

## Overview

### Useful For

Providing a genetic evaluation for patients with a personal or family history suggestive of a hereditary lipodystrophy

Establishing a diagnosis of a hereditary lipodystrophy

### Genetics Test Information

This test utilizes next-generation sequencing to detect single nucleotide and copy number variants in 12 genes associated with hereditary lipodystrophy: *AGPAT2*, *BSCL2*, *CAV1*, *CAVIN1*, *FBN1*, *KCNJ6*, *LIPE*, *LMNA*, *PIK3R1*, *PLIN1*, *PPARG*, and *ZMPSTE24*. See [Targeted Genes and Methodology Details for Lipodystrophy Gene Panel](#) and Method Description for additional details.

Identification of a disease-causing variant may assist with diagnosis, prognosis, clinical management, familial screening, and genetic counseling for hereditary lipodystrophy.

[Prior Authorization](#) is available for this assay.

### Special Instructions

- [Informed Consent for Genetic Testing](#)
- [Informed Consent for Genetic Testing \(Spanish\)](#)
- [Hereditary Dyslipidemia Patient Information](#)
- [Targeted Genes and Methodology Details for Lipodystrophy Gene Panel](#)
- [Lipodystrophy Gene Panel \(LIPOG\) Prior Authorization Ordering Instructions](#)

### Method Name

Sequence Capture and Targeted Next-Generation Sequencing (NGS) followed by Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) and Sanger Sequencing

### NY State Available

Yes

## Specimen

### Specimen Type

Varies

### Ordering Guidance

Customization of this panel and single gene analysis for any gene present on this panel are available. For more information see CGPH / Custom Gene Panel, Hereditary, Next-Generation Sequencing, Varies.

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Targeted testing for familial variants (also called site-specific or known mutations testing) is available for the genes on this panel. See FMTT / Familial Variant, Targeted Testing, Varies. To obtain more information about this testing option, call 800-533-1710.

**Shipping Instructions**

Specimen preferred to arrive within 96 hours of collection.

**Necessary Information**

[Prior Authorization](#) is available, **but not required**, for this test. If proceeding with the prior authorization process, submit the required form with the specimen.

**Specimen Required**

**Patient Preparation:** A previous hematopoietic stem cell transplant from an allogenic donor will interfere with testing. For information about testing patients who have received a hematopoietic stem cell 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)

**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 4 days/Frozen 4 days

**Additional Information:**

1. Specimens are preferred to be received within 4 days of collection. Extraction will be attempted for specimens received after 4 days, and DNA yield will be evaluated to determine if testing may proceed.
2. To ensure minimum volume and concentration of DNA is met, the requested volume must be submitted. Testing may be canceled if DNA requirements are inadequate.

**Specimen Type:** Cord blood

**Container/Tube:**

**Preferred:** Lavender top (EDTA) or yellow top (ACD)

**Specimen Volume:** 3 mL

**Collection Instructions:**

1. Invert several times to mix blood.
2. Send cord blood specimen in original tube. Do not aliquot.

**Specimen Stability Information:** Ambient (preferred) 4 days/Refrigerated 4 days/Frozen 4 days

**Additional Information:**

1. Specimens are preferred to be received within 4 days of collection. Extraction will be attempted for specimens received after 4 days, and DNA yield will be evaluated to determine if testing may proceed.
2. To ensure minimum volume and concentration of DNA is met, the requested volume must be submitted. Testing may be canceled if DNA requirements are inadequate.
3. While a properly collected cord blood sample may not be at risk for maternal cell contamination, unanticipated complications may occur during collection. Therefore, maternal cell contamination studies are recommended to ensure

the test results reflect that of the patient tested and are available at an additional charge. Order MATCC / Maternal Cell Contamination, Molecular Analysis, Varies on the maternal specimen.

**Specimen Type:** Saliva

**Patient Preparation:** Patient should not eat, drink, smoke, or chew gum 30 minutes prior to collection.

**Supplies:** Saliva Swab Collection Kit (T786)

**Specimen Volume:** 2 Swabs

**Collection Instructions:** Collect and send specimen per kit instructions.

**Specimen Stability Information:** Ambient (preferred) 30 days/Refrigerated 30 days

**Additional information:** Saliva specimens are acceptable but not recommended. Due to lower quantity/quality of DNA yielded from saliva, some aspects of the test may not perform as well as DNA extracted from a whole blood sample. When applicable, specific gene regions that were unable to be interrogated will be noted in the report. Alternatively, additional specimen may be required to complete testing.

**Specimen Type:** Extracted DNA

**Container/Tube:**

**Preferred:** Screw Cap Micro Tube, 2 mL with skirted conical base

**Acceptable:** Matrix tube, 1 mL

**Collection Instructions:**

1. The preferred volume is at least 100 mL at a concentration of 75 ng/mL.
2. Include concentration and volume on tube.

**Specimen Stability Information:** Frozen (preferred) 1 year/Ambient/Refrigerated

**Additional Information:** DNA must be extracted in a CLIA-certified laboratory or equivalent and must be extracted from a specimen type listed as acceptable for this test (including applicable anticoagulants). Our laboratory has experience with Chemagic, Puregene, Autopure, MagnaPure, and EZ1 extraction platforms and cannot guarantee that all extraction methods are compatible with this test. If testing fails, one repeat will be attempted, and if unsuccessful, the test will be reported as failed and a charge will be applied. If applicable, specific gene regions that were unable to be interrogated due to DNA quality will be noted in the report.

## 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. [Hereditary Dyslipidemia Patient Information](#)

3. [Lipodystrophy Gene Panel \(LIPOG\) Prior Authorization Ordering Instructions](#)

4. If not ordering electronically, complete, print, and send a [Cardiovascular Test Request](#) (T724) with the specimen.

## Specimen Minimum Volume

1 mL

## Reject Due To

All specimens will be evaluated at Mayo Clinic Laboratories for test suitability.

## Specimen Stability Information

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time	Special Container
Varies	Varies		

Clinical & Interpretive

Clinical Information

Lipodystrophies are rare conditions characterized primarily by the inability to properly store adipose tissue in the absence of nutritional deficit or catabolic state.(1) Lipodystrophies can be genetic (hereditary) or acquired (caused by environmental factors such as illness). The two most common forms of hereditary lipodystrophies are congenital generalized lipodystrophy (CGL) and familial partial lipodystrophy (FPLD), which are named according to the regions of the body they affect.(1)

Congenital generalized lipodystrophy (also known as Berardinelli-Seip congenital lipodystrophy) is an autosomal recessive condition characterized by generalized absence fat throughout the entire body, generalized muscular appearance, and metabolic complications such as diabetes mellitus and dyslipidemia.(1,2) The prevalence of autosomal recessive CGL is not well-established, with estimates ranging from 1:10,000,000 to 1:25,000 depending on the population being considered.(2) Severe CGL is also a feature of Keppen-Lubinsky syndrome (KPLBS), an extremely rare autosomal dominant condition caused by biallelic, disease-causing variants in the *KCNJ6* gene. KPLBS is a syndromic condition characterized by severe generalized lipodystrophy, microcephaly, progeroid appearance, and intellectual disability.(3)

Familial partial lipodystrophy can be inherited in an autosomal dominant or autosomal recessive manner and is characterized by localized absence of fat in the limbs with possible metabolic complications.(1,4) FPLD can be isolated or can be a feature of a syndromic condition such as autosomal dominant SHORT syndrome (short stature, hyperextensibility of joints, ocular depression, Rieger anomaly, and teething delay) and autosomal recessive Mandibuloacral dysplasia with type B lipodystrophy.(4) The prevalence of FPLD is not known but thought to be rare.(4)

Disease-causing variants in the *LMNA* gene can lead to autosomal recessive and autosomal dominant forms of lipodystrophies, but variants in this gene are also associated with several autosomal dominant cardiac, connective tissue, and muscular dystrophy phenotypes.(4) Often, lipodystrophy is a single feature of a more syndromic condition when caused by disease-causing *LMNA* variants.(4)

The *FBN1* gene is primarily associated with autosomal dominant Marfan syndrome without features of lipodystrophy. However, literature suggests that specific disease-causing variants in the *FBN1* gene may lead to an overlapping phenotype characterized by partial features of Marfan syndrome, progeroid appearance, and clinical features of lipodystrophy.(5)

Reference Values

An interpretive report will be provided.

Interpretation

All detected variants are evaluated according to American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics recommendations.(6) Variants are classified based on known, predicted, or possible pathogenicity and reported with

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interpretive comments detailing their potential or known significance.

**Cautions**

Clinical Correlations:

Test results should be interpreted in the context of clinical findings, family history, and other laboratory data. Misinterpretation of results may occur if the information provided is inaccurate or incomplete.

If testing was performed because of a clinically significant family history, it is often useful to first test an affected family member. Detection of a reportable variant in an affected family member would allow for more informative testing of at-risk individuals.

To discuss the availability of additional testing options or for assistance in the interpretation of these results, contact the Mayo Clinic Laboratories genetic counselors at 800-533-1710.

Technical Limitations:

Next-generation sequencing may not detect all types of genomic variants. In rare cases, false-negative or false-positive results may occur. The depth of coverage may be variable for some target regions; assay performance below the minimum acceptable criteria or for failed regions will be noted. Given these limitations, negative results do not rule out the diagnosis of a genetic disorder. If a specific clinical disorder is suspected, evaluation by alternative methods can be considered.

There may be regions of genes that cannot be effectively evaluated by sequencing or deletion and duplication analysis as a result of technical limitations of the assay, including regions of homology, high guanine-cytosine (GC) content, and repetitive sequences. Confirmation of select reportable variants will be performed by alternate methodologies based on internal laboratory criteria.

This test is validated to detect 95% of deletions up to 75 base pairs (bp) and insertions up to 47 bp. Deletions-insertions (delins) of 40 or more bp, including mobile element insertions, may be less reliably detected than smaller delins.

Deletion/Duplication Analysis:

This analysis targets single and multi-exon deletions/duplications; however, in some instances single exon resolution cannot be achieved due to isolated reduction in sequence coverage or inherent genomic complexity. Balanced structural rearrangements (such as translocations and inversions) may not be detected.

This test is not designed to detect low levels of mosaicism or to differentiate between somatic mutations and germline variants. If there is a possibility that any detected variant is somatic, additional testing may be necessary to clarify the significance of results.

Genes may be added or removed based on updated clinical relevance. Refer to the [Targeted Genes and Methodology Details for Lipodystrophy Gene Panel](#) for the most up to date list of genes included in this test. For detailed information regarding gene specific performance and technical limitations, see Method Description or contact a laboratory genetic counselor.

If the patient has had an allogeneic hematopoietic stem cell transplant or a recent blood transfusion, results may be inaccurate due to the presence of donor DNA. Call Mayo Clinic Laboratories for instructions for testing patients who

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have received a bone marrow transplant.

**Reclassification of Variants:**

At this time, it is not standard practice for the laboratory to systematically review previously classified variants on a regular basis. The laboratory encourages healthcare professionals to contact the laboratory at any time to learn how the classification of a particular variant may have changed over time.

**Variant Evaluation:**

Evaluation and categorization of variants are performed using published American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics and the Association for Molecular Pathology recommendations as a guideline.<sup>(6)</sup> Other gene-specific guidelines may also be considered. Variants are classified based on known, predicted, or possible pathogenicity and reported with interpretive comments detailing their potential or known significance. Variants classified as benign or likely benign are not reported.

Multiple in silico evaluation tools may be used to assist in the interpretation of these results. The accuracy of predictions made by in silico evaluation tools is highly dependent upon the data available for a given gene, and periodic updates to these tools may cause predictions to change over time. Results from in silico evaluation tools should be interpreted with caution and professional clinical judgment.

Rarely, incidental or secondary findings may implicate another predisposition or presence of active disease. Incidental findings may include, but are not limited to, results related to the sex chromosomes. These findings will be carefully reviewed to determine whether they will be reported.

**Clinical Reference**

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**Performance**

## Method Description

Next-generation sequencing (NGS) and/or Sanger sequencing are performed to test for the presence of variants in coding regions and intron/exon boundaries of the genes analyzed, as well as some other regions that have known disease-causing variants. The human genome reference GRCh37/hg19 build was used for sequence read alignment. At least 99% of the bases are covered at a read depth over 30X. Sensitivity is estimated at above 99% for single nucleotide variants, above 94% for deletion/insertions (delins) less than 40 base pairs (bp), above 95% for deletions up to 75 bp and insertions up to 47 bp. NGS and/or a polymerase chain reaction-based quantitative method is performed to test for the presence of deletions and duplications in the genes analyzed.

There may be regions of genes that cannot be effectively evaluated by sequencing or deletion and duplication analysis as a result of technical limitations of the assay, including regions of homology, high guanine-cytosine (GC) content, and repetitive sequences. See [Targeted Genes and Methodology Details for Lipodystrophy Gene Panel](#) for details regarding the targeted genes analyzed for each test and specific gene regions not routinely covered.(Unpublished Mayo method)

Confirmation of select reportable variants may be performed by alternate methodologies based on internal laboratory criteria.

Genes analyzed: *AGPAT2*, *BSCL2*, *CAV1*, *CAVIN1*, *FBN1*, *KCNJ6*, *LIPE*, *LMNA*, *PIK3R1*, *PLIN1*, *PPARG*, and *ZMPSTE24*

## PDF Report

Supplemental

## Day(s) Performed

Varies

## Report Available

21 to 35 days

## Specimen Retention Time

Whole blood: 28 days (if available); Saliva: 30 days (if available); Extracted DNA: 3 months

## Performing Laboratory Location

Mayo Clinic Laboratories - Rochester Main Campus

## Fees & Codes

### Fees

- Authorized users can sign in to [Test Prices](#) for detailed fee information.
- Clients without access to Test Prices can contact [Customer Service](#) 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- Prospective clients should contact their account representative. For assistance, contact [Customer Service](#).

## Test Classification

This test was developed and its performance characteristics determined by Mayo Clinic in a manner consistent with CLIA requirements. It has not been cleared or approved by the US Food and Drug Administration.

CPT Code Information

81406 x2  
81408  
81479  
81479 (if appropriate for government payers)

Prior Auhtorization

Insurance preauthorization is available for this testing; forms are available.

Patient financial assistance may be available to those who qualify. Patients who receive a bill from Mayo Clinic Laboratories will receive information on eligibility and how to apply.

LOINC® Information

Test ID	Test Order Name	Order LOINC® Value
LIPOG	Lipodystrophy Gene Panel	51966-0

Result ID	Test Result Name	Result LOINC® Value
617338	Test Description	62364-5
617339	Specimen	31208-2
617340	Source	31208-2
617341	Result Summary	50397-9
617342	Result	82939-0
617343	Interpretation	69047-9
617344	Additional Results	82939-0
617345	Resources	99622-3
617346	Additional Information	48767-8
617347	Method	85069-3
617348	Genes Analyzed	48018-6
617349	Disclaimer	62364-5
617350	Released By	18771-6