



Dear Patient,

Thank you for scheduling an appointment and choosing our service to provide you with your reproductive genetic counseling. The purpose of this letter is to introduce you to the genetic counseling process and help you become better prepared for your upcoming visit.

The Reproductive Genetic Counseling visit typically takes **one hour** to complete and has numerous components. During the visit, your genetic counselor will review your relevant personal and family medical histories. Additionally, your genetic counselor will review and explain the completed genetic carrier screening, serum screening, and ultrasound reports available to us from your referring physician. The goal of the genetic counseling visit is for you to feel comfortable and informed about your screening and diagnostic testing options so you can make informed decisions. Towards the end of your visit, you will meet with a supervising genetic physician to review your testing plan and/or relevant pregnancy related information.

To help improve your experience and ensure that all information reviewed is complete and up to date, please complete the two intake forms and return to our office prior to your visit. Please also arrange your referring physician to forward all relevant medical records or reports to our office prior to the visit. Those include carrier screening reports (i.e. Cystic Fibrosis, Spinal Muscular Atrophy, Fragile X syndrome), screening for hemoglobin-related conditions (i.e. hemoglobin electrophoresis, complete blood cell count) and prenatal screening reports (i.e. first trimester or nuchal screening). This letter and all related information to your visit are also available online at <http://weillcornell.org/genetics/>. Given the complexity of the testing options and the decisions you will make about genetic testing, it would also be helpful for you to review the information available at our website **in advance** of your appointment.

Thank you for your assistance and we look forward meeting you at your visit.

Sincerely,

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