Pharmacogenomic (PGx) Genetic Testing

General Information

PGx tests are genetic tests that help your health care provider know how your body will respond to medicines. Due to your specific genes, some medicines may not work as well or may give you more side effects.

The PGx tests done at Allina Health give your health care provider important information about some common medicines. Your provider can use PGx testing results, in addition to other health information, to determine the best medicines for you.

- PGx lab tests are a blood draw. The lab test can be done the same day as your health care visit or you can schedule a lab visit at another time.
- Results are available in 7 to 14 days in your Allina Health account.
- Your health care provider may suggest that you talk with a pharmacist to discuss your results.

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How PGx Test Results are Used

PGx tests do not diagnose a health condition. The tests do not tell your health care provider anything about your general health.

PGx tests are used to:

- find medicines that are more likely to work for you
- find medicines that are more likely to cause side effects so you don't take them.

Cost and Insurance Coverage

Cost for the test depends on your health insurance plan. Call Allina Health at 612-262-4930 for a price estimate. You will need to provide the following information:

- your insurance plan and member number
- test information
- cytochrome P450 2D6 genotype; CPT code 81226
- cytochrome P450 2C19 genotype; CPT code 81225
- cytochrome P450 2C9 genotype; CPT code 81227.

Protecting Your Privacy

Your test results will be given to you, your health care provider and health insurance plan. Under the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act (GINA), health insurers may not use your genetic information to determine your health insurance eligibility or plan costs.



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