

OVERVIEW

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Introduction of NIPT in clinical practice

In many countries, non-invasive prenatal testing (NIPT) became available to pregnant women in 2012 or 2013. At first, since only a few laboratories in the USA, China and Germany were able to provide this service, obstetricians after counseling took blood samples and shipped them to these labs. Patients paid the, at first, high costs themselves. In 2014, non-commercial (university) laboratories were able to perform NIPT themselves. National screening programs emerged incorporating NIPT, and prices dropped considerably. The process of introducing NIPT in The Netherlands will be discussed in more detail.