

Prenatal Genetic Screening Tests



Prepare for your family's future now

Are you pregnant, or thinking about starting a family? If so, you might want to think about genetic testing. We, at Quest Diagnostics, offer blood tests that screen for genetic diseases passed from parents to their children. These blood tests can be performed either before or after you become pregnant. We offer the knowledge and expertise that doctors and patients rely on.

Learn about the most common genetic tests

You can be tested to see if your baby is at increased risk of having certain genetic conditions that can occur even without a family history. Common genetic tests are discussed briefly below.

Maternal Serum (MSS) Screening

This blood test determines the risk of Down syndrome and other serious disorders. Your chance of having a baby with Down syndrome grows as you get older. That's why it's especially important to get tested if you're over the age of 35.

Noninvasive Prenatal Test (NIPT)

This blood test, which can be performed as early as 9 weeks gestation, determines the risk of Down syndrome and several other serious fetal disorders with a high level of accuracy. It is recommended for high risk women including those over age 35 and those who have been determined by their doctors to have other risk factors.

Cystic Fibrosis (CF) Carrier Screening

CF is a chronic, life-threatening disease that causes severe lung damage and nutritional deficiencies. It affects thousands of babies every year. A simple test can tell you if you or your partner is a carrier.

Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) Screening

One in every 40 people is a carrier for this frequently fatal disorder, which impacts essential muscles used for breathing and eating. So, it's important to consider testing, especially if you have a family history of the condition.

Fragile X Syndrome (FXS) Screening

FXS is the most common inherited cause of intellectual disability. It can also cause other problems such as developmental delay or autism. If you have a family history of fragile X, talk to your doctor about testing.

Talk to your doctor about which test is right for you. For more information, visit us at QuestDiagnostics.com/prenatal



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