



Information about prenatal diagnostics

All pregnant women are confronted with prenatal screenings. These tests will bring more or less concrete results regarding certain diseases or handicaps of the unborn child.

The wide variety of tests offered and their reliability and following consequences challenge expectant mothers and their partners. The pregnant women decide whether and which test should be done.

Consequently doctors must inform thoroughly and understandably for the pregnant women to make the right decisions.

In addition to the medical explanation pregnant women can turn to pregnancy counseling services and ask all their psycho-social questions there. Questions like:

- Which tests make sense in our personal circumstances?
- What would be the consequences for us by conspicuous test results?
- What are the options for our future planning by conspicuous results?
- When the child is handicapped which possibilities of help and beginning support are there?

Psycho-social counseling by diverse institutions is offered in every town. Counseling is free without pre-determined results. Translators are brought in if possible or bring a trusted person with you to translate.

You can find all contacts on our homepage: **„Kontakt/Örtliche Schwangerenberatungsstellen“**.

Baden-Württemberg has 4 information and networking spots for prenatal diagnostics „Informations- und Vernetzungsstellen Pränataldiagnostik“ (= IuV-Stellen PND) which are there to raise awareness for prenatal counseling and improve communication among the various professional groups involved locally. They can be contacted by **„Kontakt/Informations- und Vernetzungsstellen Pränataldiagnostik“**. Or contact us on the email-form **„Kontakt“**.