**ELN-related Disorders: ELN Gene Sequencing**

**Test Code:** MM440  
**Turnaround time:** 6 weeks  
**CPT Codes:** 81479 x1

### Condition Description

Numerous genetic disorders, including connective tissue, cardiac, pulmonary, and seizure, are associated with pathogenic variants found in the *ELN* gene. This gene provides instructions for making proteins called tropoelastin. These proteins attach to one another and are processed to form a mature protein called elastin. Elastin is the major component of elastic fibers; slender bundles of proteins that provide strength and flexibility to connective tissue. Elastic fibers are found in the intricate lattice that forms in the spaces between cells, where they give structural support to organs and tissues such as the heart, skin, lungs, ligaments, and blood vessels.

Reference:
- GeneReviews.

### Genes

**ELN**

### Indications

This test is indicated for:
- Confirmation of a clinical diagnosis of an ELN-related disorder.

### Methodology

**Next Generation Sequencing:** In-solution hybridization of all coding exons is performed on the patient's genomic DNA. Although some deep intronic regions may also be analyzed, this assay is not meant to interrogate most promoter regions, deep intronic regions, or other regulatory elements, and does not detect single or multi-exon deletions or duplications. Direct sequencing of the captured regions is performed using next generation sequencing. The patient's gene sequences are then compared to a standard reference sequence. Potentially causative variants and areas of low coverage are Sanger-sequenced. Sequence variations are classified as pathogenic, likely pathogenic, benign, likely benign, or variants of unknown significance. Variants of unknown significance may require further studies of the patient and/or family members.

### Detection

**Next Generation Sequencing:** Clinical Sensitivity: Unknown. Mutations in the promoter region, some mutations in the introns and other regulatory element mutations cannot be detected by this analysis. Large deletions/duplications will not be detected by this analysis. Results of molecular analysis should be interpreted in the context of the patient's clinical/biochemical phenotype.

Analytical Sensitivity: ~99%.

### 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 72 hours of collection. Do not freeze.

**Type: DNA, Isolated**

**Specimen Requirements:**
- Microtainer  
  - 8µg  
  - 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.
Type: Saliva

Specimen Requirements:
Oragene™ Saliva Collection Kit
Orangene™ Saliva Collection Kit used according to manufacturer instructions. Please contact EGL for a Saliva Collection Kit for patients that cannot provide a blood sample.

Specimen Collection and Shipping:
Please do not refrigerate or freeze saliva sample. Please store and ship at room temperature.

Related Tests

- ELN-related Disorders: Deletion/Duplication Panel