Common Questions

Who should have Panorama prenatal screen?

The Panorama prenatal screen is designed for women of any age and ethnicity who are at least 9 weeks pregnant. It cannot currently be used by women who are carrying more than one baby (twins or triplets), women who have used a donor egg or a surrogate, or those who have received a bone marrow transplant.

When should I have Panorama prenatal screen?

Panorama can be performed as early as 9 weeks into the pregnancy.

What are the benefits of having the Panorama prenatal screen?

As early as nine weeks into your pregnancy, a simple blood draw can tell you if your baby is at higher risk for having Down syndrome and other common genetic conditions, as well as the gender of your baby. Non-invasive and highly accurate, Panorama identifies more than 99% of pregnancies affected with Down syndrome and has the lowest reported false positive rate of any prenatal screening test for the commonly screened chromosomal abnormalities: trisomy 21, trisomy 18, and trisomy 13.

What type of sample do I need to submit?

Panorama only requires a simple blood draw from the mom.

What should I be screened for?

Panorama is able to determine the likelihood that the pregnancy could be affected with chromosome abnormalities including Down syndrome (trisomy 21), trisomy 18, trisomy 13, monosomy X and triploidy. Your doctor may also recommend additional chromosomal conditions (microdeletions) be screened for using Panorama. Microdeletion conditions on Panorama’s extended panel include 22q11.2 deletion syndrome, 1p36 deletion, Cri-du-chat syndrome, Prader-Willi syndrome and Angelman syndrome. While it is not the sole purpose of the test, the baby’s gender information can also be screened for using Panorama.

When will my results be available?

Most results will be returned to your doctor within 7-10 working days.

How will I know when my results are available?

You will receive your results from your doctor’s office. They may tell you the results over the phone or ask you to come into their office.

How are the results reported?

When you get your Panorama results, your report may state the following:

- Low Risk: A Low Risk result indicates that it is unlikely that your baby is affected by one of the conditions on the Panorama panel.
- High Risk: A High Risk result does not mean the baby is affected; rather, it indicates a higher than average chance that the baby has a chromosome abnormality. Your healthcare provider may recommend that you speak with a genetic counselor and or
maternal fetal medicine specialist. You may be offered invasive diagnostic testing such as amniocentesis or CVS. No irreversible pregnancy decisions should ever be made based on a Panorama result alone.

- No Result: In a small percentage of cases, Panorama may not be able to obtain sufficient information from your blood sample to determine an accurate result. If this occurs, a second blood sample may be requested.

**What is the cost of the Panorama Prenatal Screen?**

This is a cash only test, you will need to pay for the test at the time of the blood being drawn. The cost of the test varies depending on which test option you decide to have performed. There are three available options:

1. Panorama® basic panel (T21, T18, T13, Triploidy, X&Y) - R 7,182
2. Panorama® basic panel + 22q11.2 deletion syndrome- R 8,978
3. Panorama® basic panel + full microdeletions extended panel (including 22q11.2 deletion, Prader-Willi, Angelman, Cri-du-chat, 1p36 deletion)-R 10,773

**Will my Medical Aid pay for the test?**

Discovery is now paying R 7,500 for any NIPT from the day to day savings. CAMAF is also reimbursing the cost of NIPT subject to pre-authorization via their “maternity programme”.

**Who can I talk to about my Panorama Prenatal Screen results?**

Typically, you will receive your Panorama screen results from the healthcare provider (doctor) who ordered the test.

**Additional services offered by Natera USA**

You can schedule a free pre and post genetic information session with a Natera board certified genetic counselor. Patients can schedule a session using the following website [bit.ly/geneticsession](http://bit.ly/geneticsession). For additional assistance, you are encouraged to contact a Natera genetic counselor at +1-650-249-9090 or [niptgc@natera.com](mailto:niptgc@natera.com).