

Notification Date: October 8, 2024 Effective Date: November 8, 2024

# Fabry Disease, Full Gene Analysis, Varies

Test ID: FABRZ

**Explanation:** On the effective date, this assay will incorporate changes to the Specimen Required, as shown below. The Whole Blood specimen type will no longer accept *any anticoagulant* and will be limited to the anticoagulants shown below. Additionally, stability guidance for Whole Blood will be provided.

# **Current Specimen Required**

**Patient Preparation:** 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.

# Submit only 1 of the following specimens:

Preferred:

Specimen Type: Whole blood

Container/Tube:

Preferred: Lavender top (EDTA) tube or yellow top

(ACD) tube

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

Invert several times to mix blood.
 Send specimen in original tube.

Specimen Stability Information: Ambient

(preferred)/Refrigerated

Acceptable:

Specimen Type: Blood spot

Supplies: Card - Blood Spot Collection (Filter

Paper) (T493) **Container/Tube:** 

Preferred: Collection card (Whatman Protein

Saver 903 Paper)

Acceptable: Ahlstrom 226 filter paper, or Blood

**Spot Collection Card** 

Specimen Volume: 2 to 5 Blood spots on

collection card

#### **Collection Instructions:**

An alternative blood collection option for a patient older than 1 year of age is finger stick.
 Let blood dry on the filter paper at ambient temperature in a horizontal position for 3 hours.

#### **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:

Preferred:

Specimen Type: Whole blood

Container/Tube:

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

(ACD) tube Acceptable:

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 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 preferred volume of blood must be submitted. Testing may be canceled if DNA requirements are inadequate

## Acceptable:

Specimen Type: Blood spot

Supplies: Card - Blood Spot Collection (Filter

Paper) (T493)
Container/Tube:

- 3. Do not expose specimen to heat or direct sunlight.
- 4. Do not stack wet specimens.
- 5. Keep specimen dry.

**Specimen Stability Information:** Ambient (preferred)/Refrigerated

# Additional Information:

- 1. For collection instructions, see <u>Blood Spot</u> Collection Instructions in Special Instructions.
- 2. For collection instructions in Spanish, see <u>Blood Spot Collection Card-Spanish Instructions</u> (T777) in Special Instructions.
- 3. For collection instructions in Chinese, see <u>Blood Spot Collection Card-Chinese Instructions</u> (T800) in Special Instructions.

**Preferred:** Collection card (Whatman Protein Saver 903 Paper)

Acceptable: Ahlstrom 226 filter paper, or Blood Spot Collection Card

**Specimen Volume:** 2 to 5 Blood spots on collection card

#### **Collection Instructions:**

- 1. An alternative blood collection option for a patient older than 1 year of age is finger stick.
- 2. Let blood dry on the filter paper at ambient temperature in a horizontal position for 3 hours.
- 3. Do not expose specimen to heat or direct sunlight.
- 4. Do not stack wet specimens.
- 5. Keep specimen dry.

Specimen Stability Information: Ambient (preferred)/Refrigerated Additional Information:

- 1. Due to lower concentrations of DNA yielded from blood spots, 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 needed to complete testing.
- 2. For collection instructions, see <u>Blood Spot</u> Collection Instructions
- 3. For collection instructions in Spanish, see <u>Blood</u> <u>Spot Collection Card-Spanish Instructions</u> (T777)
- 4. For collection instructions in Chinese, see <u>Blood</u> <u>Spot Collection Card-Chinese Instructions</u> (T800)

## Questions