

## **Wellington Regional Genetics Laboratory**

## Non-Invasive Prenatal Testing (NIPT) now available

percept<sup>TM</sup> 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. The test can be performed any time from 10 weeks of pregnancy and results are available in 3-5 business days (from when the laboratory receives the sample). The cost of the test is \$589 AUD plus a handling charge of \$55 NZD made payable to WRGL for collection, receipt and shipping of the sample to VCGS.

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

Please contact Andrew Beddow via e-mail <u>Andrew.Beddow@ccdhb.org.nz</u> or telephone the laboratory on 04-918 5352 to organise testing.