

Chromosome Differences



Key Points

- Screening is not diagnostic
- All testing is optional
- Screening does not test for all possible conditions

Questions for Your Patient to Consider

- How important is it for you to know if your baby is at increased chance of having a chromosome difference that could affect their health and development?
- If your screening result is positive, how likely are you to consider additional testing, such as non-invasive prenatal testing (NIPT) or diagnostic testing?
- How useful would it be for you to know about a chromosome difference before your baby's birth in order to prepare?
- What are your thoughts about continuing or ending your pregnancy if your baby has a chromosome difference?
- How would knowing/not knowing this information affect you emotionally throughout the pregnancy?

Counselling Points to Consider

- All testing in pregnancy is your choice.
- A negative screening result does not guarantee that the baby does not have a chromosome difference or health concern.
- A positive screening result does not mean the pregnancy has the chromosome difference. It means that the chance is increased above the set cut-off.
- If the screening results are positive, additional testing will be offered.
- The decision about screening will not affect your care.
- There is a chance for individuals of any age to have pregnancies with trisomy 21, 18 or 13.