

The type of results may vary depending on the type of testing that is done on the amniocentesis sample. The four main types of testing that can be done on amniocentesis samples are: [traditional chromosome analysis](#) (also called a karyotype), [chromosomal microarray](#), [familial mutation](#) testing, and [fluorescent in-situ hybridization \(FISH\)](#). Click on each of these to learn more about the different types of results that you can get with each type of testing.

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