

## DNA TEST, NON-INVASIVE PRENATAL PATERNITY

### **DESCRIPTION**

When waiting to determine the biological father of your child is not an option, this alternative may be for you – a non-invasive **Prenatal Paternity Test** with zero risk to the fetus. This non-invasive test gives you an accurate determination (with 99% or more certainty) of who the child's biological father is as early as 7 weeks of pregnancy and eliminates risk to the fetus.

The process is very simple and easy. It starts by collecting a blood draw from the mother and a buccal swab collection from the alleged father. An analysis of the fetal DNA and the mother's DNA can be used to help pinpoint the exact "genetic markers" that were contributed by the father. Then the DNA of the potential father is analyzed to determine the probability that his genetic markers are found in the child. This is known as a *percentage probability of paternity*. Our professional medical assistant will collect blood samples from the mother and alleged father to determine the paternity of a single child. If more than one alleged father participates in the test, additional fees will be incurred.

### **WHY DO I NEED THIS TEST?**

The **Non-Invasive Prenatal Paternity Test** can be used as an informational or legally admissible document. The legally admissible document can be presented in civil court proceedings, such as child support, custody and inheritance cases. The Chain of Custody requires government issued identification(s) and photographs. The test results can bring you peace of mind during your pregnancy, and help you better prepare for the birth of your child and completion of the birth certificate and Voluntary Acknowledgement of Paternity.

### **HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO GET MY LAB TEST RESULTS?**

Test results are generally available in seven (7) to ten (10) business days after specimens is received at the lab.

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