

Notification Date: May 20, 2025 Effective Date: May 20, 2025

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

Test ID: AFTDP

**Explanation:** On the effective date the Ordering Guidance, Specimen Required, and CPT Codes will be updated for this assay.

Current Ordering Guidance	New Ordering Guidance
First tier testing for a diagnosis of dementia or amyotrophic lateral sclerosis is C9ORF / <i>C9orf72</i> , Hexanucleotide Repeat, Molecular Analysis, Varies, which is included with this test but is also available separately.	First tier testing for a diagnosis of dementia or amyotrophic lateral sclerosis is C9ORF / <i>C9orf72</i> , Hexanucleotide Repeat, Molecular Analysis, Varies, which is included with this test but is also available separately.
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.	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.
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.	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. To modify this panel via CGPH, please use the Neurologic Disorders disease state for step 1 on the custom gene ordering tool.
Current Specimen Required	New Specimen Required
<b>Patient Preparation:</b> 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.	<b>Patient Preparation:</b> A previous hematopoietic stem cell transplant from an allogenic donor will interfere with testing. For information about testing patients who have received a hematopoietic stem cell transplant, call 800-533-1710.
Submit only 1 of the following specimens:	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. Specimen Stability Information: Ambient (preferred) 4 days/Refrigerated 4 days/Frozen 4 days	<ul> <li>Specimen Type: Whole blood</li> <li>Container/Tube: Lavender top (EDTA) or yellow top (ACD)</li> <li>Specimen Volume: 3 mL</li> <li>Collection Instructions: <ol> <li>Invert several times to mix blood.</li> <li>Send whole blood specimen in original tube. Do not aliquot.</li> </ol> </li> <li>Specimen Stability Information: Ambient (preferred) 4 <ul> <li>days/Refrigerated 4 days/Frozen 4 days</li> </ul> </li> <li>Additional Information: <ol> <li>Specimens are preferred to be received within 4 days of collection. Extraction will be attempted for specimens received</li> </ol> </li> </ul>

## 1. Specimens are preferred to be received within 4 days of testing may proceed. 2. To ensure minimum volume and concentration of DNA are collection. Extraction will be attempted for specimens received after 4 days, and DNA yield will be evaluated to met, the requested volume must be submitted. Testing may be determine if testing may proceed. canceled if DNA requirements are inadequate. 2. To ensure minimum volume and concentration of DNA is met, the requested volume must be submitted. Testing may Specimen Type: Cord blood **Container/Tube:** Lavender top (EDTA) or yellow top (ACD) be canceled if DNA requirements are inadequate. Specimen Volume: 3 mL **Collection Instructions:** Specimen Type: Saliva Patient Preparation: Patient should not eat, drink, smoke, or 1. Invert several times to mix blood. chew gum 30 minutes prior to collection. 2. Send cord blood specimen in original tube. Do not aliquot. Supplies: Saliva Swab Collection Kit (T786) Specimen Stability Information: Ambient (preferred) 4 Specimen Volume: 1 Swab davs/Refrigerated 4 days/Frozen 4 days Collection Instructions: Collect and send specimen per kit Additional Information: instructions. 1. Specimens are preferred to be received within 4 days of Specimen Stability Information: Ambient (preferred) 30 collection. Extraction will be attempted for specimens received days/Refrigerated 30 days after 4 days, and DNA yield will be evaluated to determine if Additional information: Saliva specimens are acceptable testing may proceed. but not recommended. Due to lower quantity/quality of DNA 2. To ensure minimum volume and concentration of DNA are yielded from saliva, some aspects of the test may not met, the requested volume must be submitted. Testing may be perform as well as DNA extracted from a whole blood canceled if DNA requirements are inadequate. sample. When applicable, specific gene regions that were 3. While a properly collected cord blood sample may not be at unable to be interrogated will be noted in the report. risk for maternal cell contamination, unanticipated complications may occur during collection. Therefore, maternal cell Alternatively, additional specimen may be required to complete testing. contamination studies are recommended to ensure the test results reflect that of the patient tested and are available at an Specimen Type: Extracted DNA additional charge. Order MATCC / Maternal Cell Contamination, **Container/Tube:** Molecular Analysis, Varies on the maternal specimen. Preferred: Screw Cap Micro Tube, 2mL with skirted conical Specimen Type: Saliva base Patient Preparation: Patient should not eat, drink, smoke, or Acceptable: Matrix tube, 1mL chew gum 30 minutes prior to collection. **Collection Instructions:** 1. The preferred volume is at least 100 mcL at a Supplies: Saliva Swab Collection Kit (T786) concentration of 75 ng/mcL. Specimen Volume: 2 Swabs 2. Include concentration and volume on tube. **Collection Instructions:** Collect and send specimen per kit Specimen Stability Information: Frozen (preferred) 1 instructions. year/Ambient/Refrigerated Specimen Stability Information: Ambient (preferred) 30 Additional Information: DNA must be extracted in a CLIAdays/Refrigerated 30 days Additional Information: Saliva specimens are acceptable but certified laboratory or equivalent and must be extracted from a specimen type listed as acceptable for this test (including not recommended. Due to lower quantity/quality of DNA yielded applicable anticoagulants). Our laboratory has experience from saliva, some aspects of the test may not perform as well as DNA extracted from a whole blood sample. When applicable, with Chemagic, Puregene, Autopure, MagnaPure, and EZ1 extraction platforms and cannot guarantee that all extraction specific gene regions that were unable to be interrogated will be methods are compatible with this test. If testing fails, one noted in the report. Alternatively, additional specimen may be repeat will be attempted, and if unsuccessful, the test will be required to complete testing. reported as failed and a charge will be applied. If applicable, specific gene regions that were unable to be interrogated due Specimen Type: Extracted DNA to DNA quality will be noted in the report. Container/Tube: Preferred: Screw Cap Micro Tube, 2 mL with skirted conical base Acceptable: Matrix tube, 1 mL **Collection Instructions:** 1. The preferred volume is at least 100 mcL at a concentration of 75 na/mcL. Include concentration and volume on tube. Specimen Stability Information: Frozen (preferred) 1 year/Ambient/Refrigerated Additional Information: DNA must be extracted in a CLIAcertified laboratory or equivalent and must be extracted from a

after 4 days, and DNA yield will be evaluated to determine if

Additional Information:

	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.
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Current CPT Codes	New CPT Codes
81403	81403
81406 x 9	81406 x 9
81404 x 3	81404 x 3
81405 x 2	81405 x 2
81407	81407
81479	81479
81479 (if appropriate for government payers)	81479 (if appropriate for government payers)