

BEFORE YOU BEGIN:

There are multiple samples requested for this testing and you will notice multiple collection containers. This page is designed to provide a high level overview of the collection process and requirements while each bag will contain very specific and detailed instructions.

IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW AND CONSIDER

- Testing is not available for patients less than 2 years old
- Female patients should not collect during menstrual period

2 Days before the test

- Discontinue all of the following (unless instructed otherwise by your physician):
 - » Supplements containing creatine, vitamin C or any mineral elements measured on this test
 - » Other substances that may influence urinary element excretion of elements
 - » Seafood (unless asked to continue by your healthcare provider)
 - » Continue with the above food restrictions until your sample is completely collected

24 hrs before the test:

- Eat usual diet, but avoid over-consuming any single food or extreme diet
- Fluid intakes should be limited to eight (8) 8-ounce glasses of fluid over a 24 hour period

BAG ONE contains the collection instructions supplies needed to collect a

Blood Spot Essential & Metabolic Fatty Acid Profile

(note this may or may not be requested by your Health Care Provider, please see requisition form to determine if this collection is necessary. This is typically collected the morning of Day 1 and requires an 8 hour fast)

BAG TWO contains the collection instructions and supplies needed to collect urine specimens for a **Metabolomix**+

(note this requires an 8 hour fast and is typically collected the morning of Day 2) as well as collection instructions and supplies needed to collect a **buccal swab for genetic markers** (note this may or not be requested by your Health Care Provider, **please see requisition form to determine if this collection is necessary**.

This is also typically collected the morning of Day 2)



ENSURE THE FOLLOWING:

Blood spot card

☐ First and last name and date of collection are written on the bloodspot call.	card
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- ☐ Placed in resealable plastic bag with desiccant/moisture absorbent pack
- ☐ Completely dried (apprx 24 hours)

All required information:

Can be completed online or using included paper forms

- ☐ All sections of **test requisition form** completed
- □ Payment information provided
- ☐ **All tubes, the card, and associated forms** placed back in the original Genova sample collection pack box prior to shipping

SHIP THE SAMPLE(S) TO THE LAB

Ship only Monday through Friday, and within 24 hours after final collection.

Please refer to the shipping instruction insert found in your Genova sample collection pack box.



REGISTER FOR THE PATIENT RESOURCE CENTER AT WWW.GDX.NET/PRC

- Complete health surveys
- Make payments
- · Access test results



PATIENT SAMPLE COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING PROFILE

Metabolomix+*

Add -on Bloodspot Essential & Metabolic Fatty Acids*

Bloodspot

#3202

BAG ONE COLLECTION MATERIALS FOR SAMPLE





Lancets (2)

Bloodspot card

REQUIRED MATERIALS

- Alcohol prep pad (2)
- · Adhesive bandage
- Absorbent pad
- Resealable plastic bag with desiccant/moisture absorbent pack
- Genova sample collection pack box
- FedEx® Clinical Lab Pak and Billable Stamp

IMPORTANT PREP BEFORE PATIENT TAKES TEST

Night before the test

• Patients must fast overnight prior to collecting the bloodspot

PLEASE READ THE BEFORE YOU BEGIN SHEET INCLUDED BEFORE PROCEEDING TO COLLECTION

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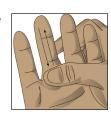
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BLOOD SPOT COLLECTION

- Write first and last name and date of collection on the blood spot card
- Wash hands with warm water for a minimum of 20 seconds. Dry hands.

To improve circulation;

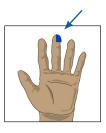
- **Hold** your hand lower than heart level and **gently massage** the entire length the middle finger for 30 seconds.
- Firmly **grasp** the top knuckle of the middle finger for a few seconds to restrict return circulation.
- **Hang** arm down and **gently shake** your fingers a few seconds to increase blood pools in the finger.



3 Clean the tip of your finger with the alcohol pad.



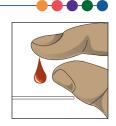
- **Remove** the clear cover from the lancet. One end of the lancet has a small hole in the center; this will be the end that you press firmly against your finger to engage the lancet.
- 5 Locate the appropriate site on the middle fingertip (see image).



6 Place the hole-end of the lancet firmly against your fingertip to depress the tip and release the lancet. The lancet will immediately retract safely after depression.

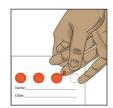


Using your thumb, gently massage entire length of the pricked finger to form repeated blood drops. As each drop forms, touch the tip of the drop to a circle on the collection card. Do not smear. Do NOT touch fingertip to card!!



8 Repeat until blood has soaked to the border of the circle on the collection card. Continue this procedure for all four circles.

If you are unable to get enough blood from the first collection, repeat this procedure with a different finger.



If necessary, use the absorbent pad to dry the site on your finger after your collection. Use the enclosed adhesive bandage as needed.

Allow absorbent collection card to air dry overnight, approximately 24 hours, before placing in the resealable plastic bag with desiccant/moisture absorbent pack for shipping. If the card is not completely dry, your sample may be unusable.

AVOID:	CONFIRM:			
Layering blood on a previously dried spot	Blood should saturate through both sides of the card			
Smearing blood onto the card	Requisition is properly completed and signed			
Touching the surface of the card with fingers	Dried card is in zip lock bag with desiccant			
ACCEPTABLE COLLECTION CARD EXAMPLE	UNACCEPTABLE COLLECTION CARD EXAMPLE:			

ENSURE THE FOLLOWING:

□ Labels completed with patient's date of birth are on all tubes as well as the test requisition form

All tubes:

Are	tigh	tly	closed

- ☐ Sealed in the biohazard bag with absorbent pad
- ☐ Frozen until packaged for shipping

Swabs (ONLY FOR GENOMICS ADD-ONS):

☐ Swabs in the package and in the envelope

All required information:

Can be completed online or using included paper forms

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Metabolomix + BAG TWO COLLECTION

TAILERT SAME LE COLLECTION INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING FROM LEC(S)						
Metabolomix+*	Urine	#3200				
Add-on Toxic Clearance Profile*	Urine	#3203				
Add-on Comprehensive Urine Elements*	Urine	#3204				
Add -on SNP - APO E (C112R + R158C)	Buccal Swab	#5204				
Add -on SNP - MTHFR Combined (A1298C + C677T)	Buccal Swab	#5201				
Add -on SNP - TNFA	Buccal Swab	#5203				
Add -on SNP - COMT (V158M)	Buccal Swab	#5202				

BAG TWO COLLECTION MATERIALS FOR SAMPLE

COLLECTION MATERIALS FOR URINE



Tube







Urine Tube









FOR SALIVA

Cotton Swabs Envelope and Package

REOUIRED MATERIALS

- · Foam Insulator box
- Freezer brick
- Absorbent pad
- · Test requisition form

- Biohazard bag
- Genova sample collection pack box
- FedEx® Clinical Lab Pak and Billable Stamp
- Collection labels (5)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION BEFORE YOU BEGIN THE URINE AND SALIVA COLLECTION

URINE COLLECTION

24 HOURS BEFORE THE TEST:

- Eat usual diet, but avoid over-consuming any single food or extreme diet
- Fluid intakes should be limited to eight (8) 8-ounce glasses of fluid over a 24 hour period

NIGHT BEFORE THE TEST:

- You must fast overnight prior to your urine/swab collection
- Females should not collect urine during a menstrual period
- Freeze the enclosed freezer brick overnight before shipping.
- Please note, patients may not be treated with provocation agent for purposes of testing.

Urine Tube Preservative

• Avoid contact with the skin and eyes. For eye contact, flush with water thoroughly for 15 minutes. For skin contact, wash thoroughly with soap and water. If ingested, contact poison control center immediately.

SALIVA COLLECTION (ONLY FOR GENOMICS ADD-ON TESTING)

NIGHT BEFORE THE TEST:

• Use your normal nightly routine of brushing and flossing of teeth, but do not use mouthwash

MORNING OF COLLECTION

- Specimen must be collected immediately upon rising. Do not practice normal oral hygiene routine, do not eat or drink anything other than water.
- Just prior to collection, wash hands completely with hand soap

SALIVA COLLECTION (ONLY FOR GENOMICS ADD-ON TESTING)

- Label all tubes with the patient's date of birth. Do not discard tube fluid.
- Write patient's first and last name, date of birth, gender and date of collection on the Test Requisition Form.



3 If you wake up to urinate during the night (within six hours of waking) collect that urine into one of the provided urine cups (3/4 full), place lid on cup then refrigerate. Upon waking, collect your urine into the second urine cup (3/4 full), and pass any additional urine into the toilet. Mix the two urine collections back and forth between the 2 cups to achieve a uniform mixture.

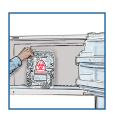


4 Use the pipette to transfer urine from the collection container into the Green-top Preservative Tube, Blue-top Urine Tube, Blue-top Amber Tube, and Green-top Urine Tube until all are nearly full.

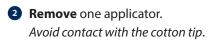


- Recap the tubes tightly and shake.
- 6 Place the tubes into the biohazard bag labeled BAG ONE and freeze for a minimum of 2 hours.



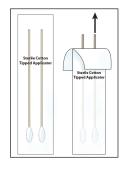


 Keeping the packet intact, peel open the package labeled, "Sterile Cotton Tipped Applicator."
Only peel back the package far enough to remove the cotton swab applicator.





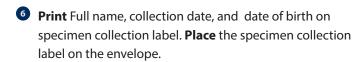
Open your mouth widely and insert applicator. For at least 30 seconds, aggressively scrape the inside of your cheek using a back and forth, and up and down motion. Rotate the applicator several times, and swab between the cheek and gums. Avoid excessive saliva.

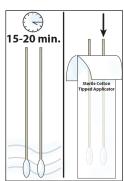


Note: Follow these instructions carefully to ensure the swab collects a sufficient amount of cheek cells. If there is not enough DNA collected on the applicator, a recollection will be required.



- **4** REPEAT FIGURES 2 3 WITH SECOND SWAB
- **Solution Allow** swabs to air dry for 15-20 minutes, then replace them (swab first) into the swab applicator package.





Insert swab applicator package into the letter envelope and seal. Deliver the envelope, along with the frozen bag containing urine sample, to your healthcare provider's office.

