

CARRIER SCREENING FOR GENETIC DISEASES

Carrier Screening

Shady Grove Fertility makes this test available to its patients who are considering pregnancy. Carrier screening, as prescribed by your healthcare provider, is a way to identify whether you are a “carrier” of various genetic disorders. Typically carriers are healthy individuals; but when two parents are carriers of the same genetic disorder they can have a child affected with the disorder. Knowing if you and your partner are carriers can help define your risk of having a child with that disorder.

Billing and Payment

After you have read and signed the Genetic Screening consent, your nurse will place a request to have an estimate sent to you for the genetic screening. **You will receive this estimate by email within 24 hours.**

The estimate is based on your individual insurance information, and will vary based on your copay, coinsurance, and deductible. For patients without insurance or who choose not to use their insurance, the self-pay price is \$299 per patient. **Be sure to check your spam email if you have not received an estimate after 24 hours.**

Once you have received your estimates, schedule your blood work appointments at your Shady Grove Fertility office. You may do this blood test along with other blood tests (i.e. you are coming in for your prescreening blood work) or as a single blood test. When you call to make the appointment, please let the Patient Service Representative know you are scheduling your genetic screening blood tests.

You will receive a second estimate approximately two days after your sample has been drawn. This estimate will confirm the information indicated by the first estimate and offer you the option of the \$299 self-pay price if you prefer it.

The Counsyl Family Prep Screen is covered by most insurance plans. As with any test, you are responsible for your co-pay, co-insurance, and deductible according to your policy. **If you do not respond to the estimate within two business days, Counsyl will proceed with processing the sample and file a claim to your insurance provider.** Please direct any questions about the estimate to billing@counsyl.com or 888-COUNSYL (888-268-6795). Counsyl has payment plans and financial aid available at www.counsyl.com/financial-aid/.

Results and Genetic Counseling

Your results will be ready approximately 2-3 weeks after Counsyl receives your sample(s). You will receive an email alert that will direct you to the Counsyl website where your results will be available along with educational videos and materials. Results are also delivered to your primary physician. Patients with abnormal results must schedule an appointment with a Counsyl Genetic Counselor: a link to the counseling schedule portal is at the bottom of the results screen. You can also schedule a consult at <https://www.counsyl.com/my/consults/> or by going to **My Consults** on the home screen of the Counsyl website. Counsyl genetic counseling consults are performed by phone.

Please contact your primary nurse for any questions!