

Multiple Marker Screening

For trisomy 21 and 18



Key Points

- Enhanced First Trimester Screening (eFTS) and Second Trimester Screening (STS) are not diagnostic.
- eFTS and STS only screen for trisomy 21 and 18.

Screening Results & Discussion Points

Screening Result	Discussion Points
 Positive	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A positive screening result does not mean the fetus has the chromosome difference. It means that the chance is increased above the set cut-off.• If screening results are positive, the pregnant person can choose between NIPT, diagnostic testing or no further prenatal testing.• Only diagnostic testing (chorionic villus sampling or amniocentesis) can provide a definitive “yes” or “no” answer.• A referral for genetic counselling may be available. Contact your local genetics clinic for their referral criteria.
 Negative	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A negative screening result is reassuring.• A negative screening result does not guarantee that the fetus does not have a chromosome difference or health concern.• A negative screening result would typically not prompt the offer of diagnostic testing, in the absence of additional risk factors.