Paraganglioma-Pheochromocytoma: Deletion/Duplication Panel

Test Code: MD203  
Turnaround time: 2 weeks  
CPT Codes: 81228 x1, 81403 x1

**Condition Description**

The estimated prevalence of pheochromocytomas (PHEOs) is 1:4500 and 1:1700 for paragangliomas (PGLs), with an annual incidence of 3 to 8 cases per 1 million a year in the general population. The age of onset for PGL individuals is between 15 and 45 years of age, with early symptoms typically consisting of local swelling and cranial nerve injury. Although the tumors are benign in nature, only 4-16% shows malignant degeneration, giving rise to swelling causing cranial nerve damage, facial asymmetry, deafness, or hoarseness. PGLs are composed of pheochromocytomas (PCC, FPGLs, PH, or PHEOs) and extra-adrenal PGLs, and are characterized by the tumor production and secretion of catecholamines arising from the adrenal medulla (pheochromocytoma) or sympathetic nervous ganglia. Diagnosis for PGLs is determined by a biochemical assay, tumor location, function, inheritance, and gene mutation. If the tumor has metastasized the overall five year survival rate in patients is 40-72%. Size and location of the primary tumor has been correlated with risk for metastasis and the duration of survival.

**Reference:**


**Genes**

FH, MAX, RET, SDHAF2, SDHB, SDHC, SDHD, TMEM127, VHL

**Indications**

The test is indicated for:

- Individuals with a clinical or suspected diagnosis of pheochromocytomas and paragangliomas.

**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.

**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 (EDTA)**

**Specimen Requirements:**

- EDTA (Purple Top)  
- Infants and Young Children (2 years of age to 10 years old): 3-5 ml  
- Older Children & Adults: 5-10 ml  
- Autopsy: 2-3 ml unclotted cord or cardiac blood

**Specimen Collection and Shipping:**

Ship sample at room temperature for receipt at EGL within 24 hours of collection. Do not refrigerate or freeze.

**Type: DNA, Isolated**

**Specimen Requirements:**

- Microtainer  
- 3µg  
- Isolation using the Perkin Elmer™Chemagen™ Chemagen™ Automated Extraction method or Qiagen™ Puregene kit for DNA extraction is recommended.

**Specimen Collection and Shipping:**

Refrigerate until time of shipment in 100 ng/µL in TE buffer. Ship sample at room temperature with overnight delivery.

**Special Instructions**

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This test is for germline mutation analysis. DNA isolated from FFPE tumor samples is not suitable for this test.

**Related Tests**

- Hereditary Cancer Syndrome: Sequencing Panel.
- Paraganglioma-Pheochromocytoma: Sequencing Panel.