

The California Prenatal Screening Program

The California Prenatal Screening (PNS) Program is planning to make first-tier cell-free DNA (cfDNA) screening available to all pregnant individuals in California beginning September 19, 2022. Some highlights of the program redesign are explained further in this announcement. We encourage you to visit our PNS Program Changes web page (https://bit.ly/PNS_Changes) to find out more details or scan the QR code shown below.



Prenatal Screening Program Online CalGenetic Portal

The Genetic Disease Screening Program (GDSP) now provides a secure online web-based portal. It's currently available for viewing screening results and will be available September 19, 2022, to order screening tests. All physicians and their delegates are encouraged to log into the CalGenetic Portal (<https://calgenetic.cdph.ca.gov>) and set up an account now.

PNS Program Changes Webinars

Webinar pre-registration is required on: https://bit.ly/PNS_Webinars
All webinars are recorded and posted on this web page.

Continuing medical education (CME) credits will be available upon request for live and recorded webinars

- 1. cfDNA Screening: A Clinical overview**
April 18, 2022, 5:00 to 6:30 pm
- 2. California Prenatal Screening Program Changes: What to Expect**
July 26, 2022, 5:00 to 6:30
- 3. Educational/Training Materials for Prenatal Screening Program Changes**
August 24, 2022, 12 noon to 1:30 pm

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Current PNS Program	Topic	Redesigned PNS Program
Integrated Sequential Screening Serum Integrated Screening Quad Marker Screening	Screenings offered	Cell-free DNA (cfDNA) Maternal serum alpha-fetoprotein (MSAFP)
Biochemical screening for trisomy 21 and trisomy 18	Screening for trisomies	cfDNA for trisomy 21, trisomy 18, and trisomy 13
Chromosomal trisomy screening between 10 weeks 0 days – 13 weeks 6 days	cfDNA Screening Window	cfDNA after 10 weeks 0 days
Second trimester biochemical screening 15 weeks 0 days – 20 weeks 0 days	MSAFP Screening Window	MSAFP 15 weeks 0 days – 21 weeks 0 days
Providers can view results on the CalGenetic Portal	Online CalGenetic Portal Change	Providers can review results now and starting September 19, 2022, they should order prenatal screening tests (cfDNA and MSAFP) on the CalGenetic Portal
One fee for both 1 st and 2 nd trimester screening	Participation Fee	Two separate fees: cfDNA fee = \$232, MSAFP fee = \$85
Patients get a mailer during the first trimester or if they have a positive result	Patient Mailer	No patient mailers
Screening for SLOS	Smith-Lemli-Opitz (SLOS)	No longer screening for SLOS

Planned Timeline for Program Changes

