

Notification Date: February 11, 2025 Effective Date: March 13, 2025

# **Neurology-Associated Genetic Assays**

Test ID: Published Name:

AFTDP Inherited Frontotemporal Dementia and Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis Gene Panel, Varies

ATAXP Inherited Ataxia Gene Panel, Varies

CMSP Inherited Congenital Myasthenic Syndrome Gene Panel, Varies

DMDZ DMD Gene, Full Gene Analysis, Varies

DWPAN Comprehensive Distal Weakness Gene Panel, Varies

EDMDP Inherited Emery-Dreifuss Gene Panel, Varies IMNP Inherited Motor Neuropathy Gene Panel, Varies

IMSNP Inherited Motor and Sensory Neuropathy Gene Panel, Varies

ISNP Inherited Sensory Neuropathy Gene Panel, Varies ISPP Inherited Spastic Paraplegia Gene Panel, Varies

LGCMP Inherited Limb-Girdle Muscular Dystrophy and Congenital Myasthenic Syndrome Gene Panel, Varies

MDYSP Inherited Muscular Dystrophy Gene Panel, Varies MNDP Inherited Motor Neuron Disease Gene Panel, Varies MUPAN Comprehensive Neuromuscular Gene Panel, Varies PARDP Inherited Parkinson Disease Gene Panel, Varies

PEPAN Comprehensive Peripheral Neuropathy Gene Panel, Varies RABMP Inherited Rhabdomyolysis and Metabolic Myopathy Panel, Varies

SEP9Z SEPTIN9 Gene, Full Gene Analysis, Varies

SMCP Inherited Skeletal Muscle Channelopathy Gene Panel, Varies

SOD1Z SOD1 Gene, Full Gene Analysis, Varies

**Explanation:** On the effective date, the Specimen Required section for the assays listed above will be updated to exclude *any anticoagulant* for whole blood specimens. Additionally, new specimen types will now be accepted.

### **Current Specimen Required**

**Patient Preparation:** A previous bone marrow transplant from an allogenic donor will interfere with testing. For instructions for testing patients who have received a bone marrow transplant, call 800-533-1710.

Specimen Type: Whole blood

Container/Tube: Lavender top (EDTA) or yellow

top (ACD)

Acceptable: Any anticoagulant Specimen Volume: 3 mL Collection Instructions:

1. Invert several times to mix blood.

2. Send specimen in original tube. Do not aliquot.

**Specimen Stability Information:** Ambient

(preferred)/Refrigerated

### **New Specimen Required**

**Patient Preparation:** A previous bone marrow transplant from an allogenic donor will interfere with testing. For instructions for testing patients who have received a bone marrow transplant, call 800-533-1710.

## Submit only 1 of the following specimens:

Specimen Type: Whole blood

Container/Tube:

**Preferred:** Lavender top (EDTA) or yellow top (ACD)

Acceptable: None
Specimen Volume: 3 mL
Collection Instructions:

1. Invert several times to mix blood.

2. Send whole blood specimen in original tube. Do not

aliquot.

Additional Information: 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 Stability Information: Ambient (preferred) 4 days/Refrigerated 4 days/Frozen 4 days

## **Additional Information:**

- 1. Specimens are preferred to be received within 4 days of collection. Extraction will be attempted for specimens received after 4 days, and DNA yield will be evaluated to determine if testing may proceed.
- 2. To ensure minimum volume and concentration of DNA is met, the requested volume 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 Swab Collection Kit (T786)

Specimen Volume: 1 Swab

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

instructions.

**Specimen Stability Information**: Ambient (preferred) 30

days/Refrigerated 30 days

Additional information: Saliva specimens are acceptable but not recommended. 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.

Specimen Type: Extracted DNA

Container/Tube:

**Preferred**: Screw Cap Micro Tube, 2mL with skirted conical

base

Acceptable: Matrix tube, 1mL Collection Instructions:

1. The preferred volume is at least 100 mcL at a concentration of 75 ng/mcL.

2. Include concentration and volume on tube.

Specimen Stability Information: Frozen (preferred) 1

year/Ambient/Refrigerated

Additional Information: DNA must be extracted in a CLIA-certified laboratory or equivalent and must be extracted from a specimen type listed as acceptable for this test (including applicable anticoagulants). Our laboratory has experience with Chemagic, Puregene, Autopure, MagnaPure, and EZ1 extraction platforms and cannot guarantee that all extraction methods are compatible with this test. If testing fails, one repeat will be attempted, and if unsuccessful, the test will be reported as failed and a charge will be applied. If applicable, specific gene regions that were unable to be interrogated due to DNA quality will be noted in the report.

## Questions

Contact Michelle Raths, Laboratory Resource Coordinator at 800-533-1710.