Prenatal Genetic Counseling Program

To schedule a consultation with one of our board certified providers please call:

(716) 878-7530

Reasons for Referral

- Women who will be age 35 or older at delivery
- Personal or family history of a genetic condition or birth defect
- Prenatal test results showing an increased risk for Down syndrome, spina bifida, or other abnormalities
- Abnormal ultrasound findings
- Drug or medication use in pregnancy
- History of infertility or multiple miscarriages

All individuals who are interested in learning about their prenatal screening and testing options are candidates for genetic counseling.

For more information on the Division of Genetics, please visit:

www.wchob.org/genetics

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Services

- Preconception counseling and genetic testing
- Counseling during pregnancy about prenatal testing and screening options
- Cell-free fetal DNA testing (also known as non-invasive prenatal testing, or NIPT)
- Discussing prenatal ultrasound and genetic test results and prognosis
- Providing education and support to assist in decision making

Division of Genetics

The UBMD Genetics Team provides diagnostic management and genetic counseling services to prenatal, pediatric, and adult patients. Our physicians and genetic counselors are board certified professionals providing the only comprehensive genetic services in Western New York.

Appointments

Appointments may be made by contacting us at (716) 878-7530. Patients are typically scheduled within a few weeks from their call. In more urgent circumstances, appointments can be scheduled sooner. Your doctor should forward any important medical records to us before your appointment.

What to Expect

We will ask questions about your pregnancy, personal medical history, family history, and any previous genetic testing. We will then discuss any screening or testing options that are available to you and help you decide what is best for you and your pregnancy. The choice of whether or not to pursue testing is up to you. Each appointment lasts approximately one hour.

Should I Consider Genetic Counseling?

People who may benefit from genetic counseling prior to or during pregnancy include:

- Individuals of specific ethnic groups who are at higher risk to carry a gene(s) for specific genetic conditions
- Individuals with family histories of inherited disorders, or those who have previously had children with genetic disorders/birth defects
- Individuals who carry a balanced chromosomal rearrangement
- Couples who have had recurrent miscarriages
- Couples who are related to each other, such as first or second cousins