A Research Study

What is the purpose of the study?

The goal of this study is to develop a non-invasive prenatal blood test for women pregnant with multiples that can diagnose genetic disorders in the fetus by looking at fetal DNA (genetic material) found in the mother’s bloodstream during pregnancy.

Women pregnant with multiples (e.g. twins) will be asked to participate.

If this study is successful, it will reduce the need for invasive procedures during pregnancy such as amniocentesis and chorionic villus sampling (CVS) but still enable women to find out accurate information regarding their baby’s health early in the pregnancy.

What does participation require?

The mother and biological father (if available) will be asked to provide a blood sample. There will be 4 tubes collected from the mother (approximately 3 tablespoons) and 1 tube collected from the father (2 teaspoons). The samples will be collected at no cost to the couple.

Neither subjects nor their doctor will receive any results from the study. Therefore, there is no direct benefit from participating. This study and the subjects who participate may help other women in the future if the study results in a new test available to pregnant women.

Each subject will receive $50 for their participation.

Call Natera at 650-249-9090 ext. 446 or email at research@natera.com if interested

Blood samples are needed from pregnant women and their partners for a research study

Who is eligible?

- Women and their partners (presumed biological father) who are currently pregnant with twins or triplets at a high risk for chromosomal anomaly

This study is sponsored and conducted by Natera, Inc. All patient samples and information will be treated in full compliance with HIPAA privacy laws.