



How healthy is your baby?

MedGenome Claria helps you find out

THERE'S no denying that motherhood is a beautiful journey to embark upon, and a baby is a blessing to a family. When a woman is expecting, everyone around wants to surround the mommy-to-be with love, care, and the best possible environment, to ensure the baby grows up to be healthy and happy. However, there are times when even with the best care, parents discover their new born might have chromosomal disorder, and end up blaming themselves for the outcome. India has a large number of babies born with chromosomal disorders (estimated to be an alarming 1,30,000 births per year). Hence, to ensure your baby is born healthy, expectant mothers should opt for screening as early as possible. One of the most accurate and safest tests in this regard is a Non Invasive Prenatal Test (NIPT).

WHAT IS NIPT?

NIPT is a simple blood test to analyse the baby's DNA and detect for chromosomal abnormalities. When a woman is pregnant, the baby's DNA is also circulating in her blood stream. To analyse the baby's DNA, the NIPT test simply requires a small blood sample—drawn from the mothers arm.

Common disorders and causes

- ◆ Trisomy is having three chromosome instead of two which leads to intellectual and developmental disabilities, and hence affects the quality of life.
- ◆ Risk of such disorders are higher with late pregnancies, if there is a family history of genetic disorders, etc.

Advantages for NIPT

- ◆ Test can be done as early as 9 weeks
- ◆ Provides assurance of your baby's health
- ◆ Helps in making informed decisions
- ◆ Can screen for chromosomal abnormalities such as Trisomy 21 (Down syndrome), Trisomy 18 (Edwards syndrome), Trisomy 13 (Patau syndrome) and other abnormalities, such as monosomy X (Turner syndrome).

The MedGenome Claria Advantage

- ◆ MedGenome has the exclusive license of PANORAMA NIPT in India. Panorama NIPT has been performed on over 500,000 women across 70 countries.
- ◆ MedGenome offers prenatal genetic counselling services.
- ◆ We are registered with the statutory body as required under the Pre-Conception and Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (PC & PNDT) Act.
- ◆ We do not test for gender of the baby. ■

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