
Reporting Title: FXN, Repeat Expansion Analysis
Performing Location: Rochester

Additional Testing Requirements:
All prenatal specimens must be accompanied by a maternal blood specimen; order MATCC / Maternal Cell Contamination, Molecular Analysis, Varies on the maternal specimen as **this must be a different order number than the prenatal specimen.**

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:
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) 4 days/Refrigerated

Prenatal Specimens
Due to its complexity, consultation with the laboratory is required for all prenatal testing; call 800-533-1710 to speak to a genetic counselor.

Specimen Type: Amniotic fluid
Container/Tube: Amniotic fluid container
Specimen Volume: 20 mL
Specimen Stability Information: Refrigerated (preferred)/Ambient
Additional information:
1. A separate culture charge will be assessed under CULAF / Culture for Genetic Testing, Amniotic Fluid.
2. **All prenatal specimens must be accompanied by a maternal blood specimen;** order MATCC / Maternal Cell Contamination, Molecular Analysis, Varies on the maternal specimen.

Specimen Type: Chorionic villi
Container/Tube: 15-mL tube containing 15 mL of transport media
Specimen Volume: 20 mg
Specimen Stability Information: Refrigerated
Additional Information:

1. 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.

2. **All prenatal specimens must be accompanied by a maternal blood specimen;** order MATCC / Maternal Cell Contamination, Molecular Analysis, Varies on the maternal specimen.

Acceptable:

Specimen Type: Confluent cultured cells

Container/Tube: T-25 flask

Specimen Volume: 2 Flasks

Collection Instructions: Submit confluent cultured cells from another laboratory.

Specimen Stability Information: Ambient (preferred)/Refrigerated

Additional Information: **All prenatal specimens must be accompanied by a maternal blood specimen;** order MATCC / Maternal Cell Contamination, Molecular Analysis, Varies on the maternal specimen.

Specimen Type: Blood spot

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

Container/Tube:

Preferred: Collection card (Whatman Protein Saver 903 Paper)

Acceptable: Perkin/Elmer 266 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. For collection instructions, see [Blood Spot Collection Instructions](#)

2. For collection instructions in Spanish, see [Blood Spot Collection Card-Spanish Instructions](#) (T777)

3. For collection instructions in Chinese, see [Blood Spot Collection Card-Chinese Instructions](#) (T800)

4. Due to lower concentration of DNA yielded from blood spots, 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: Neurology Patient Information](#)

3. If not ordering electronically, complete, print, and send a [Neurology Specialty Testing Client Test Request](#) (T732) with the specimen.

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time	Special Container
Varies	Varies		

Result Codes:

Result ID	Reporting Name	Type	Unit	LOINC®
609752	Result Summary	Alphanumeric		50397-9
609753	Result	Alphanumeric		21762-0
609754	Interpretation	Alphanumeric		69047-9
609755	Reason for Referral	Alphanumeric		42349-1
609756	Specimen	Alphanumeric		31208-2
609757	Source	Alphanumeric		31208-2
609758	Method	Alphanumeric		85069-3
609759	Disclaimer	Alphanumeric		62364-5
609760	Released By	Alphanumeric		18771-6

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

Supplemental Report:

No

CPT Code Information:

- 81284
- 81265-Maternal Cell Contamination (if appropriate)
- 88233-Fibroblast Culture (if appropriate)
- 88235-Amniotic Fluid Culture (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
CULAF	Amniotic Fluid Culture/Genetic Test	1	88235	No	Yes
MATCC	Maternal Cell Contamination, B	1	81265	No	Yes
_STR1	Comp Analysis using STR (Bill only)	1	81265	No	No, (Bill only)
_STR2	Add'l comp analysis w/STR (Bill Only)	1	81266	No	No, (Bill only)

Result Codes for Reflex Tests:

Test ID	Result ID	Reporting Name	Type	Unit	LOINC®
CULAF	52304	Result Summary	Alphanumeric		50397-9
CULAF	52306	Interpretation	Alphanumeric		69965-2

CULAF	52305	Result	Alphanumeric		82939-0
CULAF	CG767	Reason for Referral	Alphanumeric		42349-1
CULAF	52307	Specimen	Alphanumeric		31208-2
CULAF	52308	Source	Alphanumeric		31208-2
CULAF	52309	Method	Alphanumeric		85069-3
CULAF	54641	Additional Information	Alphanumeric		48767-8
CULAF	52310	Released By	Alphanumeric		18771-6
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
MATCC	53285	Result Summary	Alphanumeric		50397-9
MATCC	53286	Result	Alphanumeric		40704-9
MATCC	53287	Interpretation	Alphanumeric		69047-9
MATCC	53288	Reason for referral	Alphanumeric		42349-1
MATCC	53289	Specimen	Alphanumeric		31208-2
MATCC	53290	Source	Alphanumeric		31208-2
MATCC	53291	Released By	Alphanumeric		18771-6
MATCC	55150	Method	Alphanumeric		85069-3

Reference Values:

FXN
Normal alleles: <34 GAA repeats
Borderline alleles: 34-65 GAA repeats
Expanded alleles: >65 GAA repeats

An interpretive report will be provided.