

INFORMED CONSENT FOR MOLECULAR GENETIC SENDOUT TESTING

Patient Name _____ **Date of Birth** ___/___/___ **Gender** Female Male

I request DNA analysis for the condition(s) _____

The intended purpose is: **Diagnosis** **Carrier status** **Predictive** **Prenatal**

Other _____

I request that my (or my child's or my fetus') sample be tested for the above-designated genetic condition(s). My signature below constitutes my acknowledgment that the benefits, risks, and limitations of this testing have been explained to my satisfaction by a qualified health professional and I have been provided a copy of the corresponding technical bulletin describing testing for the condition(s) listed above.

1. DNA test results may:
 - a) diagnose whether or not I have (or my child/fetus has) this condition or am at risk for developing this condition
 - b) indicate whether or not I am (or my child/fetus is) a carrier for this condition
 - c) predict another family member has or is at risk for developing this condition
 - d) predict another family member is a carrier of this condition
 - e) be indeterminate due to technical limitations or familial genetic patterns
 - f) reveal non-paternity
2. DNA testing is specific to the condition(s) named above and will not detect all causative mutations.
3. The significance of a positive and a negative test result based on my family history has been explained.
4. Although DNA testing usually yields precise information, several sources of error are possible. These include, but are not limited to, clinical misdiagnosis of the condition, sample misidentification, and inaccurate information regarding family relationships.
5. If a gene mutation is identified, insurance rates, obtaining disability or life insurance, and employability could be affected. Federal law extends some protections regarding genetic discrimination (<http://www.genome.gov/10002328>). It is my responsibility to consider the possible impact of these results. All test results are released to the ordering health care provider and those parties entitled to them by state and local laws.
6. The results are not intended to be used as the sole means for clinical diagnosis or patient management decisions.
7. DNA analysis is a fee-for-service test. I will be responsible for payment after the testing has begun, even if I decide not to receive results.
8. Genetic counseling is recommended prior to, as well as following, genetic testing.

Patient/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Physician/Genetic Counselor:
 I have explained DNA testing and its limitations to the patient or legal guardian and answered all questions.

Printed Name of Physician/Genetic Counselor _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Phone Number _____