



The California Prenatal Screening Program + Natera

NIPT ordering changes September 19, 2022

To meet American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) guidelines, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) is transitioning to cell-free DNA (cfDNA) as the primary screening technology for trisomy 21, trisomy 18, and trisomy 13.

As a global leader in cfDNA testing, Natera is proud to be an approved noninvasive prenatal testing (NIPT) provider for the California prenatal screening program (CA PNS).

What's covered

NIPT eligibility

For all pregnant patients starting at 10 weeks gestation



NIPT conditions screened

Trisomies 21, 18, and 13 Fetal sex (optional)

Neural tube defect screening

Maternal serum alpha-fetoprotein (MSAFP) screening will still be available in the second trimester

Partnering with Natera

When you choose Natera for your CA PNS laboratory, you gain resources including:



- Optional supplemental NIPT and carrier screening from the same blood draw*
- Complimentary information sessions for supplemental NIPT and carrier screening with Natera's board-certified genetic counselors, for both clinicians and patients
- Flexible phlebotomy service options
- Comprehensive patient educational materials

*Additional charge for expanded testing. Conditions screened by additional testing are not eligible for confirmatory diagnostic testing through the CA PNS program if a high risk or screen positive result is returned. Private insurance coverage might be available.



Learn more about NateraCore Services https://www.natera.com/womens-health/core-services/

Key dates for 2022

Available Now	Providers gain access to CalGenetic Portal
July 26	California PNS webinar: PNS Program Changes: What to Expect
August 24	California PNS webinar: PNS Program Changes: Educational/Training Materials
August 28	Last day to order first trimester biochemical Test Request Forms
September 18	Last day to perform first trimester biochemical test
September 19	 Redesigned PNS Program launch Select Natera SNP-based NIPT (Vasistera) to receive NateraCore Services support Complete the optional supplementary form to receive expanded condition screening on the same sample
October 28	Last day to order second trimester biochemical Test Request Forms
November 28	Last day to perform second trimester biochemical blood draw for integrated screening results
November 28	Last day for nuchal translucency information to be accepted
December 26	Last day for first trimester biochemical patients to receive prenatal diagnostic care follow-up services

Planning ahead for prenatal screening



We're partnering with CDPH and clinician offices statewide to make the transition to cfDNA prenatal screening as smooth as possible for you and your patients.

To read about the upcoming CA PNS changes, visit https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CFH/DGDS/Pages/pns/PNS-Program-Changes.aspx

To learn more about Natera's SNP-based cfDNA testing technology and the tests we offer, visit natera.com/CAPNS or reach out to california@natera.com.

