

WHAT IS GENETIC TESTING?

Genetic testing is a medical test that looks at our DNA to see if there are variants or mutations in our genes that may cause health problems.

WHAT IS PHARMACOGENOMIC (PGX) TESTING?

PGX testing looks for variants in specific genes in the DNA that are known to play a role in how certain medications are processed by the body.

WHO SHOULD HAVE THIS TESTING DONE?

You should consider this test if you are taking (or will take) a drug that has an accepted pharmacogenetic test associated with it. Examples include medications that are used to treat psychiatric and cardiovascular conditions.

HOW CAN THIS TESTING HELP ME?

Changes found in one or more of the genes examined can impact the medications you are currently taking (or may take in the future). Your healthcare provider and pharmacist can guide you to ensure you are taking the right medication at the right dose at the right time.

HOW CAN I GET THIS TEST?

Your health care provider must order this test for you. It can be done during a regular visit to their office. They can also order the test and request that we send a sample collection kit directly to you.

WHAT TYPE OF SAMPLE IS NEEDED AND HOW IS IT COLLECTED?

Sample collection is very easy and can be done in your home. It involves using a special type of swab, provided in our sampling kit, to sample the area on the inside of your cheek. Your provider may collect the sample in their office or request we send a sample collection kit directly to your home. The sampling kit contains everything you need to collect your cheek swab, instructions on how to do it as well as a postage-paid return package.

HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO GET MY RESULTS?

The results will be available to your doctor in approximately 3-4 weeks.

WHAT KIND OF RESULTS CAN I GET?

Results could indicate that you are a normal, intermediate, or non-metabolizer of a medication. These results will help your healthcare provider decide if you should continue taking your current medication, change the dose of your medication or possibly switch to a different medication.

WILL MY INSURANCE PAY FOR THIS TEST?

We will request preauthorization from your insurance company prior to proceeding with testing. However, every insurance company is different regarding coverage of PGX testing. We advise checking with your insurance company regarding what your policy covers.

WHERE CAN I FIND OUT MORE INFORMATION?

To learn more visit our web site:
www.scionlabservices.com/pgx.htm

