

Steps for Having Genetic Testing Performed

The steps below are required in order to have genetic testing done at Carver Labs for various eye conditions. You must be a patient of the Low Vision Centers of Indiana for us to order genetic testing. Note: Carver Labs does not do testing on unaffected minors.

1. You will need to fill out the “Low Vision Centers of Indiana Information Needed to Order Carver Labs DNA Testing” form. *We are only able to order testing for those who are patients of our practice.* This form is required by each patient as we are required to fill out a test requisition order online with Carver Labs. Once we have filled out the information online, we will send you several copies of the orders for testing.
2. Once you receive the order forms, you can take the order to your family physician or local laboratory and have them draw the blood samples that are required. With the order forms, there will be instructions for the lab on how many vials of blood are needed for each test being performed. They will also have instructions of how to mark and label the vials.

You will be responsible for costs pertaining to the blood draw. You should try and have the blood drawn on a MONDAY or TUESDAY, so that your sample is received by Carver Labs by Friday.

3. Shipping of the sample can be done by the lab or by yourself. You should contact your lab and see if they are able to ship the blood vials for you. Shipping instructions are included with the order forms. The blood samples should be sent overnight or at least with 2-3 day shipping via USPS, FedEx or UPS. You will be responsible for all shipping charges. Make sure to include your personal check with the order form or make sure that your credit card information is completed before mailing the sample.

If the lab will not ship the blood samples, you may do it. Make sure to plan to have blood drawn in the morning and you should mail it out immediately. You will need to package the vials individually in bubble wrap and place them in a Ziploc bag to contain any possible leakage. Use bubble wrap or other materials to cushion around the vials in the bag. Include your order forms with your vials in the box.



4. Once received, Carver Labs will begin processing your samples immediately. Genetic testing can take up to 6 months to fully process in some conditions. In many cases, it is much less. You will be told by our office or can view on the Carver Labs website an estimate of the time frame it will take to complete the testing.
5. Due to the sensitive nature of genetic testing, Carver Labs will only release the test results to the ordering doctor. Our doctor will call and educate you on the results of your testing. Genetic counseling by your doctor is required to inform you about the condition.

