INFORMED CONSENT

GeneDx

Patient First Name	Patient Last Name
Patient DOB (MM/DD/YYYY)	GeneDx Portal Order ID (if relevant)

For the purposes of this consent, "I", "my", and "your" will refer to me or to my child, including my unborn child, if my child is the person for whom the healthcare provider has ordered testing.

PURPOSE OF THIS TEST
The purpose of this test is (a) to see if I may have a genetic variant or chromosome rearrangement causing a genetic disorder; or (b) to evaluate the chance that I will develop or pass on a genetic disorder in the future. If I already know the specific gene variant(s) or chromosome rearrangement that causes the genetic disorder in my family, I agree to inform the laboratory of this information.

WHAT TYPE OF TEST RESULTS CAN I EXPECT FROM GENETIC TESTING?
1. Positive: A change in your DNA was found, which is very likely the cause of your features/symptoms. This is the most straightforward test result, which can be used as the basis to test other family members to determine their chances of having either the disease or a child with the disease.
2. Negative: No variants were found to explain your symptoms. This does not mean that you do not have a genetic condition. It is still possible that there is a genetic variant not found by the test that was ordered. Your healthcare provider or genetic counselor may discuss more testing either now or in the future.
3. Variant of Uncertain Significance (VUS): A change in a gene was found. However, we are not sure whether this variant is the cause of your symptoms/features. More information is needed. We may suggest testing other family members to help figure out the meaning of the test result.
4. Unexpected Results (ACMG Secondary Findings): In rare instances, this test may reveal an important genetic change that is not directly related to the reason for ordering this test. For example, this test may find you are at risk for another genetic condition I am not aware of or it may indicate differences in the number or rearrangement of sex chromosomes. We may disclose this information to the ordering healthcare provider if it likely affects medical care.

Because medical and scientific knowledge is constantly changing, new information that becomes available may supplement the information GeneDx used to interpret my results. Healthcare providers can contact GeneDx at any time to discuss the classification of an identified variant.

WHAT IS TRIO/DUO-BASED GENETIC TESTING?
For some genetic tests, including samples from the biological parents and/or other biological relatives along with the patient's sample can help with the interpretation of the test results. These tests are often referred to as "trio tests" since they typically include samples from the patient and both parents.

Samples from relatives should be submitted with the patient's sample. Clinical information must be provided for the patient and any relative who submits a sample.

I understand that GeneDx will use the relative sample(s) when needed for the interpretation of my test results and that my test report may include clinical and genetic information about a relative when it is relevant to the interpretation of the test results. I further understand that relatives will not receive an independent analysis of data nor a separate report.

RISKS AND LIMITATIONS OF GENETIC TESTING
1. In some cases, testing may not identify a genetic variant even though one exists. This may be due to limitations in current medical knowledge or testing technology.
2. Accurate interpretation of test results may require knowing the true biological relationships in a family. I understand that if I fail to accurately state the biological relationships in my family, it could lead to incorrect interpretation of the test results, incorrect diagnoses, and/or inconclusive test results. If genetic testing reveals that the true biological relationships in a family are not as I reported them, including non-paternity (the reported father is not the biological father) and consanguinity (the parents are related by blood), I agree to have these findings reported to the healthcare provider who ordered the test.
3. Although genetic testing is highly accurate, inaccurate results may occur. These reasons include, but are not limited to mislabeled samples, inaccurate reporting of clinical/medical information, rare technical errors, or other reasons.
4. I understand that this test may not detect all of the long-term medical risks that I might experience. The result of this test does not guarantee my health and that additional diagnostic tests may still need to be done.
5. I agree to provide an additional sample if the initial sample is not adequate.

PATIENT CONFIDENTIALITY AND GENETIC COUNSELING
It is recommended that I receive genetic counseling before and after having this genetic test. I can find a genetic counselor in my area at www.nsgc.org. Further testing or additional consultations with a healthcare provider may be necessary.

To maintain confidentiality, test results will only be released to the referring healthcare provider, the ordering laboratory, to me, to other healthcare providers involved in my care, diagnosis and treatment, or to others with my consent or as permitted or required by law. Federal laws prohibit unauthorized disclosure of this information. More information can be found at: www.genome.gov/10002077

SAMPLE RETENTION
After testing is complete, my sample may be de-identified and be used for test development and improvement, internal validation, quality assurance, and training purposes. GeneDx will not return DNA samples to you or to referring healthcare providers, unless specific prior arrangements have been made.

I understand that samples from residents of New York State will not be included in the de-identified research studies described in this authorization and GeneDx will not retain them for more than 60 days after test completion, unless specifically authorized by my selection. The authorization is optional, and testing will be unaffected if I do not check the box for the New York authorization language. GeneDx will not perform any tests on the biological sample other than those specifically authorized.

DATABASE PARTICIPATION
De-identified health history and genetic information can help healthcare providers and scientists understand how genes affect human health. Sharing this de-identified information helps healthcare providers to provide better care for their patients and researchers to make new discoveries. GeneDx shares this type of information with healthcare providers, scientists, and healthcare databases. GeneDx will not share any personally identifying information and will replace the identifying information with a unique code not derived from any personally identifying information. Even with a unique code, there is a risk that I could be identified based on the genetic and health information that is shared. GeneDx believes that this is unlikely, though the risk is greater if I have already shared my genetic or health information with public resources, such as genealogy websites.

EPILEPSY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM PARTICIPATION
I understand that GeneDx will send de-identified test results data, excluding ACMG secondary findings, to third parties for research or commercial purposes and that GeneDx is compensated for the provision of testing services and for data sharing with third parties that is compliant with applicable law. At no time will GeneDx share any patient personally identifiable information. GeneDx may share contact information for providers listed on the Test Requisition Form with third parties.

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PATIENT RECONTACT FOR RESEARCH PARTICIPATION

GeneDx may collaborate with other scientists, researchers and drug developers to advance knowledge of genetic diseases and to develop new treatments. If there are opportunities to participate in research relevant to the disorder in (my/my child's) family, GeneDx may contact my healthcare provider for research purposes, such as the development of new testing, drug development, or other treatment modalities. In some situations, such as if my healthcare provider is not available, I may be contacted directly. I can opt out of being contacted directly regarding any of the above activities by having my healthcare provider check the box for Patient Research Opt-Out. Any research that results in medical advances, including new products, tests or discoveries, may have potential commercial value and may be developed and owned by GeneDx or the collaborating researchers. If any individuals or corporations benefit financially from these studies, no compensation will be provided to (me/my child) or to (my/my child's) heirs.

EXOME/GENOME SEQUENCING SECONDARY FINDINGS

- Applicable only for full exome sequencing and genome sequencing tests
- Does not pertain to *Xpanded®* or Slice tests

As many different genes and conditions are analyzed in an exome or genome sequencing test, these tests may reveal some findings not directly related to the reason for ordering the test. Such findings are called "incidental" or "secondary" and can provide information that was not anticipated.

Secondary findings are variants, identified by an exome or genome sequencing test, in genes that are unrelated to the individual's reported clinical features.

The American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics (ACMG) has recommended that secondary findings identified in a specific subset of medically actionable genes associated with various inherited disorders be reported for all probands undergoing exome or genome sequencing. Please refer to the latest version of the ACMG recommendations for reporting of secondary findings in clinical exome and genome sequencing for complete details of the genes and associated genetic disorders. Reportable secondary findings will be confirmed by an alternate test method when needed.

WHAT WILL BE REPORTED FOR THE PATIENT?

All pathogenic and likely pathogenic variants associated with specific genotypes identified in the genes (for which a minimum of 10X coverage was achieved by exome sequencing or a minimum of 15X coverage was achieved by genome sequencing), as recommended by the ACMG.

WHAT WILL BE REPORTED FOR RELATIVES?

The presence or absence of any secondary finding(s) reported for the proband will be provided for all relatives analyzed by an exome or genome sequencing test.

LIMITATIONS

Pathogenic and/or likely pathogenic variants may be present in a portion of the gene not covered by this test and therefore are not reported. The absence of reportable secondary findings for any particular gene does not mean there are no pathogenic and/or likely pathogenic variants in that gene. Pathogenic variants and/or likely pathogenic variants that may be present in a relative, but are not present in the proband, will not be identified nor reported. Only changes at the sequence level will be reported in the secondary findings report. Larger deletions/duplications, abnormal methylation, triplet repeat or other expansion variants, or other variants not routinely identified by clinical exome and genome sequencing will not be reported.

FINANCIAL AGREEMENT AND GUARANTEE

For insurance billing, I understand and authorize GeneDx to bill my health insurance plan on my behalf, to release any information required for billing, and to be my designated representative for purposes of appealing any denial of benefits. I irrevocably assign to and direct that payment be made directly to GeneDx.

I understand that my out-of-pocket costs may be different than the estimated amount indicated to me by GeneDx as part of a benefit investigation. I agree to be financially responsible for any and all amounts as indicated on the explanation of benefits issued by my health insurance plan. If my insurance provider sends a payment directly to me for services performed by GeneDx on my behalf, I agree to endorse the insurance check and forward it to GeneDx within 30 days of receipt as payment towards GeneDx's claim for services rendered.

By signing this form, I acknowledge as the patient or relative being tested that I have read or have had read to me the GeneDx Informed Consent document, and understand the information regarding molecular genetics testing. I have had the opportunity to ask questions about the testing, the procedure, the risks, and the alternatives. By signing this form, I authorize GeneDx to perform genetic testing as ordered. I understand that, for tests that evaluate data from multiple family members concurrently, test results from these family members may be included in a single comprehensive report that will be made available to all tested individuals and their healthcare providers.

- ☐ **Secondary Findings Opt-out.** Check this box if you do not wish to receive ACMG secondary findings (Full Exome Sequencing and Genome Sequencing Tests ONLY; not for *Xpanded®* or Slice tests).
- ☐ **New York Retention Opt-in.** By checking this box, I confirm that I am a New York State resident, and I give permission for GeneDx to retain any remaining sample longer than 60 days after the completion of testing, and to be used as a de-identified sample for test development and improvement, internal validation, quality assurance, and training purposes. Otherwise, New York law requires GeneDx to destroy my sample within 60 days, and it cannot be used for test development studies.
- ☐ **Patient Research Opt-out.** Check this box if you wish to opt out of being contacted for research studies.
- ☐ **Health Information Exchange Opt-in.** Check this box if you reside in CA, FL, MA, NV, NY, RI, and VT and wish to opt-in to my health information to be shared for Health Information Exchange participation.
- ☐ **Health Information Exchange Opt-out.** Check this box if you reside in any other US state or territory and wish to opt-out of participation in Health Information Exchange.

Signature of Patient/Legal Guardian (required)		Date
Signature of Relative A/Legal Guardian	Relative A Relationship to Patient	Date
Signature of Relative B/Legal Guardian	Relative B Relationship to Patient	Date