Test Definition: EDSGG

Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome Gene Panel, Varies

Overview

Useful For

Providing a genetic evaluation for patients with a personal or family history suggestive of Ehlers-Danlos syndrome and related conditions

Establishing a diagnosis for Ehlers-Danlos syndrome, X-linked occipital horn syndrome, X-linked periventricular nodular heterotopia, and brittle cornea syndrome

Genetics Test Information

This test utilizes next-generation sequencing to detect single nucleotide and copy number variants in 22 genes associated with Ehlers-Danlos syndrome and related conditions: *ADAMTS2, AEBP1, ATP7A, B3GALT6, B3GAT3, B4GALT7, CHST14, COL12A1, COL1A1, COL1A2, COL3A1, COL5A1, COL5A2, DSE, FKBP14, FLNA, PLOD1, PRDM5, SLC39A13, SPARC, TNXB,* and *ZNF469*. See Targeted Genes and Methodology Details for Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome Gene Panel and Method Description for additional details.

Identification of a disease-causing variant may assist with diagnosis, prognosis, clinical management, familial screening, and genetic counseling for various forms of Ehlers-Danlos syndrome and related conditions.

Prior Authorization is available for this assay.

Special Instructions

- Informed Consent for Genetic Testing
- Informed Consent for Genetic Testing (Spanish)
- Connective Tissue/Cerebrovascular Disease Genetic Testing Patient Information
- Targeted Genes and Methodology Details for Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome Gene Panel
- Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome Gene Panel (EDSGG) Prior Authorization Ordering Instructions

Method Name

Sequence Capture and Targeted Next-Generation Sequencing (NGS) followed by Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) and Sanger Sequencing

NY State Available

Yes

Specimen

Specimen Type

Varies

Ordering Guidance

Customization of this panel and single gene analysis for any gene present on this panel are available. For more information see CGPH/ Custom Gene Panel, Hereditary, Next-Generation Sequencing, Varies.

Targeted testing for familial variants (also called site-specific or known mutations testing) is available for the genes on this panel. See FMTT / Familial Variant, Targeted Testing, Varies. To obtain more information about this testing option, call 800-533-1710.

Shipping Instructions

Specimen preferred to arrive within 96 hours of collection.

Necessary Information

Prior Authorization is available, **but not required**, for this test. If proceeding with the prior authorization process, submit the required form with the specimen.

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:
Preferred: 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 whole blood specimen in original tube. **Do not aliquot.**
Specimen Stability Information: Ambient (preferred)/Refrigerated

Specimen Type: Saliva
Patient Preparation: Patient should not eat, drink, smoke, or chew gum 30 minutes prior to collection.
Supplies:
DNA Saliva Kit High Yield (T1007)
Saliva Swab Collection Kit (T786)
Container/Tube:
Preferred: High-yield DNA saliva kit
Acceptable: Saliva swab
Specimen Volume: 1 Tube if using T1007 or 2 swabs if using T786
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.

Forms

1. **New York Clients-Informed consent is required.** Document on the request form or electronic order that a copy is on file. The following documents are available:

-Informed Consent for Genetic Testing (T576)
-Informed Consent for Genetic Testing (Spanish) (T826)
2. Connective Tissue/Cerebrovascular Disease Genetic Testing Patient Information
3. Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome Gene Panel (EDSGG) Prior Authorization Ordering Instructions
4. If not ordering electronically, complete, print, and send a Cardiovascular Test Request Form (T724) with the specimen.

Specimen Minimum Volume
1 mL

Reject Due To
All specimens will be evaluated at Mayo Clinic Laboratories for test suitability.

Specimen Stability Information

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time	Special Container
Varies	Varies		

Clinical & Interpretive

Clinical Information
The Ehlers-Danlos syndromes (EDS) are a clinically and genetically diverse group of heritable connective tissue disorders characterized by joint hypermobility, skin hyperextensibility, and tissue fragility. EDS has an overall estimated prevalence between 1:5000 and 1:25,000.

The classification system proposed by the International EDS Consortium identifies 13 subtypes of EDS.(1) A helpful chart delineating the various forms of EDS and their corresponding genes is provided by the Ehlers-Danlos Society.(2)

This panel includes genes associated with autosomal dominant and autosomal recessive forms of EDS, including classical, classical-like EDS, vascular, dermatosparaxis, spondylodysplastic, musculocontractural, cardiac-valvular EDS, myopathic, and kyphoscoliotic forms. Of note, hypermobile EDS is inherited in an autosomal dominant inheritance pattern, however, the molecular basis of this condition is unknown, and a diagnosis is based on clinical criteria.

Other conditions with phenotypic overlap with EDS covered by this panel include X-linked occipital horn syndrome (*ATP7A* gene), X-linked periventricular nodular heterotopia (*FLNA* gene), and brittle cornea syndrome (*PRDM5* and *ZNF469* genes).

Reference Values
An interpretive report will be provided.

Interpretation
All detected variants are evaluated according to American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics recommendations.(3) Variants are classified based on known, predicted, or possible pathogenicity and reported with interpretive comments detailing their potential or known significance.

Cautions

Clinical Correlations:
Test results should be interpreted in the context of clinical findings, family history, and other laboratory data. Misinterpretation of results may occur if the information provided is inaccurate or incomplete.

If testing was performed because of a clinically significant family history, it is often useful to first test an affected family member. Detection of a reportable variant in an affected family member would allow for more informative testing of at-risk individuals.

To discuss the availability of additional testing options or for assistance in the interpretation of these results, contact the Mayo Clinic Laboratories genetic counselors at 800-533-1710.

Technical Limitations:
Next-generation sequencing may not detect all types of genomic variants. In rare cases, false-negative or false-positive results may occur. The depth of coverage may be variable for some target regions; assay performance below the minimum acceptable criteria or for failed regions will be noted. Given these limitations, negative results do not rule out the diagnosis of a genetic disorder. If a specific clinical disorder is suspected, evaluation by alternative methods can be considered.

There may be regions of genes that cannot be effectively evaluated by sequencing or deletion and duplication analysis as a result of technical limitations of the assay, including regions of homology, high guanine-cytosine (GC) content, and repetitive sequences. Confirmation of select reportable variants will be performed by alternate methodologies based on internal laboratory criteria.

This test is validated to detect 95% of deletions up to 75 base pairs (bp) and insertions up to 47 bp. Deletions-insertions (delins) of 40 or more bp, including mobile element insertions, may be less reliably detected than smaller delins.

Deletion/Duplication Analysis:
This analysis targets single and multi-exon deletions/duplications; however, in some instances, single exon resolution cannot be achieved due to isolated reduction in sequence coverage or inherent genomic complexity. Balanced structural rearrangements (such as translocations and inversions) may not be detected.

This test is not designed to detect low levels of mosaicism or to differentiate between somatic and germline variants. If there is a possibility that any detected variant is somatic, additional testing may be necessary to clarify the significance of results.

Genes may be added or removed based on updated clinical relevance. For detailed information regarding gene-specific performance and technical limitations, see Method Description or contact a laboratory genetic counselor.

If the patient has had an allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplant or a recent blood transfusion, results may be inaccurate due to the presence of donor DNA. Call Mayo Clinic Laboratories for instructions for testing patients who have received a bone marrow transplant.

Reclassification of Variants:
Currently, it is not standard practice for the laboratory to systematically review previously classified variants on a regular basis. The laboratory encourages healthcare providers to contact the laboratory at any time to learn how the

classification of a particular variant may have changed over time. Due to broadening genetic knowledge, it is possible that the laboratory may discover new information of relevance to the patient. Should that occur, the laboratory may issue an amended report.

Variant Evaluation:
Evaluation and categorization of variants are performed using published American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics and the Association for Molecular Pathology recommendations as a guideline.(3) Other gene-specific guidelines may also be considered. Variants are classified based on known, predicted, or possible pathogenicity and reported with interpretive comments detailing their potential or known significance. Variants classified as benign or likely benign are not reported.

Multiple in silico evaluation tools may be used to assist in the interpretation of these results. The accuracy of predictions made by in silico evaluation tools is highly dependent upon the data available for a given gene, and periodic updates to these tools may cause predictions to change over time. Results from in silico evaluation tools should be interpreted with caution and professional clinical judgment.

Rarely, incidental or secondary findings may implicate another predisposition or presence of active disease. Incidental findings may include, but are not limited to, results related to the sex chromosomes. These findings will be carefully reviewed to determine whether they will be reported.

Clinical Reference

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2. The Ehlers-Danlos Society. EDS types. The Ehlers-Danlos Society; 2017. Accessed March 20, 2024. Available at: www.ehlers-danlos.com/eds-types/
3. Richards S, Aziz N, Bale S, et al: Standards and guidelines for the interpretation of sequence variants: a joint consensus recommendation of the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics and the Association for Molecular Pathology. Genet Med. 2015;17(5):405-424. doi:10.1038/gim.2015.30

Performance

Method Description

Next-generation sequencing (NGS) and Sanger sequencing are performed to test for the presence of variants in coding regions and intron/exon boundaries of the genes analyzed, as well as some other regions that have known disease-causing variants. The human genome reference GRCh37/hg19 build was used for sequence read alignment. At least 99% of the bases are covered at a read depth over 30X. Sensitivity is estimated to be over 99% for single nucleotide variants, over 94% for deletion-insertions (delins) less than 40 base pairs (bp), and over 95% for deletions up to 75 bp and insertions up to 47 bp. NGS and/or a polymerase chain reaction-based quantitative method is performed to test for the presence of deletions and duplications in the genes analyzed.

There may be regions of genes that cannot be effectively evaluated by sequencing or deletion and duplication analysis as a result of technical limitations of the assay, including regions of homology, high guanine-cytosine (GC) content, and repetitive sequences. See Targeted Genes and Methodology Details for Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome Gene Panel for details

regarding the targeted genes analyzed for each test and specific gene regions not routinely covered.(Unpublished Mayo method)

Confirmation of select reportable variants may be performed by alternate methodologies based on internal laboratory criteria.

Genes analyzed:
ADAMTS2, AEBP1, ATP7A, B3GALT6, B3GAT3, B4GALT7, CHST14, COL12A1, COL1A1, COL1A2, COL3A1, COL5A1, COL5A2, DSE, FKBP14, FLNA, PLOD1, PRDM5, SLC39A13, SPARC, TNXB, and *ZNF469*

PDF Report
Supplemental

Day(s) Performed
Varies

Report Available
28 to 42 days

Specimen Retention Time
Whole blood: 2 weeks (if available); Extracted DNA: 3 months; Saliva: 1 month

Performing Laboratory Location
Mayo Clinic Laboratories - Rochester Main Campus

Fees & Codes

Fees
- Authorized users can sign in to Test Prices for detailed fee information.
- Clients without access to Test Prices can contact Customer Service 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- Prospective clients should contact their account representative. For assistance, contact Customer Service.

Test Classification
This test was developed and its performance characteristics determined by Mayo Clinic in a manner consistent with CLIA requirements. It has not been cleared or approved by the US Food and Drug Administration.

CPT Code Information
81408 x2
81479
81479 (if appropriate for government payers)

Prior Auhtorization
Insurance preauthorization is available for this testing; forms are available.

Patient financial assistance may be available to those who qualify. Patients who receive a bill from Mayo Clinic

Laboratories will receive information on eligibility and how to apply.

LOINC® Information

Test ID	Test Order Name	Order LOINC® Value
EDSGG	Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome Gene Panel	93200-4

Result ID	Test Result Name	Result LOINC® Value
617254	Test Description	62364-5
617255	Specimen	31208-2
617256	Source	31208-2
617257	Result Summary	50397-9
617258	Result	82939-0
617259	Interpretation	69047-9
617260	Additional Results	82939-0
617261	Resources	99622-3
617262	Additional Information	48767-8
617263	Method	85069-3
617264	Genes Analyzed	48018-6
617265	Disclaimer	62364-5
617266	Released By	18771-6