

A **Nuchal Translucency Scan (NTS)** cannot be performed on the same patient within 24 hours of any other ultrasound procedure, and **only one NTS may be claimed** during the course of your patient's pregnancy. Your patient may be eligible for Medicare if the **pregnancy is dated by a crown rump length of 45 to 80 mm** and the scan is to assess the risk of fetal abnormality.

For your patient to qualify for a Medicare rebate, **one or more of the following conditions must be indicated** on your referral form:

- (i) hyperemesis gravidarum;
- (ii) diabetes mellitus;
- (iii) hypertension;
- (iv) toxemia of pregnancy;
- (v) liver or renal disease;
- (vi) autoimmune disease;
- (vii) cardiac disease;
- (viii) alloimmunisation;
- (ix) maternal infection;
- (x) inflammatory bowel disease;
- (xi) bowel stoma;
- (xii) abdominal wall scarring;
- (xiii) previous spinal or pelvic trauma or disease;
- (xiv) drug dependency;
- (xv) thrombophilia;
- (xvi) significant maternal obesity;
- (xvii) advanced maternal age;
- (xviii) abdominal pain or mass;
- (xix) uncertain dates;
- (xx) high risk pregnancy;
- (xxi) previous post dates delivery;

- (xxii) previous caesarean section;
- (xxiii) poor obstetric history;
- (xxiv) suspicion of ectopic pregnancy;
- (xxv) risk of miscarriage;
- (xxvi) diminished symptoms of pregnancy;
- (xxvii) suspected or known cervical incompetence;
- (xxviii) suspected or known uterine abnormality;
- (xxix) pregnancy after assisted reproduction;
- (xxx) risk of fetal abnormality

How to refer your patient for a Nuchal Translucency Scan

You will need to complete two separate referrals:

(1) Radiology Request Form

Your request should include one of the conditions listed on this guide. To be effective and reliable, the NTS **must be performed between 11 weeks, 3 days and 13 weeks, 6 days**. If you are unsure of your patient's dates, please identify the primary indication and include *"Nuchal Translucency if appropriate timing"* on your referral.

(2) Pathology Request Form

You will need to request the Maternal Serum Test from your preferred pathology provider. Your **patient should have their bloods taken 3 to 5 days prior** to their ultrasound appointment and tests should ideally be performed during the tenth week of pregnancy. Please request that a copy of the results be sent directly to us to enable NTS reporting.