
Reporting Title: HEXB Gene, Full Gene Analysis**Performing Location:** Rochester**Ordering Guidance:**

The recommended first-tier test for Sandhoff disease is hexosaminidase A and total testing in serum (NAGS / Hexosaminidase A and Total Hexosaminidase, Serum) or leukocytes (NAGW / Hexosaminidase A and Total Hexosaminidase, Leukocytes).

Testing for *HEXB* gene as part of a customized panel is 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 *HEXB* gene. 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.

Specimen Requirements:

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: 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 14 days

Specimen Type: Skin biopsy

Supplies: Fibroblast Biopsy Transport Media (T115)

Container/Tube: Sterile container with any standard cell culture media (eg, minimal essential media, RPMI 1640). The solution should be supplemented with 1% penicillin and streptomycin.

Specimen Volume: 4-mm punch

Specimen Stability Information: Refrigerated (preferred)/Ambient

Additional Information: A separate culture charge will be assessed under CULFB / Fibroblast Culture for Biochemical or Molecular Testing. An additional 3 to 4 weeks is required to culture fibroblasts before genetic testing can occur.

Specimen Type: Cultured fibroblast

Container/Tube: T-25 flask

Specimen Volume: 2 Flasks

Collection Instructions: Submit confluent cultured fibroblast cells from a skin biopsy from another laboratory. Cultured

cells from a prenatal specimen will not be accepted.

Specimen Stability Information: Ambient (preferred)/Refrigerated (<24 hours)

Additional Information: A separate culture charge will be assessed under CULFB / Fibroblast Culture for Biochemical or Molecular Testing. An additional 3 to 4 weeks is required to culture fibroblasts before genetic testing can occur.

Specimen Type: Blood spot

Supplies: Card-Blood Spot Collection (Filter Paper) (T493)

Container/Tube:

Preferred: Collection card (Whatman Protein Saver 903 Paper)

Acceptable: PerkinElmer 226 (formerly Ahlstrom 226) filter paper or blood spot collection card

Specimen Volume: 5 Blood spots

Collection Instructions:

1. An alternative blood collection option for a patient older than 1 year is a fingerstick. For detailed instructions, see [How to Collect Dried Blood Spot Samples](#).
2. Let blood dry on the filter paper at ambient temperature in a horizontal position for a minimum of 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 concentration of DNA yielded from blood spot, it is possible that additional specimen may be required to complete testing.
2. For collection instructions, see [Blood Spot Collection Instructions](#)
3. For collection instructions in Spanish, see [Blood Spot Collection Card-Spanish Instructions](#) (T777)
4. For collection instructions in Chinese, see [Blood Spot Collection Card-Chinese Instructions](#) (T800)

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 30 days

Additional Information: Due to lower concentration of DNA yielded from saliva, it is possible that 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. [Molecular Genetics: Biochemical Disorders Patient Information](#) (T527)

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time	Special Container
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Result Codes:

Result ID	Reporting Name	Type	Unit	LOINC®
608716	Test Description	Alphanumeric		62364-5
608717	Specimen	Alphanumeric		31208-2
608718	Source	Alphanumeric		31208-2
608719	Result Summary	Alphanumeric		50397-9
608720	Result	Alphanumeric		82939-0
608721	Interpretation	Alphanumeric		69047-9
608722	Resources	Alphanumeric		99622-3
608723	Additional Information	Alphanumeric		48767-8
608724	Method	Alphanumeric		85069-3
608725	Genes Analyzed	Alphanumeric		48018-6
608726	Disclaimer	Alphanumeric		62364-5
608727	Released By	Alphanumeric		18771-6

LOINC® and CPT codes are provided by the performing laboratory.

Supplemental Report:

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CPT Code Information:

- 81479
- 88233-Tissue culture, skin, solid tissue biopsy (if appropriate)
- 88240-Cryopreservation (if appropriate)

Reflex Tests:

Test ID	Reporting Name	CPT Units	CPT Code	Always Performed	Available Separately
CULFB	Fibroblast Culture for Genetic Test	1	88233	No	Yes

Result Codes for Reflex Tests:

Test ID	Result ID	Reporting Name	Type	Unit	LOINC®
CULFB	52327	Result Summary	Alphanumeric		50397-9
CULFB	52329	Interpretation	Alphanumeric		69965-2
CULFB	52328	Result	Alphanumeric		82939-0
CULFB	CG770	Reason for Referral	Alphanumeric		42349-1
CULFB	CG899	Specimen	Alphanumeric		31208-2
CULFB	52331	Source	Alphanumeric		31208-2

CULFB	52332	Method	Alphanumeric		85069-3
CULFB	54625	Additional Information	Alphanumeric		48767-8
CULFB	52333	Released By	Alphanumeric		18771-6

Reference Values:

An interpretive report will be provided.