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COST OF BLOOD TESTING FOR FETAL DNA (non-invasive prenatal testing - NIPT)

Dear Patient,

Non-invasive prenatal testing (NIPT) is an amazing breakthrough in genetic testing. By drawing the mother's blood, we can analyze it for fetal DNA conditions including Down Syndrome and others. This can help prevent the need for an amniocentesis or a CVS test, both of which are invasive procedures associated with a risk for miscarriage.

Unfortunately, this type of cutting edge DNA analysis technology is expensive. Insurance companies have different policies on whether they will approve or deny the test and even if they approve it, we do not know how much they will pay and how much the patient will owe.

The NIPT labs are trying to keep the out of pocket costs to the patients low. One way they do this is to submit a high cost to the insurer with the hope that some portion of it will be paid. We have seen claims to the insurer for more than \$7,000 for this test. The patient will never have to pay close to this amount, but sometimes the cost to the patient can approach \$1,000, and sometimes it is as low as \$200. It all depends on which lab is used, which insurance company the patient uses and whether or not the test is "approved."

If you choose to have this test done, you might have to deal with some billing issues. We cannot do this for you or we would be on the phone all day, every day. If you get a bill for this test that seems high, we will help you contact the lab representative to try and work through it.

We suggest contacting your insurance company as soon as possible if you plan to have this test done. Try to find out if it is covered. If it is, try to find out how much they will pay. If they ask you for a billing code (CPT code), use any of the following codes:

NIPT codes: 81420 or 81479. We work mainly with Sequenom Labs (MaterniT 21 Plus test). There is also a website for estimating the cost of this test:

www.sequenom.com/billing-and-insurance#cost-estimate

Thank you for your understanding.

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**SIGNED ACKNOWLEDGMENT
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By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read the handout regarding the cost of blood testing for fetal DNA (non-invasive prenatal testing – NIPT). I understand the issues discussed in the handout. I am aware that it is ultimately my responsibility to determine if my insurance will pay for this test or not, and what my own out-of-pocket cost might be.

Patient Name _____ Date _____

Signature _____