

## NIPS CONSENT

**NIPS stands for Non-invasive prenatal screening. It is a genetic “screening” test because it does not detect all cases of genetic abnormalities. However, screening tests have *no risk for the fetus* (this is a blood test of the mother). This blood test can be performed anytime after 9-10 weeks of pregnancy. It is often performed by your doctor’s office, so if you are not sure if you have had this test, you should ask your doctor. This blood test measures DNA from the fetus in the blood of the mother. There is no risk to your baby from having this test. It is described as a very accurate test (99%) for detecting Down syndrome and several other common genetic abnormalities, which are listed, below:**

<b>Trisomy 21 (Down syndrome)</b>	<b>99% detected</b>
<b>Trisomy 18 (Edwards syndrome)</b>	<b>99% detected</b>
<b>Trisomy 13 (Patau syndrome)</b>	<b>99% detected</b>
<b>Trisomy 15</b>	<b>99% detected</b>
<b>Trisomy 16</b>	<b>99% detected</b>
<b>Trisomy 22</b>	<b>99% detected</b>
<b>Monosomy X (Turner syndrome)</b>	<b>99% detected</b>
<b>Trisomy X</b>	<b>99% detected</b>
<b>Klinefelter syndrome (XXY)</b>	<b>99% detected</b>

**This test also detects several syndromes that occur due to DNA microdeletions such as DiGeorge syndrome or Cri-du-chat syndrome (accuracy here is difficult to determine). This test cannot detect all genetic defects. It does not replace or give you nearly as much information as CVS or amniocentesis. This test will tell you the gender of your fetus; if you do not wish to know this information you need to opt-out by checking the box below. The results from this test take 2-3 weeks to come back to your doctor’s office. If the test result is abnormal, further testing will be necessary to confirm the results (by CVS or amniocentesis). These results also take 2-3 weeks to come back. Rarely, the test is not interpretable due to low amounts of fetal DNA in your blood. More information about this test is available from the Sema4 brochure, which you can obtain from the front test.**

**Unfortunately, this test is not always covered by insurance because it is a new test. It is more likely to be covered if you are >35 years old, have an abnormality in your fetus or if you miss one of the other screening tests. You should check with your insurance to see if this test is covered. If it is not covered, the out-of-pocket cost for you will be approximately 260\$ through Sema4. If you would like help determining if this test is covered by insurance, you can call Sema4 at 1 800 298 6470.**

**I do NOT wish to learn the gender of my baby from this test**

**I consent to have NIPS performed by Dr. Minlor (or the covering doctor). All of my questions have been answered.**

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Print name:** \_\_\_\_\_