

Reproductive Genetic Carrier Screening Alternatives

It is the recommendation of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RANZCOG) that all couples or women to consider reproductive genetic carrier screening when trying for pregnancy or in early pregnancy to help them understand the chance of having children with an inherited genetic condition.

These tests can be done when planning for a pregnancy or in early pregnancy. There are many options available, below are a few of them:

	Eugene Core (click for information)	Eugene Core + (PLUS)	Virtus Duo (click for information)	Eugene Couples Carrier Screen (click for information)	Eugene Comprehensive Carrier Screen (click for information)	Prepair 1000+ (click for information)
Diseases screened	3 genes	3 genes + 13 other X-linked conditions	300+ genes	600+ genes	700+ genes	1000+ genes
Doctor referral needed	No Order from Eugene-Core	No Order from Eugene Core+ (PLUS)	Yes Go to form , fill in both partner's contact information and email back to reception@dralicchuang.com.au for Dr Huang to complete referring doctor information and sign	No Order from Eugene Couples Carrier Screen	No Order from Eugene Comprehensive Carrier Screen	Yes Go to form , fill in both partner's contact information and email back to reception@dralicchuang.com.au for Dr Huang to complete referring doctor information and sign
Sample type	saliva	saliva	saliva	saliva	saliva	Blood or saliva
Results turn around time	3-4 weeks	4-5 weeks	3-4 weeks	6-8 weeks	3-4 weeks	6-8 weeks
Price for Individual	Bulk billed for the female partner if Medicare eligible.	\$249 out of pocket if the female partner has valid Medicare number (and has not already done the Triple panel /Core screening	NOT AVAILABLE – must be done as a couple	NOT AVAILABLE – must be done as a couple	\$949	NOT AVAILABLE – must be done as a couple
Price for couple	If the female partner has tested positive, the male partner's subsequent testing is bulk billed (if eligible for Medicare.	If the female partner has tested positive, the male partner will need subsequent testing (cost will depend on which condition is being tested for)	\$650 out of pocket for the couple, if the female partner has valid Medicare number (and has not already done the Triple panel /Core screening Non-Medicare \$990 per couple.	\$949 out of pocket for the couple, if the female partner has valid Medicare number (and has not already done the Triple panel /Core screening) Non-Medicare \$1300 per couple	\$1499 per couple	Approximately \$1500 out of pocket for the couple, if the female partner has valid Medicare number (and has not already done the Triple panel /Core screening) Non-Medicare \$1889 per couple.

The above information is up-to-date as of August 2025. With passage of time, there may be variations in costs and other information. Please confirm with the laboratory if you wish for more up-to-date information.