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Subsidised Molecular Genetic Diagnostic Testing

Dear Doctor,

I-SHARE Foundation is a Pune-based not-for-profit organization formed by doctors and scientists. Our mission is to innovate solutions that improve healthcare access for underserved segments of the population (especially women and children) and to carry out research and education in the healthcare space. One of I-SHARE Foundation's areas of interest is in making effective advanced diagnostics such as molecular genetic tests, affordable to all sections of society in a sustainable manner.

I-SHARE Foundations has been fortunate to receive a grant from Gharda Chemicals Private Limited towards this effort. We invite you to participate in a program that will allow subsidized access to certain actionable molecular genetic diagnostic tests. These diagnostic tests have been selected from the three broad categories – preventive oncology, infectious diseases and inherited genetic disorders, each of which I-SHARE Foundation will be launching dedicated programs for in the future. The tests selected are among the most needed molecular tests from each category (some have a seasonal importance at this point in time). I-SHARE is partnering with *Gene*Path Diagnostics, a Pune-based molecular diagnostics lab, to carry out the testing at a significantly discounted rate thereby allowing the grant to benefit a larger pool of patients. Furthermore, *Gene*Path Diagnostics has committed to place scientific and technical resources towards making these tests more affordable in the future, allowing such programs to be more sustainable.

The first round of this program will run from July 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019 and include the tests below.

No.	Test name	Significance	Sample type	TAT	Discounted cost to patients (₹)
1	**HPV** (cervical cancer risk screening) by HC2 (Hybrid Capture 2)	Infectious disease / preventive oncology for women. Nearly 99% of cervical cancers are preventable.	Cervical swab in SurePath containers	1 week	600
2	**Basic tropical fever panel (**Chikungunya, Dengue duplex by real-time PCR	Infectious diseases with a significant burden on poorer patients. Highly prevalent during the monsoon season in India.	Blood in EDTA	2 days	700
3	**Expanded tropical fever panel** (Dengue virus, Chikungunya virus, West Nile virus, *Plasmodium* spp., *Rickettsia* spp. and *Leptospira* spp.) by real-time PCR	Infectious diseases with a significant burden on poorer patients. Highly prevalent during the monsoon season in India.	Blood in EDTA	2 days	2500
4	**Viral neurological (meningitis/encephalitis) panel** (Cytomegalovirus, Epstein-Barr virus, Adenovirus, Herpes simplex virus 1, 2, Varicella-Zoster virus, Enterovirus, Parechovirus, Human Herpes virus 6, 7, and Parvovirus B19) by real-time PCR	Infectious diseases with high morbidity. Common among infants and children.	Cerebrospinal fluid, Blood in EDTA	2 days	2500
5	**Congenital Adrenal Hyperplasia (CAH)** - *CYP21A2* full gene sequencing by NGS	One of the most common inherited genetic disorders in India; affects infants and children.	Blood in EDTA	4 weeks	3000
6	**Beta Thalassemia** - *HBB* full gene sequencing by NGS	One of the most common inherited genetic disorders in India; affects children.	Blood in EDTA	4 weeks	1000

Eligibility criteria:

- Doctors' prescription / test requisition form (TRF)
- Yellow or saffron ration cards or 'below poverty line' (BPL) cards.

** Supporting documents are requirement under terms of the grant. No exceptions can be made.*

Sample collection:

- At the lab: Samples (blood, CSF or cervical swabs) should preferably be directly brought to *Gene*Path Diagnostics by the patient or a relative, along with a subsidy request form (SRF) for I-SHARE Foundation, a test requisition form (TRF) for *Gene*Path Diagnostics, proof of adherence to eligibility criteria and full payment.
- At a hospital/clinic: In certain cases, if previously agreed to, a once-a-day pickup from the referring hospital / clinic will be scheduled; all samples must be properly labelled and accompanied by the SRF, the TRF, the above mentioned documents and the full payment.

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- For sample collection, please call *Gene*Path Diagnostics Laboratory at +91-96234-95511 / +91-20-2553-4780 or Mr. Shivakumar Vakada (+91-74200-31001) or Mr. Abhay Tikhe (+91-88053-95436) to schedule a patient visit or sample pick-up (Monday – Friday 9:30am to 6:30pm, Saturdays 10:00am – 12:30pm, Sunday closed).
- Please note that blood, CSF or cervical samples cannot be drawn / collected at *Gene*Path Dx.

Terms and Conditions:

- Payment will be collected in full at the time of sample collection along with proof of the eligibility criteria mentioned above. Samples will not be collected without payment. A receipt for the payment will be provided with the report.
- *Gene*Path Dx will provide the report within the TAT specified above. Any exceptions/ unanticipated delays will be communicated to the referrer / patient by *Gene*Path. I-SHARE Foundation does not assume any responsibility for delays in reporting.
- Samples not accompanied by documents specified may be discarded
- I-SHARE Foundation does not assume any responsibility for the results provided.
- Clinical follow-up and treatment are the responsibility of the patient and treating physician.

Validity of the current phase of the program: Jul 1, 2019 to Dec 31, 2019.

Contact information: For more information contact the I-SHARE project co-ordinator Dr. Mridula at +91- 98452-23485 / mridula@i-sharefoundation.org.

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