



Green-top Guideline No 8: Amniocentesis and Chorionic Villus Sampling

Women should be informed that the additional risk of miscarriage following amniocentesis or CVS performed by a skilled operator is likely to be below 0.5%.



Amniocentesis should not be performed prior to 15⁺⁰ weeks gestation.



CVS should be performed between 11⁺⁰ and 13⁺⁶ weeks; it should not be performed prior to 10⁺⁰ weeks gestation.

Women with multiple pregnancies should be informed that the additional risk of miscarriage for twin pregnancy following CVS or amniocentesis performed by a skilled operator is around 1%.



When an invasive test is considered, screening results for blood borne viruses, viral load and antigen test results should be reviewed and individualised risk of viral transmission should be discussed.



Women considering amniocentesis or CVS should receive detailed counselling and pregnancy mapping by suitably trained healthcare professionals.



Care for women who consent to have a CVS or amniocentesis should be organised in accordance with National Screening Committee Standards.



Find out more at [rcog.org.uk/gtg8](https://www.rcog.org.uk/gtg8)