

# **CLINICAL GENETIC SERVICE**

## **Laboratory User Guides**

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH  
GOVERNMENT OF HONG KONG SAR**

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A new test for *C9ORF72* gene

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**The Clinical Genetic Service (CGS) of the Department of Health in Hong Kong is a government-funded, tertiary referral center that provides clinical, laboratory, counseling services related to genetic disorders. The function of the Genetic Laboratory is to back up Genetic Counseling Clinic within this Service. Presently the Laboratory accepts specimens only via the Genetic Counseling Clinic of the CGS. For more information about the laboratory service, please call**

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## Specimen Submission Information

### 1. Clinical Specimens

Cytogenetic testing: 3 ml **heparin** blood  
1 to 2 ml more for additional FISH study

Molecular testing: 3 ml **EDTA** blood

Samples need to be identified accurately and patient should not be fasted for overnight. The container of specimen shall be labeled with patient's name (in capital letters) and the HKID/Travel document number (2 unique identifiers).

Each specimen must be accompanied with a requisition form. Please fill patient name in capital letters and the HKID/Travel document number on the requisition form, which **SHALL** also include the followings:

- Date of birth and sex
- Date of specimen taken
- Date of request
- Type of specimen
- Name and signature of physician requesting test
- Name and institution of referring doctor
- Type of test requested
- Pedigree (if needed)

**Remarks:**

Blood will be rejected if clotted, hemolyzed, quantity insufficient for Cytogenetic testing or delivery time was more than 7 days after collection.

### 2. Delivering Specimens

After blood taken, specimen should be delivered at the same day (before 5 PM) as soon as possible

- **Deliver at room temperature;**
- **Store at 4°C if unable to deliver at the same day. Never ice or freeze the blood;**
- **In a plastic bag separately with the Requisition Form.**

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For operational need, it is advised to take blood and send on Monday or Tuesday or Friday for Cytogenetic testing. For DEB fragility testing, it is advised to take blood and send on Monday or Tuesday with the control sample. Whenever possible, the control should be appropriately matched with the characteristics of the test sample, such as sex, age, cigarette smoking and undercurrent illness.

Further re-arrangement is necessary for the blood taken and delivery during or before public holidays.

### 3. Turnaround Time (TAT)

**For routine service cases:** Cytogenetic testing: 28 calendar days  
FISH & array CGH: 2 months  
Molecular testing: **2-6** months (refer to the table below)

**For urgent cases:** Cytogenetic testing: 8 calendar days  
Molecular testing: 14 calendar days

**For prenatal and urgent NGS-based testing, please consult our on call clinical geneticist.**

## Cytogenetics Service

| <b>Conventional Cytogenetic Investigations for Blood</b>            |                                  |                       |
|---|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>G banding</b>  |                                  |                       |
| <b>DEB fragility study</b>  |                                  |                       |
| <b>C staining</b>   |                                  |                       |
| <b>Molecular Cytogenetics (FISH &amp; Array CGH) Investigations</b> |                                  |                       |
| <b>Array CGH (Agilent CGX array 8x60K)</b>                          |                                  |                       |
| <b>Telomere probes and whole chromosome painting probes</b>         |                                  |                       |
| <b>Microdeletion probes</b>   | <b>Investigation</b>             | <b>Locus Involved</b> |
|   | Cri du Chat syndrome             | 5p15.2-15.3           |
|   | DiGeorge syndrome                | 22q11.2               |
|   | Kallman syndrome                 | Xp22.3                |
|   | Miller Dieker syndrome           | 17p13.3               |
|   | Prader Willi / Angelman syndrome | 15q11-13              |
|   | Retinoblastoma (Rb)              | 13q14                 |
|   | Smith Magenis syndrome           | 17p11.2               |
|   | Steroid sulphatase deficiency    | Xp22.3                |
|   | Williams syndrome                | 7q11.23               |
|   | Wolf-Hirschhorn syndrome         | 4p16.3                |
|   | SRY                              | Yp11.3                |

## Molecular Service

| Test  | OMIM ID | Gene/Locus Involved  | Investigation   | TAT       |
|---|---------|--|---|-----------|
| <b>Next Generation Sequencing and MLPA Targeted Panels</b>              |         |  |   |           |
| <b>Alport syndrome panel</b>  | -       | <i>COL4A3, COL4A5</i>  | point mutation  | 4 months# |
| <b>Common lethal skeletal disease panel</b>                             | -       | <i>TP63, GLI3, COL1A2, COL1A1, TRIP11, COL2A1, FGFR3, ALPL</i>             | point mutation  | 4 months# |
| <b>Cardiomyopathy panel</b>   | -       | 58 genes<br>refer Appendix A   | point mutation  | 4 months# |
| <b>Extended Hereditary cancer syndrome panel</b>                        | -       | 143 genes<br>refer Appendix A  | point mutation  | 4 months# |
| <b>Hereditary cancer syndrome panel ( Breast and colorectal cancer)</b> | -       | <i>BRCA1, BRCA2, PTEN, TP53, MLH1, MSH2, MSH6, PMS2, EPCAM, APC, MUTYH</i> | point mutation<br><br>deletion / duplication for <i>BRCA1</i> and <i>BRCA2</i> only | 4 months# |
| <b>DMD panel</b>  | -       | <i>DMD</i>   | point mutation<br><br>deletion / duplication  | 4 months# |
| <b>Hemophilia A panel</b>   | -       | <i>F8</i>  | point mutation<br><br>deletion / duplication  | 4 months# |
| <b>Kabuki syndrome panel</b>  | -       | <i>KMT2D, KDM6A</i>  | point mutation<br><br>deletion / duplication  | 4 months# |
| <b>Marfan and aortopathy panel</b>                                      | -       | <i>FBN1, TGFBRI, TGFBR2, SMAD3, SLC2A10, MYLK, MYH11, COL3A1, ACTA2</i>    | point mutation<br><br>deletion / duplication for <i>FBN1</i> and <i>TGFBR2</i> only | 4 months# |
| <b>NF panel</b>   | -       | <i>NF1, NF2</i>  | point mutation<br><br>deletion / duplication  | 4 months# |

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|--|---------|--|--|-----------|
| <b>Polycystic kidney diseases panel</b>    | -       | <i>PDK1, PKD2, PKHD1</i>   | point mutation<br>deletion / duplication for<br><i>PKD1</i> and <i>PKD2</i> only | 4 months# |
| <b>Rasopathy panel</b>                     | -       | <i>PTPN11, BRAF, CBL, HRAS, KRAS, NRAS, MAP2K1&amp;2, RAF1, RIT1, SHOC2, SOS1, SPRED1, RASAI</i> | point mutation   | 4 months# |
| <b>Tuberous sclerosis panel</b>            | -       | <i>TSC1, TSC2</i>  | point mutation<br>deletion / duplication   | 4 months# |
| <b>Chromatin related disease panel</b>     | -       | 23 genes<br>refer Appendix A   | point mutation   | 4 months# |
| <b>X-linked intellectual disability</b>    |         | 91 genes<br>refer Appendix A   | point mutation   | 4 months# |
| <b>Skeletal dysplasia panel</b>            | -       | 177 genes<br>refer Appendix A  | point mutation   | 4 months# |
| <b>Genetic myopathy panel</b>              | -       | 83 genes<br>refer Appendix A   | point mutation   | 4 months# |
| <b>Genetic neuropathy panel</b>            |         | 50 genes<br>refer Appendix A   | point mutation   | 4 months# |
| <b>Hereditary Spastic Paraplegia panel</b> | -       | 40 genes<br>refer Appendix A   | point mutation   | 4 months# |
| <b>Ciliopathy panel</b>                    |         | 74 genes<br>refer Appendix A   | point mutation   | 4 months# |
| <b>Inherited Arrhythmia disease panel</b>  | -       | 30 genes<br>refer Appendix A   | point mutation   | 4 months# |
| <b>Genetic Endocrine disease panel</b>     |         | 167 genes<br>refer Appendix A  | point mutation   | 4 months# |
| <b>Eye disease panel</b>                   | -       | 73 genes<br>refer Appendix A   | point mutation   | 4 months# |













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|---|------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|--|
| <b>Kennedy's disease</b>                              | 313200           | AR                  | CAG expansion             | 4 months   |
| <b>Myotonic dystrophy, type 1 (PCR)</b>               | 160900           | DMPK                | CTG expansion             | <b>2 months additional 2 months is need if further Southern blot testing is needed</b> |
| <b>Myotonic dystrophy (Southern blot)</b>             |                  |                     |                           |  |
| <b>Myotonic dystrophy, type 2</b>                     | 602668           | CNBP                | CCTG expansion            | 4 months   |
| <b>Oculopharyngeal muscular dystrophy</b>             | 164300           | PABPN1              | GCG insertion             | 4 months   |
| <b>Spinal muscular atrophy</b>                        | 253300           | SMN1                | Exons 7&8 deletion        | <b>2 months</b>  |
| <b>RENAL DISEASES</b>                                 |                  |                     |                           |  |
| <b>Alport syndrome, AD</b>                            | 301050           | COL4A5              | point mutation            | 4 months   |
| <b>Alport syndrome, AR</b>                            | 203780           | COL4A3              | point mutation            | 4 months   |
| <b>Nephrogenic diabetes insipidus</b>                 | 304800           | AVPR2               | point mutation / deletion | 4 months#  |
| <b>Polycystic kidney disease, AD</b>                  | 173900<br>613095 | PKD1 & PKD2         | point mutation / deletion | 4 months#  |
| <b>Polycystic kidney disease, AR</b>                  | 263200           | ARPKD               | point mutation            | 4 months   |
| <b>DERMATOLOGIC DISORDER</b>                          |                  |                     |                           |  |
| <b>Ectodermal dysplasia 1, hypohidrotic, X-linked</b> | 305100           | EDA                 | point mutation / deletion | 4 months#  |
| <b>Epidermolysis bullosa dystrophica, AR</b>          | 226600           | COL7A1              | point mutation            | 4 months   |
| <b>Incontinentia pigmenti</b>                         | 308300           | NEMO                | exons 6-12 deletion       | 4 months   |
|   |                  |                     | point mutation            | 4 months   |

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|---|---------|---------------------|---------------------------|-----------|
| <b>SKELETAL DYSPLASIA</b>                                   |         |                     |                           |           |
| <b>Achondrogenesis, type Ib</b>                             | 600972  | <i>SLC26A2</i>      | point mutation            | 4 months  |
| <b>Diatrophic dysplasia</b>                                 | 222600  |                     |                           |           |
| <b>Epiphyseal dysplasia, multiple, 4</b>                    | 226900  |                     |                           |           |
| <b>Achondroplasia</b>                                       | 100800  | <i>FGFR3</i>        | c.1138G>A                 | 4 months  |
| <b>Atelosteogenesis type 1 and type 3</b>                   | 108720  | <i>FLNB</i>         | point mutation            | 4 months  |
| <b>Larsen syndrome</b>                                      | 108721  |                     |                           |           |
| <b>Brachydactyly type B1</b>                                | 113000  | <i>ROR2</i>         | point mutation            | 4 months  |
| <b>Campomelic dysplasia</b>                                 | 114290  | <i>SOX9</i>         | point mutation            | 4 months  |
| <b>Chondrodysplasia with joint dislocations, GRAPP type</b> | 614078  | <i>IMPAD1</i>       | Point mutation            | 4 months  |
| <b>Cleidocranial dysplasia</b>                              | 119600  | <i>RUNX2</i>        | point mutation / deletion | 4 months# |
| <b>Desbuquois dysplasia</b>                                 | 251450  | <i>CANT1</i>        | point mutation            | 4 months  |
| <b>Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva</b>                | 135100  | <i>ACVR1</i>        | point mutation            | 4 months  |
| <b>Hypochondroplasia</b>                                    | 146000  | <i>FGFR3</i>        | c.1620C>G or C>A          | 4 months  |
| <b>Hypophosphatemic rickets, AD</b>                         | 193100  | <i>FGF23</i>        | point mutation            | 4 months  |
| <b>Hypophosphatemic rickets, X-linked</b>                   | 307800  | <i>PHEX</i>         | point mutation            | 4 months  |
| <b>Leri-Weill dyschondrosteosis</b>                         | 127300  | <i>SHOX</i>         | gene deletion             | 4 months  |
| <b>Langer mesomelic dysplasia</b>                           | 249700  |                     | point mutation            | 4 months  |
| <b>Metaphyseal chondrodysplasia, McKusick type</b>          | 157660  | <i>RMRP</i>         | point mutation            | 4 months  |

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| Multiple exotoses   | 133700  | <i>EXT1</i>            | point mutation / deletion  | 4 months# |
| Nail-patella syndrome                                       | 161200  | <i>LMX1B</i>           | point mutation / deletion  | 4 months# |
| Pseudoachondroplasia  | 177170  | <i>COMP</i>            | GAC expansion              | 4 months  |
| Pseudohypoparathyroidism                                    | 174800  | <i>GNAS</i>            | point mutation             | 4 months  |
|   | 603233  |                        | copy number & methylation  | 4 months  |
| <i>TP63</i> -related disorder                               | -       | <i>TP63</i>            | point mutation             | 4 months  |
| Thanatophoric Dysplasia I                                   | 187600  | <i>FGFR3</i>           | point mutation             | 4 months  |
| Schwartz-Jampel syndrome type 2                             | 601559  | <i>LIFR</i>            | point mutation             | 4 months  |
| <b>SEX DISORDER</b>   |         |                        |                            |           |
| 46XY Sex reversal   | 400044  | <i>SRY</i>             | The presence of <i>SRY</i> | 2 months  |
| 46XX Sex reversal   | 400045  |                        | point mutation             | 4 months  |
| <b>SYNDROMES / DYSMORPHOLOGY</b>                            |         |                        |                            |           |
| Angelman syndrome   | 105830  | <i>UBE3A</i>           | point mutation             | 4 months  |
| Beckwith-Wiedemann syndrome                                 | 130650  | H19DMR & KvDMR domains | copy number & methylation  | 4 months  |
| Russell-Silver syndrome                                     |         | <i>CDKN1C</i>          | point mutation             | 4 months  |
| Blepharophimosis-Ptoxis-Epicanhus- Inversus syndrome (BPES) | 110100  | <i>FOXL2</i>           | point mutation / deletion  | 4 months# |
| Costello syndrome   | 218040  | <i>HRAS</i>            | point mutation             | 4 months  |

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|---|------------------|---------------------------------------|---|-----------------|
| <b>Craniofrontonasal syndrome</b>                                     | 304110           | <i>EFNB1</i>                          | point mutation / deletion                       | 4 months#       |
| <b>Spondylocostal dysostosis 2, AR</b>                                | 608681           | <i>MESP2</i>                          | point mutation                                  | 4 months        |
| <b>Spondyloepiphyseal dysplasia with congenital joint dislocation</b> | 143095           | <i>CHST3</i>                          | point mutation                                  | 4 months        |
| <b>Li-Fraumeni syndrome</b>   | 151623           | <i>TP53</i>                           | point mutation / deletion                       | 4 months#       |
| <b>LOWE syndrome</b>  | 309000           | <i>OCRL</i>                           | point mutation                                  | 4 months        |
| <b>Noonan syndrome</b>  | 163950           | <i>PTPN11</i>                         | point mutation                                  | 4 months        |
| <b>Prader Willi syndrome (PWS) / Angelman syndrome (AS)</b>           | 176270<br>105830 | PWS / AS critical region at 15q11-q13 | Microdeletion / Uniparental disomy at 15q11-q13 | <b>2 months</b> |
| <b>Rett syndrome</b>  | 312750           | <i>MECP2</i>                          | point mutation / deletion                       | 4 months#       |
| <b>Simpson-Golabi-Behmel syndrome, type 1</b>                         | 312870           | <i>GPC3</i>                           | point mutation / deletion                       | 4 months#       |
| <b>Sotos syndrome</b>   | 117550           | <i>NSD1</i>                           | point mutation / deletion                       | 4 months#       |
| <b>Van der Woude syndrome</b><br><b>Popliteal pterygium syndrome</b>  | 119300           | <i>IRF6</i>                           | point mutation                                  | 4 months        |
| <b>Variant Rett syndrome</b>  | 613454           | <i>FOXF1</i>                          | point mutation                                  | 4 months        |
| <b>Wolfram syndrome</b>   | 222300           | <i>WSFI</i>                           | point mutation                                  | 4 months        |
| <b>Miscellaneous</b>  |                  |                                       |   |                 |
| <b>Abnormal X-inactivation pattern</b>                                | -                | <i>AR</i>                             | Abnormal X-inactivation                         | 4 months        |
| <b>Alveolar capillary dysplasia</b>                                   | 265380           | <i>FOXF1</i>                          | point mutation                                  | 4 months        |
| <b>Central diabetes insipidus</b>                                     | 125700           | <i>AVP</i>                            | point mutation                                  | 4 months        |

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