

Wellington Regional Genetics Laboratory



Non-Invasive Prenatal Testing (NIPT) now available

percept[™] is an Australian non-invasive prenatal test (NIPT) offered by Victorian Clinical Genetics Services (VCGS) and available via WRGL. This test uses cell-free fetal DNA (cfDNA) found in maternal blood, to identify the most common chromosome conditions seen in newborns such as Down syndrome, Edwards syndrome and Patau syndrome.

How to access this test:

This test needs to be ordered through your health professional, either your GP, midwife or obstetrician.

Please contact the laboratory and we can send a "streck" blood collection tube to your GP/midwife (along with all the necessary paperwork). Just fill in the paperwork and take the tube to get bled. The blood collection centre will send the tube and paperwork to us and we will immediately courier it to VCGS.

Please contact WRGL on 04-918 5352 or email <u>Prenatal.Wrgl@ccdhb.org.nz</u> to organise testing.

When can this test be performed:

The test can be performed any time from 10 weeks of pregnancy

Results:

Percept results are available in 3-5 business days (from when VCGS receive the sample). VCGS will email your result directly to your health professional.

Test price:

The cost of the test is \$449AUD plus a handling charge of \$55NZD. Payment is made by filling in your credit card details on the test request forms.

Percept NIPT test request form: Percept request form

For lots more information about this test <u>click here</u>.