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**Lab Dept:**                   **Anatomic Pathology**

**Test Name:**               **TGFBR1 &TGFBR2 GENE SEQUENCING**

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***General Information***

**Lab Order Codes:**       LDAB

**Synonyms:**               Loeys-Dietz syndrome, Type 1A (LDS1A) TGFBR1; Loeys-Dietz syndrome, Type 1B (LDS1B); Loeys-Dietz Types 1A/1B; LDS Types 1A/1B

**CPT Codes:**               81405 x2 – Molecular Pathology procedure, Level 6

**Test Includes:**           Direct DNA sequencing of PCR products generated from genomic DNA, sequencing of exons and exon-intron boundaries, point mutations, splice site mutations and small exonic deletions, insertions and indels.

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***Logistics***

**Test Indications:**       For confirmation of symptoms and the clinical diagnosis related to Loeys-Dietz syndrome, type 1A (LDS1A) TGFBR1 and Loeys-Dietz syndrome, type 1B (LDS1B) TGFBR2.

Loeys-Dietz syndrome (LDS) is a recently described syndrome caused by mutations in one of two genes, TGFBR1 (Type 1A) or TGFBR2 (Type 1B). The reported phenotype is highly variable and overlaps considerably with Ehlers-Danlos syndrome IV or Marfan syndrome. A high percentage of patients have aortic root aneurysm or other arterial aneurysms. Some have cardiac abnormalities including patent ductus or atrial septal defects. Many display arterial tortuosity. Skeletal defects may include hypertelorism, pectus defects, joint laxity, craniosynostosis, arachnodactyly, scoliosis, talipes equinovarus, camptodactyly and malar hypoplasia. Some have dural ectasia. Additional features may include uterine, spleen or bowel rupture, thin, translucent, hyperextensible or velvety skin with atrophic scars and easy bruising. Blue sclera and a bifid uvula have also been observed.

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

**Referred to:**             Connective Tissue Gene Tests (CTGT Test: 1181)

**Phone Numbers:**       MIN Lab: 612-813-6280

STP Lab: 651-220-6550

**Test Availability:**       Daily, 24 hours

**Turnaround Time:**       2 - 4 weeks

**Special Instructions:** Please include a completed CTGT [Request form](#) with the patient or specimen to the laboratory.

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### ***Specimen***

**Specimen Type:** Whole blood

**Container:** Lavender top (EDTA) tube

**Draw Volume:** 6 mL (Minimum: 3 mL) blood

**Processed Volume:** Same as Draw Volume

**Collection:** Routine blood collection

**Special Processing:** Lab Staff: **Do Not** centrifuge. Specimen should be sent in original collection container. Ship at ambient temperature. Send via overnight shipping to reach CTGT Monday through Friday. If weekend or holiday when drawn, store at refrigerated temperatures. Please include a [CTGT Shipment Packing Slip](#) with the shipment.

**Patient Preparation:** None

**Sample Rejection:** Mislabeled or unlabeled specimen

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### ***Interpretive***

**Reference Range:** Interpretive report

**Critical Values:** N/A

**Limitations:** Published estimates of test sensitivity for genes linked to certain disorders can be very inaccurate, and that it is difficult to predict the probability of detecting a mutation in any single gene for one individual. The following factors contribute to this challenge: Many disorders have overlapping phenotypes; some disorders are linked to mutations in more than one gene; in some instances genes remain to be linked to specific disorders; for most disorders, proper diagnosis requires that clinical findings are considered along with genetic findings.

**Methodology:** Next Generation Sequencing

**References:** [Connective Tissue Gene Tests](#) April 2018  
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**Updates:** 2/11/2013: CPT update  
7/9/2013: CPT update CTGT, previously listed as 81406