UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland

Requisition form for Hemoglobinopathy Testing
Hemoglobinopathy Reference Laboratory
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* **Patient name:** _____ * **DOB:** _____ **Ethnicity:** _____

* **Date of Sample Collection:** _____

Recent Transfusion: ◯ **Yes** ◯ **No** **If yes, date of transfusion:** _____

* **Ordering Physician/ Sender's information:**_____

* **Billing information, email address:** _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Please provide the following laboratory information (if available):

Hb:	_____ g/dL	HbA:	_____ %	Serum Iron:	_____ ug/dL
RBC:	_____ $x10^9$ /ul	HbA2:	_____ %	Ferritin:	_____ ug/dL
MCV:	_____ fL	HbF:	_____ %		
MCH:	_____ Pg	Others:	_____ %		

Check tests requested:

☐ Hb variant identification by Isoelectric Focusing (IEF) and/or Capillary Electrophoresis (CE)

☐ Alpha thalassemia, common deletions (Alpha Multiplex GAP-PCR)

☐ Alpha globin gene sequencing (Alpha Multiplex GAP-PCR will be performed, unless results provided)

☐ Beta Globin gene sequencing

☐ Gamma Globin gene sequencing

☐ Alpha Globin gene Triplication

☐ HPFH (Hereditary Persistence of Fetal Hemoglobin), most common deletions

☐ MLPA (Multiplex Ligation-dependent Probe Amplification) for alpha-globin gene cluster

☐ MLPA (Multiplex Ligation-dependent Probe Amplification) for beta-globin gene cluster

☐ Xmn1 (screening for the polymorphism)

☐ Other specialized tests (please specify): _____

* required

Thalassemia and Hemoglobinopathy Evaluation:

- **Alpha thalassemia, common deletions (Alpha Multiplex GAP-PCR):** If genetic testing for alpha thalassemia is indicated based on RBC indices, Alpha thalassemia, common deletions, would be the PREFERRED initial genetic test. This assay detects 7 of the most common alpha thalassemia deletions ($--^{SEA}/$, $--^{FIL}/$, $--^{THAI}/$, $--^{MED}/$, $--^{20.5}/$, $-\alpha^{3.7}/$, $-\alpha^{4.2}/$), and Hb Constant Spring (α^{CS}) point mutation.

- **Alpha globin gene sequencing**: This assay detects alpha thalassemia mutations and alpha chain variants by Sanger sequencing. If alpha thalassemia is suspected and "Alpha Thalassemia, Common Deletions" is negative, alpha-globin gene sequencing should be the next test. Alpha Multiplex GAP-PCR for genotyping will be performed unless results provided.

- **Alpha MLPA (Multiplex Ligation-dependent Probe Amplification):** Detecting deletions and duplications (copy number variation) within the α-globin gene cluster.

- **Beta globin gene sequencing:** This assay detects beta thalassemia mutations and beta chain variants (e.g., Hb S, Hb C, Hb D, Hb E, Hb O-Arab, etc.) by Sanger sequencing.

- **Beta MLPA (Multiplex Ligation-dependent Probe Amplification)**: Detecting deletions (delta-beta deletions) and duplications within the β-globin gene cluster.

- **Alpha Globin gene Triplication**: This assay detects additional α-gene copy, (ααα-anti 3.7) and (ααα-anti 4.2) by Multiplex PCR assay.

- **HPFH (Hereditary Persistence of Fetal Hemoglobin), most common deletions:** This assay detects common HPFH deletions (HPFH-1, HPFH-2, HPFH-3, HPFH-7, SEA-HPFH, and Hb Lepore's by deletion-specific PCR assay.

- **Xmn1 (screening for the polymorphism):** This assay detects a polymorphism associated with increase in fetal Hb, a beneficial finding in many patients with thalassemia or sickle-cell disease.

Test Classification:

- These molecular assays were developed and validated by the Hemoglobinopathy Reference Laboratory according to CLIA requirements. These assays have not been cleared or approved by the US Food and Drug Administration.
- Test results should be interpreted in the context of clinical findings, family history, and other laboratory data.
- Rare polymorphisms exist that could lead to false-negative or false-positive results. If results obtained do not match the clinical findings, additional testing should be considered.
- Bone Marrow transplants from allogenic donors will interfere with testing.

Sample Collection and Shipping

- Please complete the requisition form. Visit https://hemoglobinlab.ucsf.edu or contact the laboratory (Monday - Friday 7:00 AM to 4 PM) for detailed information on the tests provided.

- Collect a minimum of 0.6-2 ml whole blood into a purple (or lavender) EDTA tube. Immediately invert the tube several times to ensure complete mixing of blood with anticoagulant in the tube. Label the tube with the patient's name, date of birth and collection date.

- When the temperature in the sample collection tube decreases below freezing point, the blood cells will hemolyze!! Use sufficient airspace between ice packs and tube (bubble wrap, inserted in secondary tube) to avoid direct contact. **Avoid freezing the samples!!!**

Shipping

Insert the specimen tubes into a BIOHAZARD Ziplock plastic bag with absorbent material (e.g., paper towel) and seal. Ship specimen (overnight) to the address below:

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CPT codes:

Alpha Thalassemia, Common deletion	81257
Alpha Gene Sequencing	81259
Alpha MLPA	81404
Beta Gene Sequencing	81364
Beta MLPA	81403
Alpha Gene Triplication	81404
Hereditary Persistent Fetal Hemoglobin	81403
Gamma Gene Sequencing	81404
Xmn1 polymorphism	81403
Hepcidin (immunoassay)	86849
Pitted RBC count	85999
Isoelectric focusing (IEF)	82664
Solubility testing	85660