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COST OF TESTING FOR PRENATAL DNA
(non-invasive prenatal testing - NIPT)
(genetic carrier screening)

Dear OB Patient,

Non-invasive prenatal testing (NIPT, also called cell-free DNA screening) is a genetic screening test whereby a pregnant woman's blood is screened for many fetal DNA conditions (such as Down Syndrome-Trisomy 21 and many others) and also fetal gender. This test has greatly reduced the need for invasive genetic tests such as amniocentesis or CVS (chorionic villous sampling), both of which are costly and carry a small risk of fetal loss. NIPT testing can be done about 9-10 weeks of pregnancy or anytime thereafter.

Genetic Carrier screening checks for DNA conditions (mutation) in the mother or father that might be silent in one or both parents but could cause a genetic disease in the baby.

These types of DNA blood tests can be expensive. Insurance companies have different policies on whether they will approve or deny the tests. Also, even if they approve them, we don't know how much of the cost they will cover and how much the patient will owe.

We usually work with Integrated Genetics and LabCorp for their NIPT tests (MaterniT 21 PLUS or MaterniT GENOME) and their genetic carrier test (Inheritest: Comprehensive). The labs try to help lower your out-of-pocket costs if the test is denied by your insurance provider, or when it is approved but the amount is high and is applied to your deductible.

The website below will help provide your estimated cost for DNA prenatal testing with Integrated Genetics:

https://womenshealth.labcorp.com/patients/cost-estimator#/

You could also try contacting your insurance company to see if the testing is covered. See below for the billing codes. Try to find out how much they will pay and what your out-of-pocket cost will be. In our experience, this may take a while.

The insurance (CPT) codes are: Mat21 Plus - 81420 and 81422.
Inheritest - 81223, 81404, 81405, 81406, 81407, 81408 and 81479.

You will be asked to sign a separate consent agreement that you have read and understand the information in this handout. Thank you for your understanding.