

NONINVASIVE PRENATAL SCREENING FOR ANEUPLOIDY: THE EVIDENCE AND THE SPIN

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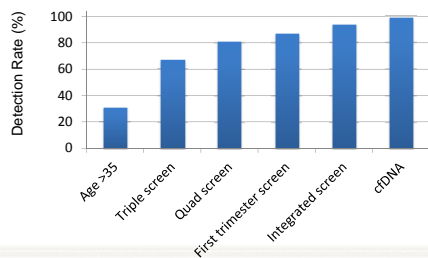
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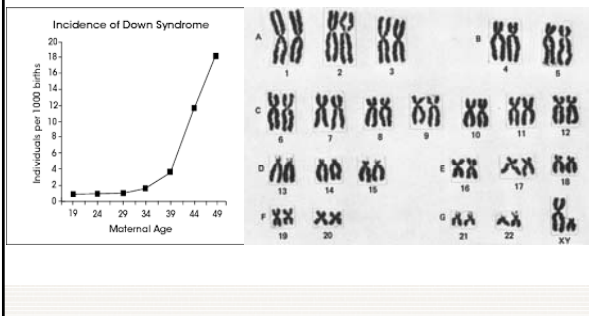
Detection rate of prenatal screening for Down syndrome has improved over time



Why all the focus on Down syndrome?



1979: NICHD Consensus Panel on Amniocentesis



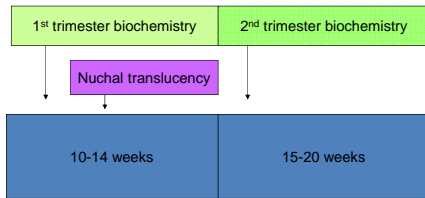
THE LANCET, APRIL 28, 1984

MATERNAL SERUM ALPHA-FETOPROTEIN MEASUREMENT: A SCREENING TEST FOR DOWN SYNDROME

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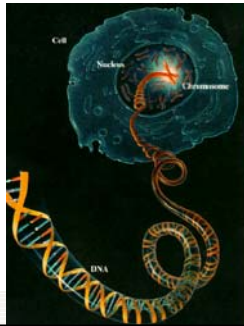
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Traditional Serum Screening



Down Syndrome:
93% detection, 4.5% screen positive rate

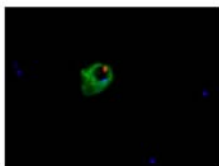
Noninvasive prenatal testing with fetal cells



- Intact (nucleated) cells carry entire genome
- Different cell types have been studied
- Fetal cells exceedingly rare
 - Difficult to extract
 - Fragile
 - Difficult to distinguish from maternal cells

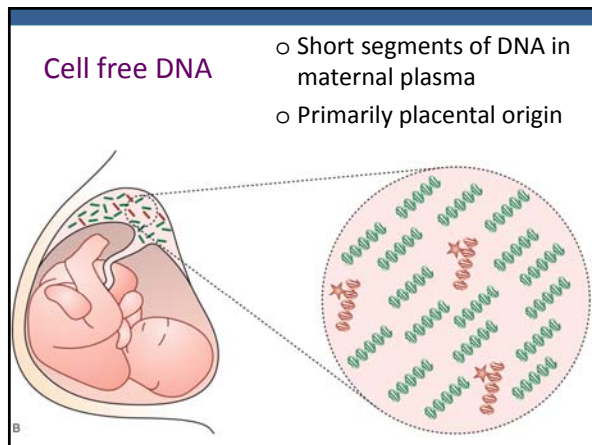
Intact Fetal Cells: Is There a Future?

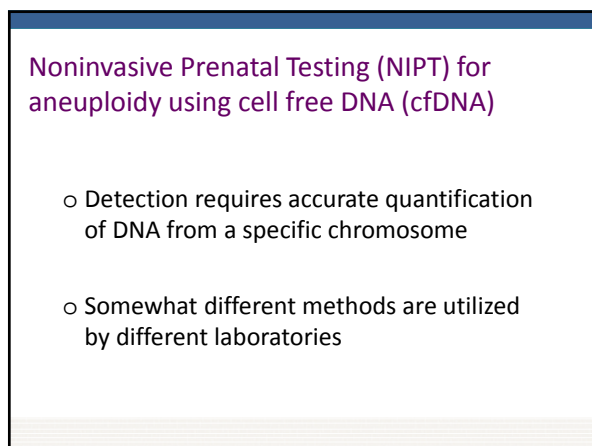
- Still appeal to this strategy
- Entire fetal genome within each cell



Isolate intact fetal cell(s)
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Whole genome amplification
↓
Microarray







Next Generation Sequencing

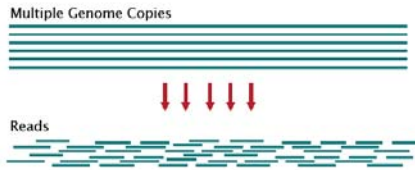


Figure 2: In DNA sequencing, multiple (typically more than a billion) copies of a genome are broken in random locations to generate much shorter reads.

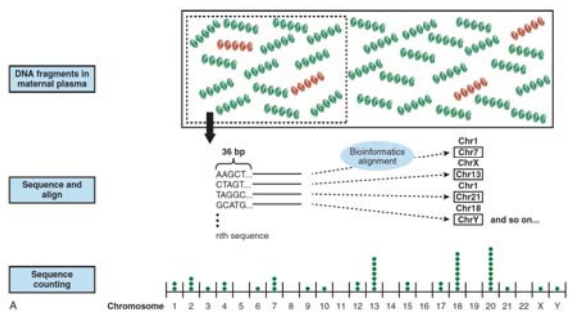
<http://gcat.davidson.edu/>

Massively Parallel Sequencing (or “shotgun” sequencing = MPSS)

Many *cfDNA* tests use this approach:

- “Massive”: tons of DNA sequencing data
- “Parallel”: many pieces of DNA sequenced at the same time
- “Shotgun”: it is sequenced randomly

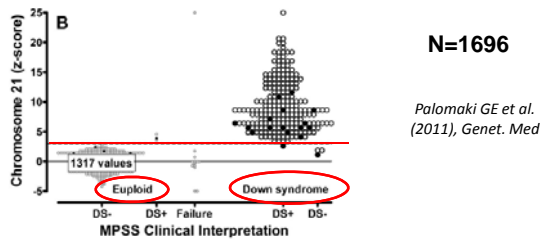
Analysis of cell free DNA



Massively Parallel Shotgun Sequencing (MPSS):

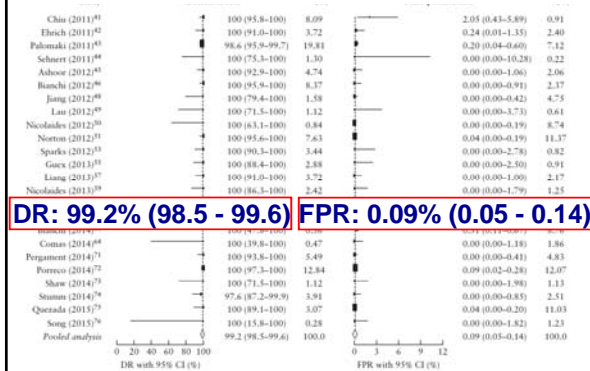
Palomaki et al, 2011

- Random sampling of cfDNA fragments from all chromosomes
- A z-score value is used as a cut-off for trisomy (z-score of 3)



cfDNA screening for T21: meta-analysis

(Gil et al, Ultrasound Obstet Gynecol, 2015)





Professional Society Opinions (2012): ACOG;
ACMG; International Society of Prenatal Diagnosis;
National Society of Genetic Counselors

Common themes:

There are recognized benefits, but...

- Not diagnostic
 - Needs confirmation
 - "Advanced screening test"
- Limited detection of trisomies (vs invasive testing)
- Requires comprehensive genetic counseling
- Should only be used in validated groups (eg high risk)
- *Need a low risk study before introducing into general population screening*

Why Did We Need a Low Risk Study?

- The prevalence is lower so the test performance is different?
- The biology of younger, low risk women is different?
- Just to get more data and experience before jumping on the bandwagon



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**DNA Sequencing versus Standard Prenatal
Aneuploidy Screening**

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Anita F. Das, Ph.D., Joseph A. Craig, M.D., Darya I. Chudova, Ph.D., Patricia L. Devers, M.S., C.G.C., Keith W. Jones, Ph.D.

- N=1914 women undergoing standard screening
- Mean maternal age = 29.6 yrs
- Primary outcome = false positive rates for T18 and T21

cfDNA vs Standard Screening

Bianchi et al, NEJM, 2014

	FPR	PPV	
cfDNA	0.3%	45.5%	p<.001
Standard	3.6%	4.2%	

- Only 8 aneuploidy cases in the cohort
 - (T21 (5), T18 (2), and T13(1))
- All were detected

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- 15,841 women had cfDNA and first trimester screening
- Mean maternal age = 30.7 yrs

“NEXT” study: 15,841 average risk women

	Cell free DNA screening	First trimester screening	
Detection rate	38/38 (100%)	30/38 (79%)	P=0.008
False positive rate	0.06%	5.4%	P<0.0001
Positive predictive value	81%	3.4%	P<0.0001

Norton et al, NEJM, 2015

Cell free DNA: Biologic Challenges

False positives:

- Unrecognized or “vanishing” twin
- Placental mosaicism
- Low level maternal mosaicism, esp sex chromosomal
- Maternal genetic variation (copy number variants)
- Maternal malignancy

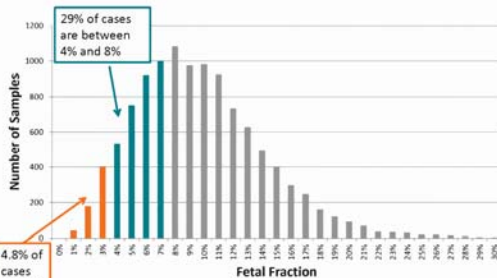
False negatives:

- Low level of fetal DNA
- Placental mosaicism
- Maternal genetic variation (copy number variants)

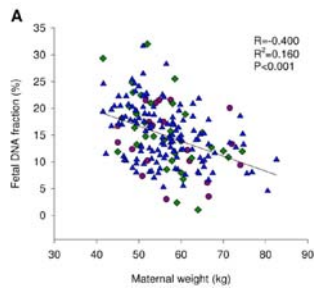
Failed results:

- Increased BMI
- Low level of fetal DNA
- Fetal aneuploidy

Fraction of cell free DNA that is fetal in origin: “Fetal Fraction”

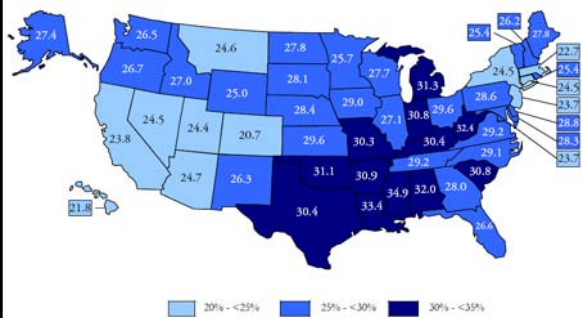


Fetal fraction and maternal weight

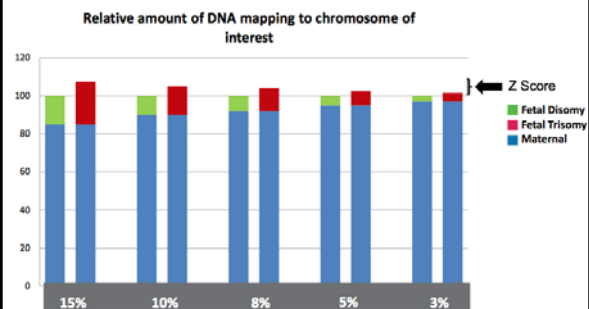


Hudecova I et al, PLoS One, 2014

Obesity in US Adults

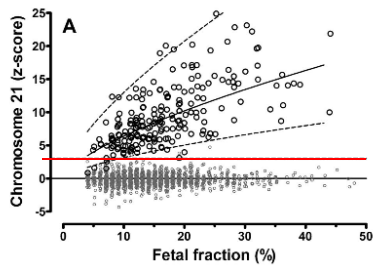


The less fetal DNA, the harder to tell normal from abnormal



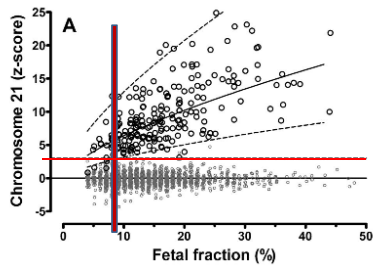
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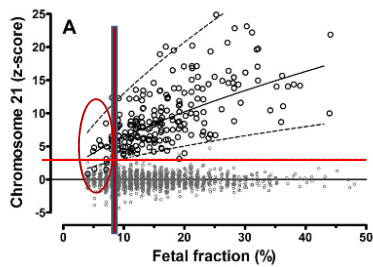
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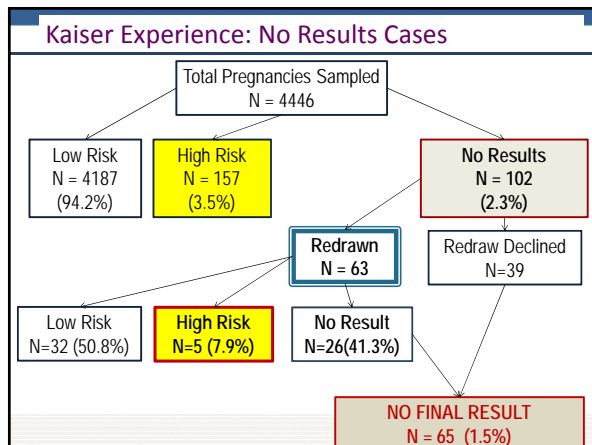
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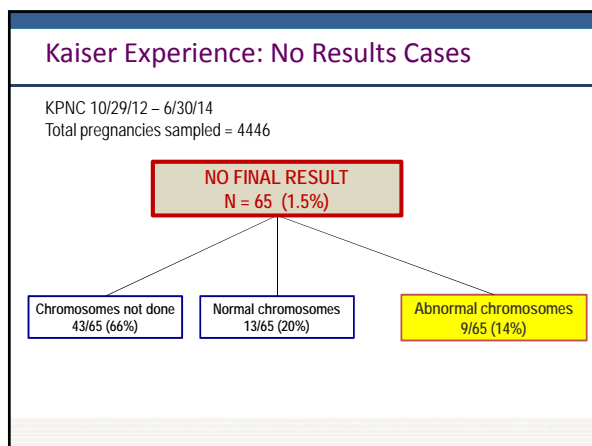
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“NEXT” study: 15,841 average risk women

- 488 (3%) women had no result
 - Low fetal fraction, failed sequencing, high variance in sequencing
 - Risk of aneuploidy was 1/38 (2.7%)
 - Much higher than 1/236 (0.4%) in cohort

Norton et al, NEJM, 2015





Fetal Fraction

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Patient and Provider Information

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ACCOUNT #:	
ACCOUNT ID:	10121-01
CLEAR NAME:	Medical Center at UCSF
REFERRING CLINICIAN CLINIC NAME:	Letau Cfm
REFERRING CLINICIAN CLINIC FAX #:	
OTHER CLINICAL:	
OTHER CLINICAL FAX #:	
SAMPLE DATE:	09/12/2014
DATE RECEIVED:	

GESTATIONAL AGE: 11 wks 6 days

TEST TYPE: non-FP pregnancy
CLINICAL HISTORY (COMMENTS):
MULTIPLE: NO/YES/NA

Test Results

Fetal cfDNA Percentages: 13.0%

CHROMOSOME	RESULT	PROBABILITY	RECOMMENDATION
Tribony 21 (T21)	Low Risk	Less than 1/10,000 (0.01%)	Review results with patient
Tribony 18 (T18)	Low Risk	Less than 1/10,000 (0.01%)	Review results with patient
Tribony 13 (T13)	Low Risk	Less than 1/10,000 (0.01%)	Review results with patient
Fetal Sex	Male Fetus	>greater than 99/100 (99%)	Review results with patient
X,Y Analysis	XY	>greater than 99/100 (99%)	Review results with patient

Fetal Fraction

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High Risk, Low Risk, and Positive Predictive Value



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BRIEF REPORT | **Genetics
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Discordant noninvasive prenatal testing and cytogenetic results: a study of 109 consecutive cases

Jia-Chi Wang, MD, PhD¹, Trilochan Sahoo, MD^{1,2}, Steven Schonberg, PhD³, Kimberly A. Kopita, MS¹, Leslie Ross, MS¹, Kyla Patek, MS¹ and Charles M. Strom, MD, PhD¹

Wang et al, *Genetics in Medicine*, 2014

Aneuploidy	No. of positives	No (%) confirmed
T21	41	38/41 (93%)
T18	25	16/25 (64%)
T13	16	7/16 (44%)
45,X	16	6/16 (38%)
Total	98	67 (67%)

ORIGINAL ARTICLE

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Risk Group	Positive predictive value
Entire cohort (mean age 30.7 yrs)	81%
Maternal age <35 yo	76%
Low risk serum FTS (<1/270)	50%

SEQUENOM
Genetic Testing Laboratory

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Ordering Provider: **Dr. [Name]**
Provider Location: **[Address]**
Provider Phone: **[Phone]**
Order Date: **[Date]**
Order ID: **[ID]**
Order Comments: **[Comments]**

Test: **Maternal 21**

Interpretation: **Positive**
This specimen showed an increased representation of chromosome 21 material.

Interpretation: These results are consistent with an increased amount of fetal chromosome 21 material (Trisomy 21), such as may be found

Additional Perspective: Risk remains as high as the initial prenatal risk in all individuals. Other results of this testing are likely accurate. Infrequent errors may be

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COLLECTION DATE: 01/01/2012
PREPARED DATE: 01/02/2012

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TEST RESULTS

CHROMOSOME	RESULT	RISK SCORE	RECOMMENDATION
Trisomy 21 (T21)	HIGH RISK	Greater than 99/100 (99%)	Genetic counseling and additional testing
Trisomy 18 (T18)	Low Risk	Less than 1/10,000 (0.01%)	Review results with patient
Trisomy 13 (T13)	Low Risk	Less than 1/10,000 (0.01%)	Review results with patient

TEST DESCRIPTION: **Maternal 21**

CLINICAL DATA:

Genital Age: **Weeks** **Days**
Prior Risk: **1 in 1,000**


Results suggest a **HIGH RISK** of Trisomy 21.
Followup counseling and testing recommended.

RESULTS

Chromosome	Age-based risk*	Panorama risk score**	Result	Comments
Trisomy 21	1/1,000 (0.1%)	<1/10,000 (0.01%)	Low Risk	Followup counseling and testing recommended
Trisomy 18	<1/1,000 (0.01%)	<1/10,000 (0.01%)	Low Risk	None
Trisomy 13	<1/1,000 (0.01%)	<1/10,000 (0.01%)	Low Risk	None

*Based on maternal age and gestational age, where applicable. **Based on a prior risk and test results.

Low Risk: **1 in 1,000 (0.1%)**
High Risk: **1 in 100 (1%)**

		RESULTS RECIPIENT UNIVERSITY MEDICAL CENTER 240 Attn: Dr. Paul Smith 123 Main Street City, CA 10231 Phone: (800) 555-1212 Fax: (800) 555-1212 NPI: 3652760645 Report Date: 02/18/2014	PREGNANCY DETAILS Due Date: 07/11/2014 Pregnancy Type: Singleton Maternal Weight: 120lbs Gestational Age: N/A NT Ultrasound Date: 05/13/2014 NT: 1mm CRL: 10mm	FEMALE JANE MILLER DOB: 10/11/1977 Ethnicity: Northern European Sample Type: Streck Cell-Free DNA Blood Tube Date of Collection: 02/06/2014 Date Received: 02/16/2014 Date Tested: 02/16/2014 Barcode: 3100000019873
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Informed Pregnancy Screen		POSITIVE: PREGNANCY AT INCREASED RISK
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ABOUT THIS TEST
The Counsyl Informed Pregnancy Screen detects whether a pregnancy is at increased risk for certain chromosome conditions.

PANEL DETAILS
Chromosomes 13, 18, 21

Condition	Results	PPV or Residual Risk*
Trisomy 21 (Down syndrome)	POSITIVE: PREGNANCY AT INCREASED RISK Aneuploidy detected Results consistent with trisomy for chromosome 21.	67.6% (67.6% in 100) PPV
Trisomy 13 (Patau syndrome)	NEGATIVE Results consistent with two copies of chromosome 13.	< 0.01% (1 in 10,000) Residual Risk
Trisomy 18 (Edwards syndrome)	NEGATIVE Results consistent with two copies of chromosome 18.	< 0.01% (1 in 10,000) Residual Risk

The poorly understood PPV



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Oversold prenatal tests spur some to choose abortions

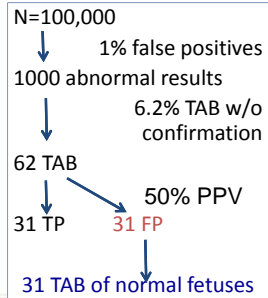
Stacie and Lincoln Chapman's healthy son was born in November 2013.

RESEARCH OBSTETRICS Clinical experience and follow-up with large scale single-nucleotide polymorphism-based noninvasive prenatal aneuploidy testing Pe'er Dar, MD; Kirsten J. Curnow, PhD; Susan J. Gross, MD; Megan P. Hall, PhD; Melissa Stasic, MS; Zachary Demko, PhD; Bernhard Zimmermann, PhD; Matthew Hill, PhD; Szymon Sigurdsson, PhD; Allison Ryan, PhD; Milena Banjevic, PhD; Paula L. Kolacki, MS; Susan W. Koch, MS; Charles M. Strom, MD, PhD; Matthew Rabinowitz, PhD; Peter Benn, DSc	ajog.org
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- 6.2% had termination without karyotype confirmation
- Disconcerting if PPV is only 50%

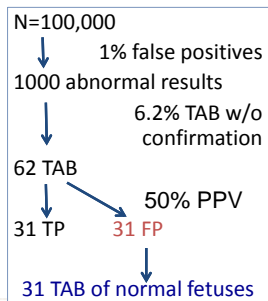
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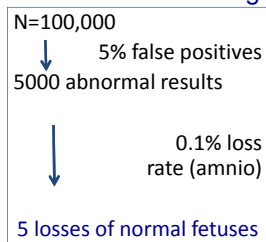


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cfDNA



Serum Screening



PPV Calculator: www.perinatalquality.org



University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Positive Predictive Value of Cell Free DNA Calculator

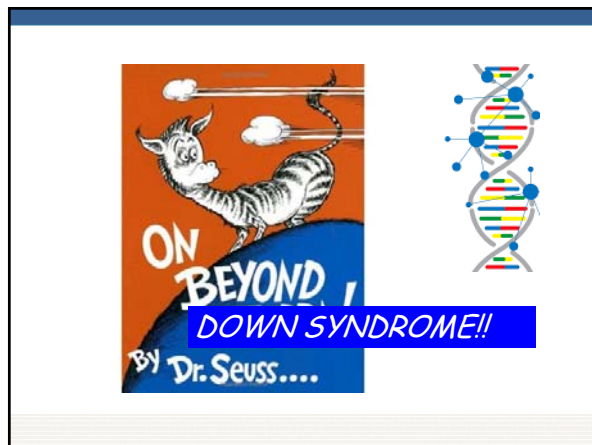
Baseline Risk
☒ Age-related risk ☐ A priori risk

Maternal Age (20)
 20 22 24 26 28 30 32 34 36 38 40 42 44

Gestational Age in Weeks (10)
 10 12 14 16 18 20

Test
☒ Harmony® ☐ Materniti 21® ☐ Panorama® ☐ Verifi®

	Trisomy 21	Trisomy 18	Trisomy 13
Age-related risk	1:804	1:1993	1:6347
Test Sensitivity	99	98	80
Test Specificity	99.97	99.93	99.9
PPV	80%	41%	11%



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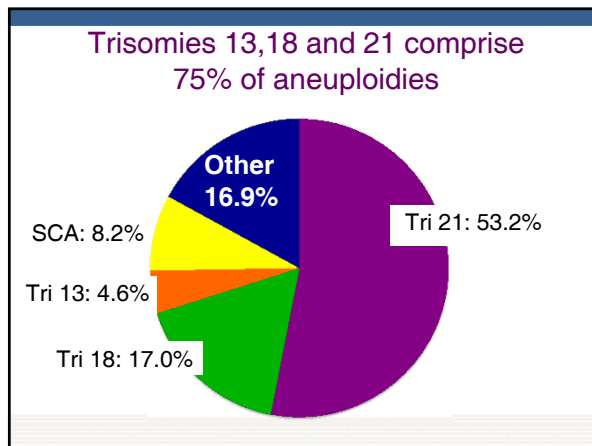
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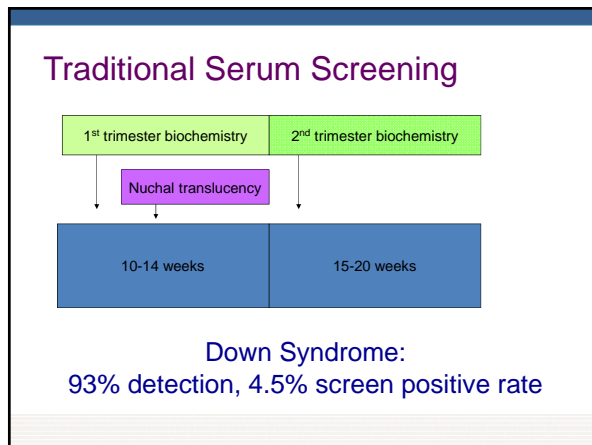
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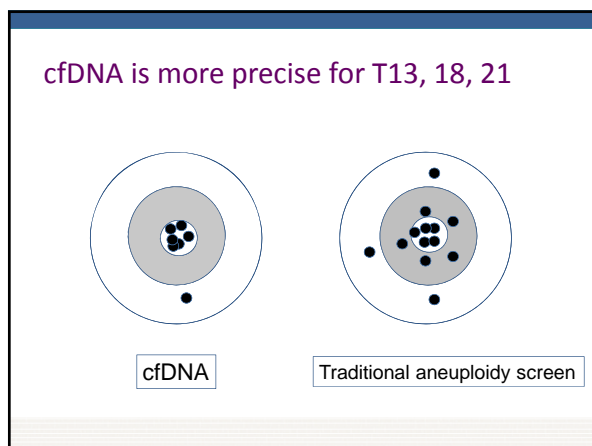
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- Total of 68 significant aneuploidies in the cohort
 - 57/68 (84%) were detected

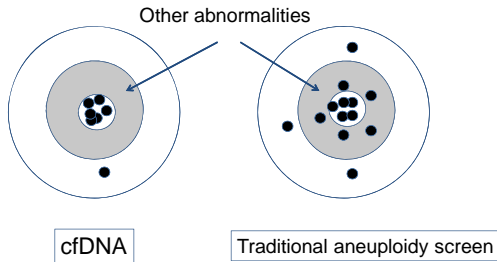
Norton et al, NEJM, 2015







cfDNA is more precise for T13, 18, 21

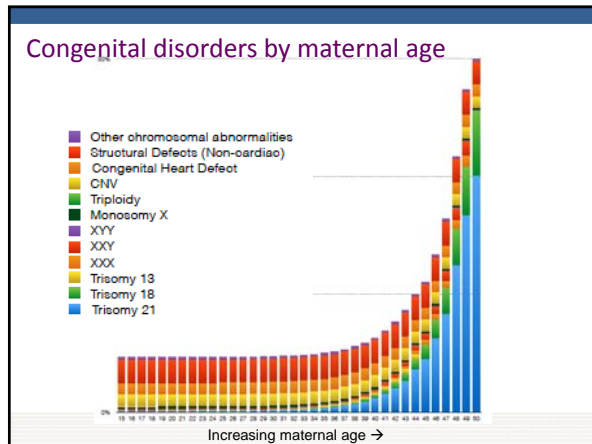


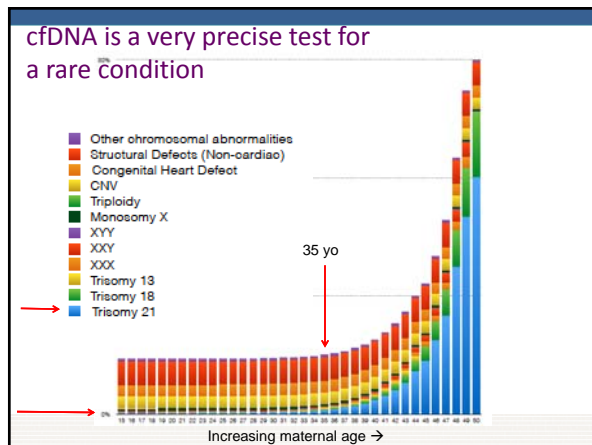
Disorder	Prevalence	Causes of Birth Defects and Other Adverse Perinatal Outcomes: <i>It's Not All Down Syndrome</i>
Common trisomies (13,18,21)	0.2%	
Other chromosome abnormalities	0.4%	
Microdeletions and duplications	1.5%	
Mendelian Genetic Disorders	0.4%	
Congenital heart defects	0.3%	
Other structural defects	3%	
Adverse OB outcomes	15-20%	
Total	~25%	

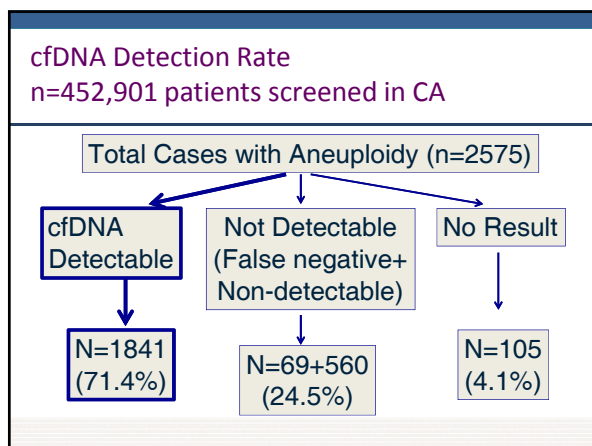
Table. Risk of Down's Syndrome and Chromosomal Abnormalities at Live Birth, According to Maternal Age.*

Maternal Age at Delivery (yr)	Risk of Down's Syndrome	Risk of Any Chromosomal Abnormality
20	1/1667	1/526
25	1/1200	1/476
30	1/952	1/385
35	1/378	1/192
40	1/106	1/66
45	1/30	1/21

* Modified from Hook et al.³







Chromosomal Microarray (CMA) for Prenatal Diagnosis



Diagnostic Yield of Chromosomal Microarray in Cases with Normal Karyotype

Indication for Testing	Clinically Relevant (N=96)
U/S Anomaly N=755	6.0%
AMA N=1,966	1.7%
Positive Screen N=729	1.7%
Other N=372	1.3%

New “menu” in prenatal testing

Screening test for common aneuploidies (cfDNA)
(1/500)

VS

Invasive diagnostic testing with CMA
(1/60)

cfDNA and chromosomal microarray

IF:

CMA detects an abnormality in 1.7% of cases (about 1/60)

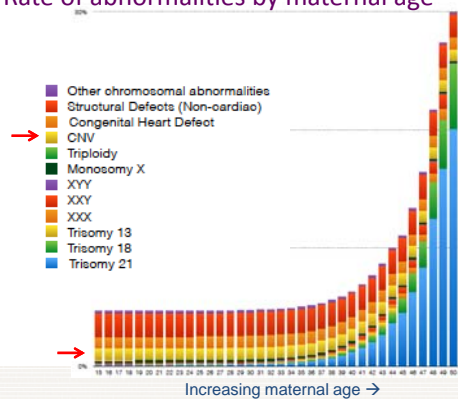
AND:

cfDNA detects T13,18, 21 – about 1/500 pregnancies

THEN:

- If cfDNA is the routine screening test, it will detect only about **12%** of diagnosable chromosomal abnormalities

Rate of abnormalities by maternal age

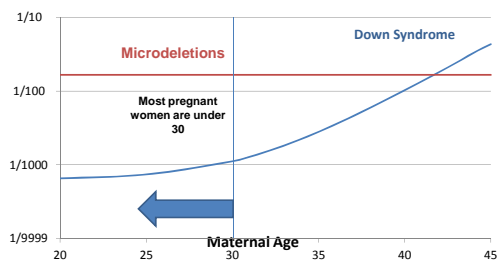


Expanded panels

- Trisomies 9, 16 and 22
 - Rarely seen in viable pregnancies except as mosaics
 - Common causes of confined placental mosaicism
 - Much more common in CVS samples than amniocentesis
 - Even complete trisomy in the placenta often associated with a normal fetus
- Microdeletions (22q, 1q36, 5p-, 4p-, 15q11-13)
 - Also 8q-, 11q-
- MaterniTGenome

Should all women be offered screening for microdeletions?

Microdeletions are More Common Than Down Syndrome for Women Under 40

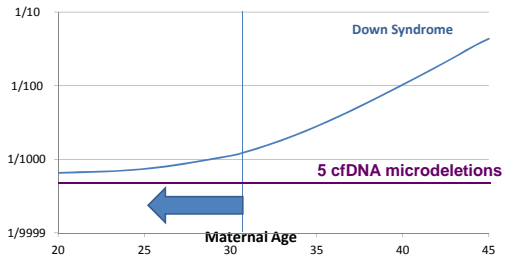


Adapted from: Snijders, et al. *Ultrasound Obstet Gynecol* 1999;13:167-170

Microdeletion syndromes are rare

Syndrome	Frequency	Features
22q11.2 (DiGeorge)	1/4,000	Varies: cardiac, palatal, immune, intellectual disability
1q36	1/10,000	Severe intellectual disability (ID), +/- obvious structural anomalies
Angelman	1/20,000	Severe ID, seizures, speech delay
Prader-Willi	1/30,000	Obesity, ID, behavioral problems
Cri-du-chat	1/50,000	Microcephaly, ID, +/- CHD
Wolf-Hirschhorn	1/50,000	ID, seizures, +/- CL/CP
Total	1/2500	

Microdeletions are More Common Than Down Syndrome for Women Under 40



cfDNA for microdeletions is NOT a noninvasive microarray

Prevalence of 5 microdeletion syndromes: $\sim 1/2500$

Prevalence of CNV by microarray: $1/60$

Detection rate of cfDNA for all pathogenic CNV: 4.2%

The false positives add up....

Trisomy	Detection Rate	False Positive Rate
Trisomy 21	99%	0.1%
Trisomy 18	97%	0.3%
Trisomy 13	87%	0.6%
Sex chromosomes	86%	0.6%
Total		1.6%

The false positives add up....

Trisomy	Detection Rate	False Positive Rate
Trisomy 21	99%	0.1%
Trisomy 18	97%	0.3%
Trisomy 13	87%	0.6%
Sex chromosomes	86%	0.6%
Microdeletions	??	1.0%
Total		2.6%

The future: Whole genome sequencing

BRIEF REPORT

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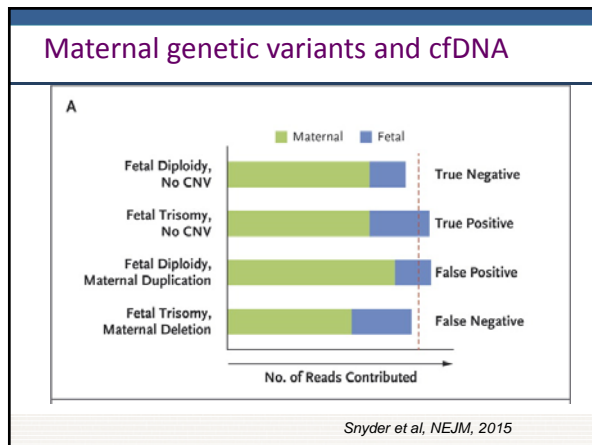
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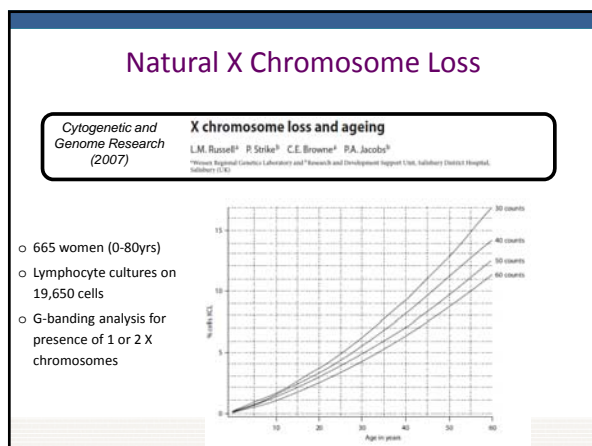
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Preliminary Communication

Noninvasive Prenatal Testing and Incidental Detection of Occult Maternal Malignancies

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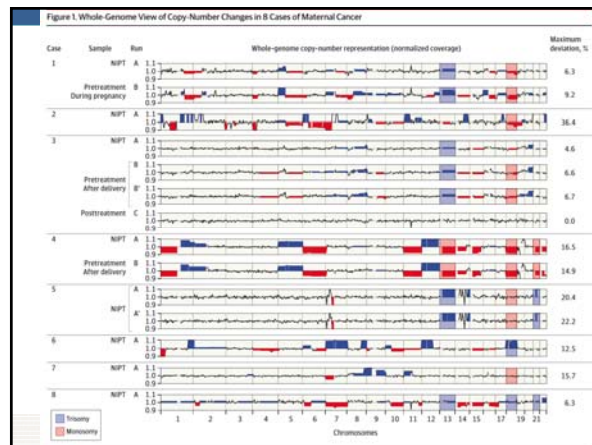
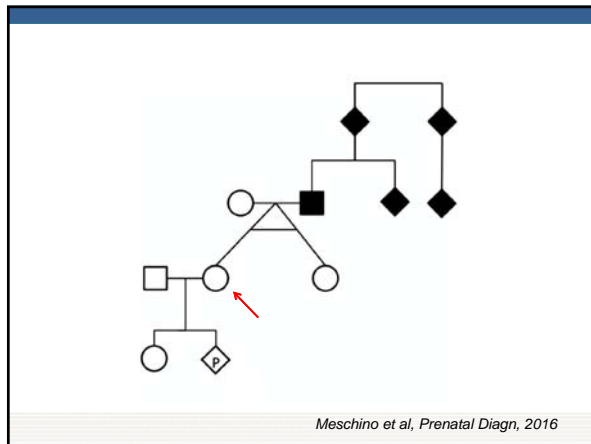


Table 2. Association of Maternal Cancers With Different Types of Aneuploidies Detected at Noninvasive Prenatal Testing

Type of Aneuploidy Detected by NIPT	Total No. of Samples	No. of Known Maternal Cancers (%) [95% CI]
Single trisomy ^a	2650	2 (0.08) [0-0.27]
Single SCA ^b	950	0 (0) [0-0.39]
Single trisomy + SCA	30	0 (0) [0-11.5]
Single monosomy	88	1 (1.14) [0-6.1]
Multiple aneuploidy ^c	39	7 (17.9) [7.5-33.5]
Total abnormal NIPT	3757	10 (0.26) [0.12-0.48]



cfDNA screening	Traditional screening
• Trisomy 13, 18, 21	• Trisomy 18, 21, +/-13
• Sex chromosomes	• Other chromosomal
• +/- microdeletions	• Early dx fetal anomalies, including cardiac (NT)
• Maternal cancer	• Spina bifida and ventral wall defects (MSAFP)
• Maternal CNV	• Adverse obstetric outcomes
• Maternal sex chromosomal aneuploidy	• Preeclampsia, PTB, FGR

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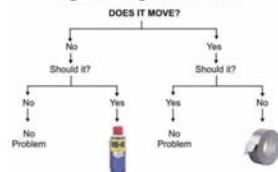
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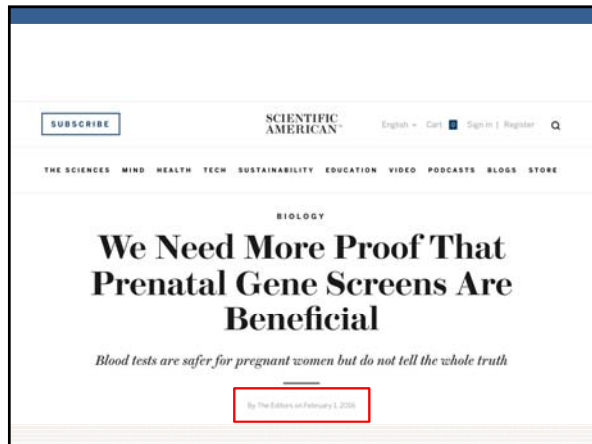
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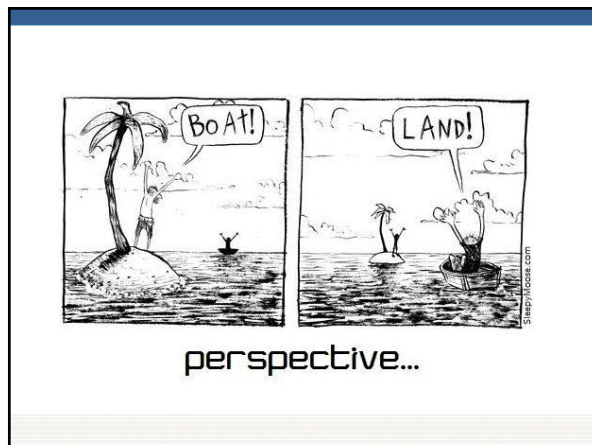
Category	LDT Characteristics
LDT Name	Noninvasive prenatal cell-free DNA testing (NIPT, or cfDNA)
Description	Blood test to identify traces of fetal chromosomes in maternal blood
Purpose	To detect a range of fetal chromosomal abnormalities
Target Population	Pregnant women concerned about a fetal chromosomal abnormality
Alternatives	Invasive testing, including amniocentesis and chorionic villi sampling; "quad testing" of multiple substances combined with ultrasound imaging
LDT Problem 1	Lack of clinical validation that tests detect and predict fetal abnormalities at an appropriate rate
LDT Problem 2	Many false-positive results when used in the general population
Clinical Consequence	Women with false-positive results may abort a normal pregnancy; women with false-negative results may deliver a child with an unanticipated genetic syndrome
Potential impact of FDA Oversight	Assurance the test meets minimum performance standards; evaluation of manufacturer claims
Cost Impact of Inaccuracy	Not estimated

Engineering Flowchart



If only it were this simple...







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- Conventional screening is most appropriate first line screen for most patients
- Ethically any patient may choose cfDNA screening, but should be counseled regarding limitations and benefits
- Diagnostic testing is required to confirm abnormal results before irreversible decisions
- Testing for microdeletions and in twins should not be performed



International Society for Prenatal Diagnosis, 2015

- Appropriate protocols include:
 - cfDNA as a primary, secondary or contingent test
 - traditional first and/or second trimester multiple marker screening approaches
- Not recommended:
 - Maternal age only as a screening test
 - NT only
- Microdeletion screening should only be offered for clinically significant, severe disorders

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Policy

Non-invasive prenatal testing for aneuploidy and beyond: challenges of responsible innovation in prenatal screening

This paper has been amended since online publication and a corrigendum also appears in this issue

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ESHG and ASHG Position Statement, 2015

- NIPT is more accurate than traditional screening, but is not diagnostic
- Should be a clear policy for dealing with secondary and incidental findings
- NIPT for sex chromosomal aneuploidy and microdeletions is not recommended
- Also consideration of pretest counseling, informed choice, and the goals and scope of prenatal screening

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Noninvasive prenatal screening for fetal aneuploidy, 2016 update: a position statement of the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics

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American College of Medical Genetics, 2016

Recommends that ALL pregnant women should be:

- Offered the option of either screening or diagnostic testing
- Offered NIPS for sex chromosomal aneuploidies
- Informed of availability of NIPS for microdeletions

American College of Medical Genetics, 2016

Laboratory Guidance

- Should work with public health officials, policy makers, and insurers to make NIPS available to all women
- Provide detection rate, FP rate, PPV and NPV on reports
- Report fetal fraction

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Recommends AGAINST:

- NIPS for aneuploidies other than T13, 18, 21 (eg trisomy 9, 16, 22)
- NIPS for genome wide CNVs

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Other issues addressed:

- Diagnostic testing should be offered for a “no call” result, rather than repeat testing
- Other options should be suggested for women with significant obesity
- Referral to genetics professional with positive NIPS, no call results other than FF

Summary

- cfDNA is a better test for Down syndrome than current screening – but it is screening!
- Patients need to be carefully counseled about the trade-offs
- Adding microdeletion screening has minimal impact on detection, but potential to significantly increase the false positive rate
- With expanding panels, incidental findings will increase

