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## **URGENT REVIEW BY HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS** **EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:**

- First Trimester Screening (FTS) for twin pregnancies has been discontinued in Ontario for the purpose of trisomy 21 and trisomy 18 risk assessment. **Samples for FTS in twin pregnancies will NO LONGER be processed by the provincial labs.**
- Non-Invasive Prenatal Testing (NIPT) is more accurate and is **now funded by the Ontario Ministry of Health for all twin pregnancies**, regardless of gestational age, maternal age and prior risk
- If your patient is carrying an ongoing twin pregnancy and has already had a low-risk FTS result reported, the more accurate NIPT remains an option and is provincially funded. Please discuss this option with your patient.

For additional information and updates, please visit Prenatal Screening Ontario (PSO) website at [www.prenatalscreeningontario.ca](http://www.prenatalscreeningontario.ca). You can also contact a PSO genetic counsellor by email at [PSO@BORNOntario.ca](mailto:PSO@BORNOntario.ca) or toll-free at 1-833-351-6490.