

	Screening tests			Diagnostic tests
	Combined first trimester screening	Second trimester serum screening	Cell-free DNA (noninvasive prenatal test, NIPT)	Chorionic villus sampling (CVS), amniocentesis
Type of test	Blood test and ultrasound	Blood test	Blood test	Sample of placental cells or amniotic fluid
Timing of test (weeks)	Blood 9-13 w Ultrasound 11-13 w	14 – 20 w	From 10 w	CVS 11-13 w Amnio from 15 w
Conditions detected	Trisomy 21, 18,13; Structural anomalies	Trisomy 21 and 18	Trisomy 21, 18, 13; sex chromosome conditions (optional)	Many chromosome conditions
Detection rate for trisomy 21	90%	75-80%	99%	99.99%
False positive rate for trisomy 21	3-5%	7-8%	< 1%	< 1%
Test failure rate	< 1%	<1%	1-5%	< 1%
Risk to pregnancy	None	None	None	Small risk of miscarriage
Medicare rebate available	Yes	Yes	No	Yes

*Adapted from Murdoch Childrens Research Institute Prenatal Screening Decision Aid.  
Available at <https://www.mcri.edu.au/prenatal-screening>*