Macrocephaly and Overgrowth Syndromes: Deletion/Duplication Panel

**Test Code:** MD260  
**Turnaround time:** 2 weeks  
**CPT Codes:** 81228 x1, 81405 x1

## Condition Description

Macrocephaly is defined as a head circumference, which is 2 standard deviations larger than the average when matched for age and sex. It refers to an abnormally large head inclusive of the scalp, cranial bone, and intracranial contents. Macrocephaly can arise due to a true enlargement of the brain (megalencephaly) or other conditions such as hydrocephalus and be either syndromic or non-syndromic. The genetic subtypes of macrocephaly include familial forms of macrocephaly, autism, syndromic associations such as **PTEN** hamartoma syndrome, Noonan syndrome, Sotos syndrome, and metabolic disorders such as glutaric aciduria type 1 and D-2-hydroxyglutaric aciduria.

Reference:  

## Genes

**CUL4B, EZH2, GLI3, GPC3, MED12, NFIX, NSD1, PHF6, PTCH1, PTEN, UPF3B**

## Indications

This test is indicated for:

- Patients with macrocephaly.

## Methodology

**Deletion/Duplication Analysis:** DNA isolated from peripheral blood is hybridized to a gene-targeted CGH array to detect deletions and duplications. The targeted CGH array has overlapping probes that cover the entire genomic region. Please note that a “backbone” of probes across the entire genome are included on the array for analytical and quality control purposes. Rarely, off-target copy number variants causative of disease may be identified that may or may not be related to the patient's phenotype. Only known pathogenic off-target copy number variants will be reported. Off-target copy number variants of unknown clinical significance will not be reported.

### Detection

**Deletion/Duplication Analysis:** Detection is limited to duplications and deletions. The CGH array will not detect point or intronic mutations. Results of molecular analysis must be interpreted in the context of the patient's clinical and/or biochemical phenotype.

## Specimen Requirements

Submit only 1 of the following specimen types

### Type: Whole Blood

Specimen Requirements:

- In EDTA (purple top) tube:  
  - Infants (Children >2 years): 3-5 ml  
  - Older Children & Adults: 5-10 ml.

Specimen Collection and Shipping: Do not expose specimen to heat or direct sunlight. Keep the specimen dry. Ship sample at room temperature with overnight delivery.

### Type: Isolated DNA

Specimen Requirements:

- In microtainer: 10 ug  
  - Isolation using the Qiagen™ Puregene kit for DNA extraction is recommended.

Specimen Collection and Shipping: Refrigerate until time of shipment in 100 ng/ul of TE buffer. Ship sample at room temperature with overnight delivery.
Related Tests

- Macrocephaly: Sequencing Panel