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Dear colleague,

Please see below the guidance on best practice as agreed by the national antenatal screening programmes for Down's syndrome and fetal anomaly ultrasound.

RECALCULATION OF DOWN'S SYNDROME SCREENING RISK FOLLOWING ULTRASOUND EXAMINATION AT THE MID PREGNANCY ULTRASOUND SCAN

“The National Down's Syndrome Screening Implementation Advisory Group and the Fetal Anomaly Ultrasound Steering Group recommend that at the time of a routine mid pregnancy fetal anomaly ultrasound scan, a Down's syndrome risk generated by a nationally accepted screening method, either 1st or 2nd trimester, should not be recalculated up or down due to the presence or absence of a single ultrasound marker of less predictive power than increased nuchal fold (Smith-Bindman et al, 2001).”