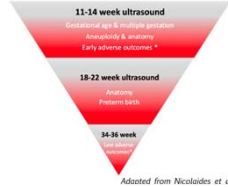


## Screening for Preeclampsia

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Fetal Medicine Update 2018



Adapted from Nicolaides et al.

## Disclosures

- I have no conflicts of interest to declare



## Question

- How many in audience think there is enough evidence to introduce a first trimester, multiple marker, population based screen for preeclampsia in 2019?



## Objective

- To provide evidence to decide



## Characteristics of a Screening Test

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Effective treatment	✓
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Natural history should be understood	✓
Should be agreement on who to treat	✓
Cost effective	?

## Condition should be Important

Down syndrome	Preeclampsia
1/800 (0.1%)	2-8% 14-20% maternal deaths, 40% of fetal mortality (WHO)



## Reliable Test for Condition: Current Screening Guidelines

NICE (2010) <sup>18</sup>	WHO (2011) <sup>20</sup>	ACOG (2013) <sup>14</sup>
Previous hypertensive disease during a pregnancy*	Previous preeclampsia	Previous preeclampsia
Chronic kidney disease	Renal disease	Chronic renal disease
Autoimmune disease (including SLE/APS)	Autoimmune disease	SLE
Type 1 or type 2 diabetes	Preexisting diabetes mellitus	Preexisting diabetes mellitus
Chronic hypertension	Chronic hypertension	Chronic hypertension
Multiple pregnancy	Multiple pregnancy	Multiple pregnancy
Nulliparity		Primiparity
Age 40 years or older		Age 40 years or older
Pregnancy interval of more than 10 years		
Body mass index of $\geq 35$ kg/m <sup>2</sup> at booking		Obesity
Family history of preeclampsia		Family history of preeclampsia

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## Screening For Preeclampsia: Current Guidelines

Aspirin could be considered in women with **one** of the following risk factors:

- Prior preeclampsia
- Known antiphospholipid syndrome
- Known Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes mellitus
- Chronic hypertension
- Assisted reproductive therapy in the current pregnancy
- Pre-pregnancy or early first trimester BMI  $> 30$  kg/m<sup>2</sup>

MORE VIDEOS

Aspirin could be considered in women with **two or more** of the following risk factors:

- Prior placental abruption
- Prior stillbirth
- Prior fetal intrauterine growth restriction\*
- Maternal age  $> 40$  years
- Nulliparity
- Multifetal pregnancy
- Known chronic kidney disease
- Known lupus erythematosus

\*There is uncertainty about the strength of the

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## How well do current guidelines work?

Table. Rates of ASA prophylaxis for preeclampsia in the current and other published observational studies

First author <sup>reference</sup>	Setting, era	Study design	Participants assessed or surveyed <sup>a</sup>	Number of participants included	Rate of ASA prophylaxis (%)
Wide-Svensson <sup>1</sup>	Sweden, 1992	Questionnaire	Obstetricians surveyed about ASA use in women with mild hypertension	79	8
			Obstetricians surveyed about ASA use in women with severe hypertension	79	20
Khedun <sup>2</sup>	South Africa, 1996–1997	Questionnaire	Obstetricians surveyed about ASA use in women with chronic hypertension	425	58
Hellmann <sup>3</sup>	717 childbirth clinics in Germany, era not reported	Questionnaire	Obstetricians surveyed about ASA use in women with moderate or severe hypertension	717	38.1
Chappell <sup>4</sup>	25 hospitals in the UK, 2003–2005	Analysis of a database from randomized clinical trial	Pregnant women at high risk for preeclampsia	2399	24
Current study	Single hospital, Toronto, 2012–2015	Retrospective cohort study	All consecutive pregnant women	8672	3.0
			Subset of pregnant women at high risk for preeclampsia	1727	7.6

ASA, aspirin.

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## How do NICE guidelines perform?

- Screening Program for Preeclampsia Study (SPREE)
- Comparison of screen by NICE guidelines to screen by “mini combined test” of FMF (maternal factors, MAP, PAPP-A) for any preeclampsia holding PR constant for both
- Women on ASA (4.5% of 16747) per NICE or other reasons accounted for in statistics

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## How do NICE guidelines perform?

	NICE (%DR for 10% PR)	FMF Mini Test (maternal factors, MAP, PAPP-A) (%DR for 10% PR)
Any PE	30	42.5
Preterm PE	40.8	53.5

- Additional factors improved DR of FMF test
- Add PLGF and UtA-PI: DR 82.4%
- 23% NICE pos women took ASA

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## Screening for Down Syndrome: Bayes Theorem

Posterior  $\propto$  Prior  
x Likelihood

Reverend Thomas  
Bayes: 1702 - 1761

Maternal history: *a priori* risk

Biophysical markers

Biochemical markers

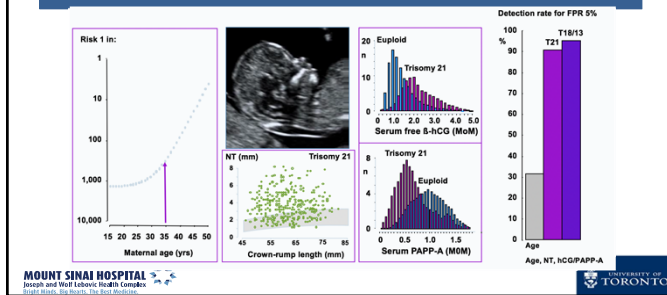
Adjusted risk

Nicolaides et al

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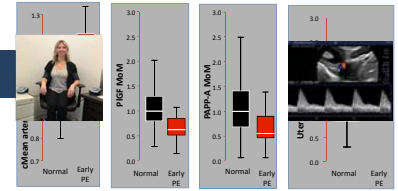
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## Screening for aneuploidies: The first trimester combined test (FTS)



## T1 Combined Marker Screen for Preeclampsia

- Mat Demographic Factors
- History



Poon et al. 2009

## How well does T1 screen for PE work?

**AJOG:** The training data set used for model fitting  $n = 35,948$

**SQS:** The ASPRE screening quality study data  $n = 8,775$

**SPREE:** NIHR validation study  $n = 16,451$

**Combined**  $n = 61,174$

**SQS and SPREE are independent validation data using the pre-specified risk algorithm with pre-determined parameters**

**Risks produced blinded to pregnancy outcomes**

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## Performance of screening: DR for a 10% screen positive rate

Outcome	Data	Cases	Positive	DR
PE < 34w	SPREE	60	54	90%
	SQS	27	25	93%
	AJOG	128	112	88%
	Combined	215	190	88%
PE < 37 w	SPREE	142	116	82%
	SQS	59	44	75%
	AJOG	292	217	74%
	Combined	493	371	75%
Any PE	SPREE	473	255	54%
	SQS	239	116	49%
	AJOG	1058	550	52%
	Combined	1770	899	51%

Maternal factors+:  
UtA-PI, PAPP-A, PIGF

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## The PREDICTION Study

**First-trimester prediction of preeclampsia and other placenta-mediated pregnancy complications**

**Bujold E, Audibert F, Johnson J, Okun N, Forest JC, Chaillet N, Giguere Y, Masse B**

### Primary Objective:

To validate the 11-13 week FMF\* screening test for preterm preeclampsia

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## The PREDICTION Study

### Secondary Objectives:

- 1) To evaluate performance of FMF screen for:
  - All cases of PE
  - Composite outcome of placenta-mediated complications of pregnancy
- 2) To compare performance with/without UtA Doppler.
- 3) To assess alternative models if FMF not validated
- 4) To evaluate association/predictive values of specific markers for early PE
  - PIGF, PAPP-A, sFlt-1, fBhCG, AFP\*
  - Placental and subplacental volume; placental vascularization

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## The PREDICTION Study



### Methods

- Multicenter prospective observational study (Laval, MTL, Toronto, Calgary)
- **Nulliparous women** between 11 0/7 – 13 6/7 weeks gestation
- Eligible women invited to undergo a PE risk evaluation
- Participants/providers blinded to the results/analyses.

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## The PREDICTION Study



### Preliminary results

7549 nulliparous women

Follow up: 99%

Preeclampsia: 3.3% (preterm 0.8%)

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### Prevention of Preeclampsia: Role of ASA



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### PREVENTION OF PRE-ECLAMPSIA BY EARLY ANTIPLATELET THERAPY

M. BEAUFILS  
R. DONSIMONI

S. UZAN  
J. C. COLAU

THE LANCET, APRIL 13, 1985

RCT 102 patient at high risk for PE randomized to Group A (300 mg dipyridamol/150 mg ASA) or group B (no treatment)

TABLE II—OUTCOME OF PREGNANCY

	Group A (n=48)	Group B (n=45)	p
Normal pregnancy	29	12	<0.005
Hypertension (isolated)	19	22	NS
Pre-eclampsia	0	6	<0.01
Fetal and neonatal loss	0	5	<0.02
Severe IUGR (live births)	0	4	<0.05

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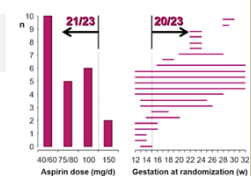
### Antiplatelet agents for prevention of pre-eclampsia: a meta-analysis of individual patient data Lancet 2007

32,217 women in 31 RCT's (ASA 23)

- RR for PE: 0.90 (95% CI 0.84-0.97)
- RR < 34 w: 0.90 (95% CI 0.83-0.98)

#### Interpretation

Antiplatelet agents during pregnancy are associated with moderate but consistent reductions in the RR of PE, PTB <34 w and serious adverse outcome



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## What is next best step?



- Standardized T1 screening seems to be validated and better than clinically based screening for detection of preeclampsia
- ASA decreased preeclampsia, especially preterm preeclampsia
- ASA seems to be optimal <16 weeks and >100 mg
- TIME TO IMPLEMENT (and evaluate)

## How to implement

- Small, controlled settings across Canada
- Standardized, quality assured processes for screening
- Evaluate metrics such as acceptability, extra time taken, logistics and cost to system
- Rigorous data collection to combine cohort of 7000 to compare screening and prevention to screening alone on rates of preeclampsia
- Scale up to provincial systems