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Medical insight

Noninvasive genetic test for pregnant surrogate mothers to check for baby's health.

Materni T21 PLUS is a highly accurate test for specific chromosome (Genetic) conditions in the baby associated with birth defects. It is conducted on blood collected from the surrogate mother as early as 10 weeks of pregnancy. Genetic / (Chromosomal / DNA) abnormality in the fetus (baby) such as Downs Syndrome and multiple other defects in the baby can be now detected early in the pregnant mother with this accurate and cutting edge technology. This state of the art genetic (DNA) test uses genome sequencing and provides a clear and precise result which can be easily interpreted by parents and clinicians.

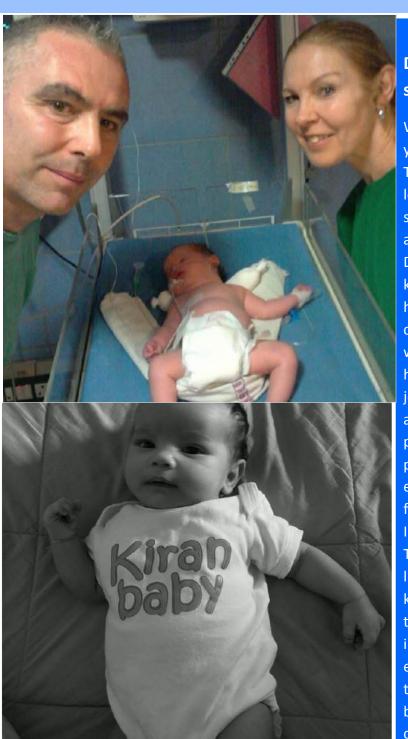
Down's syndrome is a naturally occurring chromosomal arrangement that has always been a part of the human condition, being universally present across racial, gender or socioeconomic lines, and affecting approximately 1 in 800 live births, although there is considerable variation worldwide. Down syndrome usually causes varying degrees of intellectual and physical disability in the baby and associated with various other medical issues.

Currently doctors do a test from the amniotic fluid (fluid around the fetus) called amniocentesis to look for some disorders in women who are at risk such as those women who have a family history of genetic disorders. This test is done late in pregnancy and has a risk of miscarriage as it is invasive (a needle is used to take the fluid). Materni T21 provides a safe alternative for early screening without any invasive procedure or risk of losing the baby. With this technology doctors and parents can now have information very early in the pregnancy and helps to mitigate anxiety associated with more aggressive procedures or even other blood tests which may give probability based results.



Parent Focus

Gary and Tracy Bolsover, UK



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Dreams DO come true! Our story should help inspire others, who want so dearly to have a child...

We started our journey with the fantastic KIC team many years ago. Together we had times of joy, then great sadness. Throughout these times we never lost sight of the baby we longed for. We fought emotionally and physically to stay strong and jumped hurdles, no matter how high. The trust and respect we had for Dr. Kiran Sekhar, Dr. Samit Sekhar and Dr. Pratima Grover deepened as time went on and we all knew that whatever it took we would have our baby... and here she is beautiful Heaven Mia born on 11-12-13. She has changed our lives and we feel so blessed to finally have her with us. We chose her name many years ago even before we had started any treatment and we now feel that our long journey was definitely meant to be. It has made us stronger and helped us to appreciate our baby after seeing so many people before us pass through the doors of KIC we can now proudly say that our precious Indian princess has joined this ever growing and joyful family. I will always remember my first time at the clinic sitting in the waiting room with local Indian women and seeing a plaque with the word CAN'T, the ' T' had been crossed out and below it was written something like you only have to remove the 'T', from that moment I knew we were part of a highly successful, dedicated winning team. Many thanks and all our love to our friends who are the incredible doctors at KIC and their great support team of nurses and the ever supportive Nanny Sally. Also a big thank you to Satvinder and Ranbeer Singh for their tireless work on our behalf so that heaven Mia can get her British passport and citizenship at the earliest and a huge hug to our surrogate mummy,.

Gary and Tracy.

Donor Focus

Nicole

Awesome trip! Really enjoyed the friendliness of the people at the clinic as well as the other people we encountered during our stay. Will definitely be going back again, was a great feeling to see couples who made use of an egg donor holding their precious little ones, with the expression of true happiness. Such a blessing to be part of a process that gives life and brings unexplainable joy to families.



Statistics

- New Intended parents joined our Surrogacy and 24 new patients joined the IVF program.
- 7 Caucasian donors, 4 Indian donors and 4 north eastern donors were included in the program.
- Embryo transfers done.
- Tested positive for pregnancy.

Team Focus



Deepen Kalita is a senior security guard at Kiran infertility Center and also helps out in several day to day logistical operations including applying for birth certificates, helping arrange for airport transfers for patients and clinic visits. He is very hard working and he spends up to 12 hours a day with clinic work and is always smiling and cheerful.

Happy Memories at KIC









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Festivals of India

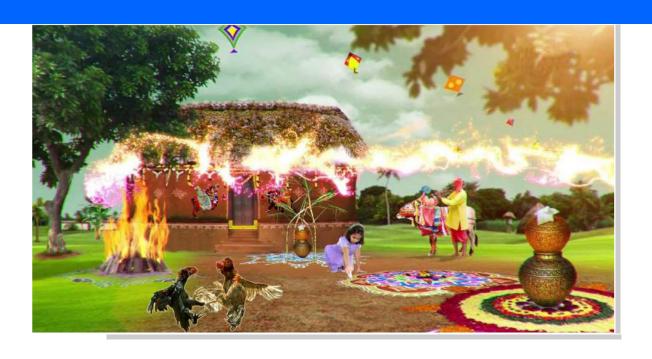
Sankranthi: Kite Festival of India

Makara Sankranti is a Hindu festival celebrated in almost all parts of India and Nepal in a myriad of cultural forms. It is a harvest festival. It is the Hindi/Indo-Aryan languages name for Makara Sankranthi (still used in southern areas as the official name).

Makar Sankranti marks the transition of the Sun into the zodiac sign of Makara rashi (Capricorn) on its celestial path. The day is also believed to mark the arrival of spring in India and is a traditional. Makara Sankranti is a solar event making one of the few Indian festivals which fall on the same date in the Gregorian Calender every year: 14 January, with some exceptions when the festival is celebrated on 13 or 15 January.

Same Festival Different Celebrations:

In India, Sankranthi festival is celebrated by almost all the places in different forms. In Andhra Pradesh it is called Makara Sankranthi. Bhogi fires, Rangolis, Cock fighting wagers (Kodipandalu) & bullock races are famous in Andhra Pradesh. In Tamilnadu the same festival called Pongal. In some places people celebrate by flying Kites. Sweets were also the part of the festival for some states.



Special Event

Wedding celebrations of Dr. Samit Sekhar

Dr. Samit Sekhar who is our Executive director and chief embryologist got married on 2//2/2014.

His wedding was attended by close friends. Family and several of our patients

Some of our patients led by Kate Lopez worked really hard to prepare this congratulatory video for Dr. Samit Sekhar as a special wedding gift. very touching indeed!!you can watch it by clicking on the link below.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aPn7A hhyeY

