

Notification Date: October 8, 2024 Effective Date: December 2, 2024

## Hereditary Endocrine Cancer Panel, Varies

Test ID: ENDCP

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**Explanation:** On the effective date, this assay will incorporate changes to the specimen requirements. Whole blood stability guidance will be provided, and *any anticoagulant* will no longer be accepted. Anticoagulants will be limited to those listed below. Saliva will also be added as an acceptable specimen type.

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Current Specimen Required	New Specimen Required
<b>Patient Preparation:</b> A previous bone marrow transplant from an allogenic donor will interfere with testing. Call 800-533-1710 for instructions for testing patients who have received a bone marrow transplant.	<b>Patient Preparation:</b> A previous bone marrow transplant from an allogenic donor will interfere with testing. Call 800-533-1710 for instructions for testing patients who have received a bone marrow transplant.
Specimen Type: Whole blood	Specimen Type: Whole blood
<b>Preferred:</b> Lavender top (EDTA) or yellow top (ACD)	<b>Preferred:</b> Lavender top (EDTA) or yellow top (ACD)
Acceptable: Any anticoagulant	Acceptable: Sodium heparin
Specimen Volume: 3 mL	Specimen Volume: 3 mL
Collection Instructions:	Collection Instructions:
1. Invert several times to mix blood.	1. Invert several times to mix blood.
2. Send whole blood specimen in original tube. <b>Do</b> not aliquot.	2. Send whole blood specimen in original tube. <b>Do</b> not aliquot.
<b>Specimen Stability Information:</b> Ambient (preferred) 4 days/Refrigerated	<b>Specimen Stability Information:</b> Ambient/Refrigerated/Frozen, 96 hours (preferred); extraction will be attempted for samples received after 96 hours and DNA yield will be evaluated to determine if testing may proceed
	<b>Additional Information</b> : To ensure minimum volume and concentration of DNA is met, the preferred volume of blood must be submitted. Testing may be canceled if DNA requirements are inadequate.

## Specimen Type: Saliva

**Patient Preparation:** Patient should not eat, drink, smoke, or chew gum 30 minutes prior to collection.

Supplies: Saliva Collection Kit (T786) – ORAcollect OCD-100 Swab

Specimen Volume: 1 Swab

**Collection Instructions:** Collect and send specimen per kit instructions.

**Specimen Stability Information:** Ambient (preferred), Refrigerated acceptable; 30 days

Additional information: Due to lower quantity/quality of DNA yielded from saliva, some aspects of the test may not perform as well as DNA extracted from a whole blood sample. When applicable, specific gene regions that were unable to be interrogated will be noted in the report. Alternatively, additional specimen may be required to complete testing.