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11-14 weeks



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What is nuchal translucency measurement?

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After combining the nuchal translucency measurement with your age and other factors, we can calculate the risk of having a baby with a chromosomal abnormality for this pregnancy. Babies with abnormalities accumulate more fluid at the back of their neck during the first trimester, causing this clear space on the ultrasound to be larger. The nuchal translucency screening (NT) test will not give you a definite diagnosis but it can help you decide whether you want to undergo further diagnostic testing. The NT test is painless and involves no risk to your pregnancy.

What will the scan tell me?

During this ultrasound scan, subject to the age and position of the baby, we are able to:

- Confirm you are pregnant
- See the heartbeat to determine if the fetus is alive
- Confirm how many weeks pregnant
- Identify multiple pregnancies
- We may be able to identify other fetal abnormalities



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Your appointment

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time:

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