done anytime after 10 weeks of pregnancy but ideal to be drawn after 11 weeks. This does require a printed lab slip which we will provide at your first few pregnancy visits. If you need a prior authorization, please reach out to Natera contact card at bottom.
- **Nuchal Translucency (NT):** This is an ultrasound that is performed at Alliance (East Lansing or Mason location) and is done 11w6d 13w3d. The Alliance team will notify you of the ultrasound results through the portal or phone the next business day.
- Alpha feto-protein (AFP): This is a blood draw for you at 16-22 weeks that can be drawn by any U-M Health Sparrow lab. It does require a printed lab slip which we will provide just before your timeframe to be drawn.
- Anatomy Scan: This is an ultrasound that is performed at Alliance (East Lansing or Mason location) around 18-20 weeks. The Ultrasound can take up to an hour. We ask that you limit support people due to size of room. You will receive all the photos and clips through a text message following the visit. Please do not take video or photos during the ultrasound. The doctor will meet with you following the ultrasound to review the ultrasound.

If I did carrier screening, should I still do fetal screening? Yes. Carrier screening is looking at the parents' genetics and the fetal screening is checking the baby.

If I did Preimplantation genetic testing (PGT) with in vitro fertilization (IVF) should I still do these fetal screening? Yes, even after PGT it is still recommended to do Fetal Screening. The PGT results can be different from NIPT results.

What if my screening test is positive? When a screening test is positive, we need to do additional testing. We may recommend a different test or to see the Maternal Fetal Medicine (MFM) team for additional testing.

What is my cost for this test? It is important to talk with your insurance about coverage prior to having the test done. These diagnosis codes and CPT codes (below) will help in the conversation with your insurance company. Pricing for the test is determined by the performing lab and is subject to change. Most insurances will set the number ultrasounds that are covered during a pregnancy.

If my insurance requires a prior authorization for Panorama (Natera NIPT) what should I do? The Michigan branch of Natera will complete the prior authorization for you. Natera also offers discounted cost (\$249) if doing a self-pay option.

Test	What it tests for	Timing and Results Available	Insurance CPT Code	Performing Lab
Nuchal	Neural tube defects,	Ultrasound performed at	76813	Alliance OB/GYN
Translucency	some heart and	11w6d - 13w3d		
(NT)	anatomy issues, some			
	genetic issues	Results within 24 hours		
		of Ultrasound		
Alpha-	Neural tube defects	16-22 weeks	82105	U of M Health Sparrow
Fetoprotein				517-364-6000
(AFP)		Results within a week		
		after the blood draw		
Non-Invasive	Down Syndrome	10 weeks or later, ideally	81420	Panorama:
prenatal	(Trisomy 21), Trisomy	after 11 weeks		Contact card below
testing (NIPT)	18, Trisomy 13, sex			
,	chromosome issues	Results within 14days		
Panorama	and fetal sex	after blood draw		

Diagnosis Codes - use the code that applies to you			
Z34.01	Low risk woman in her first pregnancy		
Z34.81	Low risk woman in her 2nd (or more) pregnancy		
009.511	Advanced maternal age (>35yo at time of delivery) in first pregnancy		
009.521	Advanced maternal age (>35yo at time of delivery) in 2 nd (or more) pregnancy		
Z36.82	Testing for Nuchal Translucency Ultrasound		



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Natera welcomes all health insurance plans and is in-network with the vast majority of plans

View some of our key in-network insurances below.

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan	Molina Healthcare
Blue Care Network	Priority Health
Mclaren Health Plan	United Healthcare
Meridian	University of Michigan Health Plan (PHP)

Scan to view our full list of in-network insurance plans





We'll send you an email or text when we receive your sample. Be sure to opt-in to receive important updates, such as cost estimates.3

Text from 70487: Natera has received your test sample... Reply YES to confrm.



If we estimate your out-of-pocket (OOP) cost to be more than \$249 or \$349 per test (depending on test),2 we may send you a message with payment options including our cash pricing.

Text from 847-278-9165: Natera has a cost estimate for you...



An Explanation of Benefits (EOB) document is NOT a bill. The amount shown in the EOB is not final, and no action is required.





If there is any OOP cost remaining, we will send a bill. You can pay in full, choose an interestfree payment plan, or apply for financial assistance.





For additional assistance with pricing or Natera billing questions, please scan the QR code or visit www.natera.com/womens-health/pricing-billing/

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