

Diagnostic and Advisory Service for Muscle Channelopathies

Referral Form

Referrals to the Diagnostic service:

We are happy to accept any adult referrals for possible muscle channelopathies in our Channelopathy Clinic at the National Hospital for Neurology and Neurosurgery. This just requires an e-referral from a GP or letter from a hospital doctor and is free for patients in England and Scotland. It is also available to patients in other areas with prior authorisation (please enclose the funding authorisation letter with the referral) . Children under 16 years with possible muscle channelopathies can be seen in our Paediatric Channelopathy Clinic at Great Ormond Street Hospital with a GP or hospital doctor referral.

Referral criteria for Genetic testing only:

We can accept referrals for the genetic testing of the skeletal muscle channelopathy panel (R76.1) from Neurologists or Clinical Geneticists (as per the National Genomic Test Directory eligibility criteria: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/publication/national-genomic-test-directories/>).

All requests require a completed referral form before the sample can be tested and must meet the following criteria:

1. **Adults:**
 - Patient consent for testing
 - Signs or symptoms of a muscle channelopathy
 - Or
 - Family history of a muscle channelopathy
2. **Children (under 16 years)**
 - Signs or symptoms of a muscle channelopathy
 - Parental consent for testing

(Please note we do not test asymptomatic children except in cases of a family history of Andersen Tawil syndrome)

Contact details:

Please send all genetic samples to:
Rare & Inherited Disease Genomic Laboratory
North Thames GLH
Level 5 Barclay House
37 Queen Square
London WC1N 3BH
Email: ucl-tr.NHNNgenetics@nhs.net
General Genetic Tel Enquiries: 0207 829 8870

All referral forms can be sent to:

Email: uclh.enquiry.musclechannelerservice@nhs.net

For any clinical advice or queries or to discuss referrals please contact:

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Clinical Enquiries: 020 3448 8155



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Please fill out this form if you would like patients to be seen for clinical analysis or muscle channel genetic analysis.

Patient and Requester Details			
NHS No:		Sex:	Date of Birth:
Surname:		Address (including postcode):	
Forename:			
Ethnicity:		Clinician:	
Hospital:		Hospital No:	
Email:		Reporting address:	

Assessment Information	
Clinical Assessment Required?	<input type="checkbox"/>
Genetic Testing Required?	<input type="checkbox"/>

Possible Clinical Diagnosis	
Periodic Paralysis	<input type="checkbox"/>
Myotonia	<input type="checkbox"/>

Clinical Details	
Age at onset:	
Myotonia?:	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
Warm-up	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cold sensitive	<input type="checkbox"/>
Worse with exercise	<input type="checkbox"/>
Distribution of myotonia?	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
Face/eyes	<input type="checkbox"/>
Arms	<input type="checkbox"/>
Legs	<input type="checkbox"/>
Weakness?	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
Episodic	<input type="checkbox"/>
Progressive	<input type="checkbox"/>
Distribution of weakness	
Precipitants?	
Anaesthetics problems	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/> Details:
Previous treatments	
Family history:	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
Consanguinity:	<input type="checkbox"/>

Examination	
Muscle weakness:	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
Clinical myotonia:	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
Hypertrophy:	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
Hypotonia	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
Facial dysmorphism	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input type="checkbox"/>
Other signs (e.g. contractures, pain):	

Results of Investigations		
CK:	K+ during attack:	
DM1 testing: <input type="checkbox"/>	DM2 testing: <input type="checkbox"/>	
ECG:	Normal <input type="checkbox"/>	Long QT <input type="checkbox"/>
EMG:	Myotonia <input type="checkbox"/>	Myopathy <input type="checkbox"/>
Short exercise test:		
Long exercise test:		
Muscle biopsy:		

Relevant correspondence and other information (Include additional clinical features and family tree)