



Tipmark

*Down's syndrome screening
without a blood sample*

A simple finger-tip test

Down's syndrome This is the most common cause of severe learning disability.

Screening Biomarkers in maternal blood and ultrasound are used to estimate Down's syndrome risk. Those with high risk may consider having CVS or amniocentesis.

Ultrasound alone The nuchal area of the neck is measured and nasal bone may also be determined.

Combined test Two blood markers plus ultrasound substantially improves accuracy compared with ultrasound alone.

Tipmark As accurate as a combined test, but there is no need for a blood sample. Instead a finger-tip kit is provided so a woman can obtain small blood drops herself.

Finger-tip kit Easy to use: place a lancet on the finger tip, pull the trigger and drop onto a special filter paper sampler.

Ultrasound centre When contacting us for the kit we will tell you which of our affiliated centres is nearest to your home or work.

Gestation Use the finger-tip kit at 9-13 weeks gestation; ideally 1-2 weeks before the ultrasound appointment so that a risk can be given immediately.

Other disorders Risks of Edwards' syndrome and related conditions are also given.