



How to Discuss Prenatal Screening Results

Traditional Screening (eFTS / MSS)

Negative Screen Results

- A negative screen result is reassuring
- A negative screen result does **not** guarantee the birth of a baby with no health concerns
- A negative screen result would typically not prompt the offer of invasive diagnostic testing, in the absence of additional risk factors

Positive Screen Results

- A positive screen result does **not** mean the pregnancy is affected with a trisomy. It means that the risk is increased above the accepted cut-off
- If screen results are positive, both NIPT and invasive testing should be offered for the pregnant person to choose
- A referral for genetic counselling can be offered where available
- Only invasive diagnostic testing (chorionic villus sampling or amniocentesis) can provide a diagnosis

eFTS – enhanced first trimester screening

MSS – maternal serum screening

NIPT – non-invasive prenatal testing



KEY POINTS

- Screening is **not** diagnostic
- eFTS / MSS only screen for Down Syndrome and Trisomy 18

Looking for more information?

Find additional screening resources and educational materials at:

www.prenatalscreeningontario.ca