

Plain Insight Panel™

Expanded
Carrier Testing



Insight into your carrier status

The Plain Insight Panel™ (PIP) is an **expanded carrier test** that is able to determine carrier status for a wide variety of genetic conditions. The PIP is specific to conditions found in the **Plain communities of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Delaware, Indiana, and Wisconsin** and **currently includes over 1,300 genetic variants**. Some of these genetic variants are associated with conditions commonly managed at the Clinic, while others are very rare and may not be known in any Clinic patients at this time. The vast majority of variants on the PIP determine your carrier status for recessive disorders, while a few may have personal implications for your health.

Why does carrier status matter?

Most people do not know if they are carriers for any genetic conditions. This is because carriers do not experience any symptoms. Often, they do not have a family history of a disorder. **All people**, Plain and English, are **carriers for a handful of conditions**. Since many Plain couples have ancestors in common, members of the Plain Community are more likely to be carriers for the same genetic conditions. Only genetic testing will determine this for certain.

Carrier status is most significant if two carriers for the **same condition** have children together. In that case, each baby has a 25% chance (1 in 4) of being affected with the condition. If we know that a couple is at risk for having a child with a genetic disease, we can diagnose the baby at birth using cord blood. In many cases, affected babies can start treatment that makes a big difference in their health, and parents feel prepared for what lies ahead.

1,307 variants
in Plain Insight Panel™

ALL Plain couples should
consider getting tested

5 variants on average are carried by
people of Plain descent



Clinic for
Special Children

The Testing Process

Step 1

- Complete and sign a consent and requisition form.
- Arrange to have your blood drawn at the Clinic for Special Children or through your healthcare provider. Please call for current pricing.
- Fill out a short survey to provide information on family health history, desired amount of information to be reported, etc.

Step 2

- The Clinic for Special Children will conduct the testing at our lab within 4-6 weeks.

Step 3

- The Clinic for Special Children staff or your provider ordering the test will notify you via mail or by phone of your results and explain what they mean for you and your family.
- If needed, the Clinic for Special Children or your provider will discuss recommended next steps for any further testing, treatment, or preventative plans.

How does this help my children?

Some couples learn that they're carriers for genetic conditions only after the birth of an affected child. In some cases, the baby is diagnosed after medical concerns become apparent, undergoing a host of invasive and expensive tests and creating worry and stress for the whole family.

Expanded carrier testing, like the PIP, can identify if you're at risk of having an affected baby before the baby is born. If a targeted treatment exists for a condition, the baby can then be treated before they show symptoms. If both parents are not carriers, the PIP can also provide reassurance that a baby is not likely to be affected by the conditions included on the panel.

If you or your provider are interested in ordering [carrier testing through the Plain Insight Panel™](#), or have any questions about genetic testing, please contact the Clinic for Special Children (*see contact information below*).



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