

The California Prenatal Screening Program

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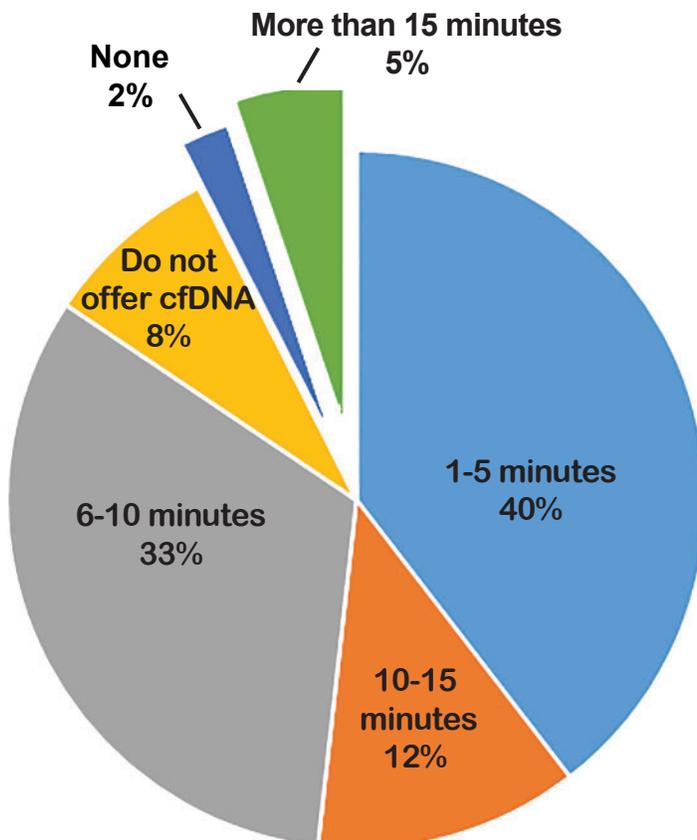


Fire Season Is Here: Available Options for Disaster Relief Efforts

Several clinics around the state have been affected by catastrophic natural disasters, such as the Thomas and Camp Fires. **If your clinics' operations are impacted during a natural disaster:** During an event, contact your local coordinator office to report the status of your clinics' operations or call the Program's general line at **(866) 718-7915** and leave a voicemail message for the Prenatal Screening Program. Your local coordinators may also have information about GLS (formerly GSO) specimen pick up in your area. After an event, report issues regarding PNS, such as destroyed PNS records, supplies, etc. to identify solutions for minimizing disruption of services.

Prenatal Screening Provider Survey

How much time do you generally spend counseling patients considering cfDNA testing?



In order to better understand the changing landscape of prenatal screening in California and inform future program planning, the Prenatal Screening Program fielded a survey assessing prenatal screening provider knowledge, attitudes, beliefs, practices and current usage of cell free DNA (cfDNA) testing in California.

Over 5,750 prenatal providers were invited to participate, with 756 (13.2%) responding as of June 2019. Preliminary results indicate that 68% of providers offer cfDNA to patients over 35 years of age. The vast majority of providers spend only 1-10 minutes counseling patients on cfDNA. The Program plans to publish the full results in 2020.

