

## Nuchal Translucency Assessment

Are your patients eligible for a rebate?

The Government has set strict, complex rules that apply to rebates for the Nuchal Translucency assessment. Your patient may be eligible for a Medicare rebate when any of the following features are **present and stated** on the request form:

1. The patient is referred by a Medical Practitioner or Midwife, and
2. One or more of the following conditions are present

- Hyperemesis gravidarum
- Risk of fetal abnormality
- Previous post-dates delivery
- Abdominal wall scarring
- Inflammatory bowel disease
- Advanced maternal age
- Toxaemia of pregnancy
- Significant maternal obesity
- Previous caesarean section
- Suspicion of ectopic pregnancy
- Previous spinal or pelvic trauma or disease
- Pregnancy after assisted reproduction
- Suspected or known uterine abnormality
- Suspected or known cervical incompetence
- Diabetes mellitus
- Hypertension
- Autoimmune disease
- Alloimmunisation
- Maternal infection
- Bowel stoma
- Drug dependency
- Thrombophilia
- Abdominal pain or mass
- Liver or renal disease
- Poor obstetric history
- Risk of miscarriage
- High risk pregnancy
- Uncertain dates
- Cardiac disease

The optimum time for performing this assessment is approximately between 12 weeks and 13 weeks + 6 days of pregnancy\*. Because of the small time frame in which accurate measurements can be taken, **it is essential that patients make an appointment as soon as they receive the referral from their referring Medical Practitioner/Midwife.**

\*this time may vary slightly from practice to practice due to machine specifications.