**General Information**

**Lab Order Codes:** EX12

**Synonyms:** Exostoses 1 and 2; Hereditary multiple osteochondromata; Multiple cartilaginous exostoses; Diaphyseal aclasis; HME

**CPT Codes:** 81479 x4 – Molecular Pathology Unlisted procedure

**Test Includes:** Using genomic DNA obtained from the submitted specimen, bi-directional sequence of all 11 coding exons of the EXT1 gene is obtained and analyzed. Concurrently, targeted array CGH analysis with exon-level resolution (ExonArrayDx) is performed to evaluate for a deletion or duplication of one or more exons in both the EXT1 and EXT2 genes. Mutations found in the first person of a family to be tested are confirmed by repeat analysis using sequencing, restriction fragment analysis, or other appropriate method.

**Logistics**

**Test Indications:** Individuals with HME often develop benign cartilage-capped tumors (exostoses) at the ends of the long bones or the surface of flat bones. Exostoses develop prior to skeletal maturity only. Bony deformity, bowing of the long bones, limited range of motion, and premature osteoarthrosis may be associated with hereditary multiple exostoses (HME). Exostoses also may cause complications by putting pressure on nearby tissues, nerves or blood vessels. A rare but severe risk in patients with multiples exostoses is the development of malignant chondrosarcoma, which in 1-5% of patients. Mutation in the EXT1 gene seems to be associated with a more severe disease and higher risk of developing chondrosarcoma than EXT2 mutations.

**Reasons for referral:**
1. Confirmation of a clinical diagnosis
2. Genetic counseling

**Lab Testing Sections:** Anatomic Pathology - Sendouts

**Referred to:** GeneDx, Inc. (GDX#: 1813)

**Phone Numbers:** MIN Lab: 612-813-6280
STP Lab: 651-220-6550
Test Availability: Daily, 24 hours (Preferred draws are Sunday - Thursday as specimens can only be received at the reference lab Monday - Friday. Specimens collected Friday or Saturday will be held for shipment on Monday.)

Turnaround Time: 4 weeks

Special Instructions: A GeneDx signed request form must be sent with any patient or specimen to the laboratory.

Specimen

Specimen Type: Whole blood

Container: Lavender top (EDTA) tube

Draw Volume: 1 - 5 mL blood

Processed Volume: Same as Draw Volume

Collection: Routine blood collection, invert gently to mix

Special Processing: Lab Staff: Send whole blood in original collection container labeled with patient name, date of birth and medical record number, including signed consent form and requisition, with a cool pack, via overnight or second-day courier so that the sample will arrive at GeneDx, Inc. on a Monday – Saturday. Samples drawn on Saturday should be held at refrigerated temperatures for shipment on Monday. Cool packs should be used in warm weather. Do not freeze. Note: Specimens may be stored at refrigerated temperature for up to 7 days prior to shipping.

Patient Preparation: None

Sample Rejection: Unrefrigerated specimens older than 48 hours; clotted or hemolyzed for blood; frozen specimens; mislabeled or unlabeled specimens

Interpretive

Reference Range: No mutations detected

Critical Values: N/A

Limitations: Buccal brushes cannot be accepted for this testing.

Methodology: Capillary sequencing, exon array CGH

References: GeneDx, Inc. January 2018
Updates:  
2/6/2013: CPT update  
1/20/2018: CPT, shipping and method update.