

Notification Date: April 22, 2025 Effective Date: May 22, 2025

C9orf72 Hexanucleotide Repeat, Molecular Analysis, Varies

Test ID: C9ORF

Explanation: On the effective date, the Specimen Stability, Specimen Required, and Days Performed will be updated for this assay. *Any anticoagulant* for whole blood specimens will no longer be accepted and additional specimen types will be added.

Current Specimen Stability				
Specimen Type	Temperature	Time	Special Container	
Varies	Ambient (preferred)			
	Frozen			
	Refrigerated			

New Specimen Stability					
Specimen Type	Temperature	Time	Special Container		
Varies	Varies				

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.

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 specimen in original tube.

New Specimen Required

Patient Preparation: A previous bone marrow transplant from an allogeneic 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: Lavender top (EDTA) or yellow top (ACD) **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) 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: Cord blood
Container/Tube: Lavender top (EDTA) or yellow top (ACD)
Specimen Volume: 3 mL
Collection Instructions:
1. Invert several times to mix blood.
2. Send cord blood specimen in original tube. Do not aliquot.
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.
3. While a properly collected cord blood sample may not be at
risk for maternal cell contamination, unanticipated complications
may occur during collection. Therefore, maternal cell
contamination studies are recommended to ensure the test
results reflect that of the patient tested and are available at an
additional charge. Order MATCC / Maternal Cell Contamination,
Molecular Analysis, Varies on the maternal specimen.
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Current Days Performed

Tuesday

New Days Performed

Varies

Questions

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