

# Could it be FABRY DISEASE?

## QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR PATIENT

YES NO

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| 1. Do you have frequent tingling or burning in your hands or feet?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Have you ever experienced episodes of extreme pain in your hands and/or feet of unknown cause, possibly accompanied by fever? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Do you have trouble sweating or exercising?   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Do you find heat or cold hard to tolerate?  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Do you frequently have gastrointestinal problems such as pain and bloating after eating, or nausea, cramps, or diarrhea?      | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Do you have small raised reddish-purple spots on your skin, especially in the "bathing trunk" area?                           | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Do you have a family history of early cardiac or valvular disease, renal failure, or stroke?                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Clusters of signs and symptoms could help distinguish Fabry disease—a progressive, potentially life-threatening disorder—from more common conditions.

## PROGRESSIVE SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

Fabry disease is progressive and affects multiple organ systems. This chart indicates signs and symptoms that may appear at various stages of life.<sup>1</sup>

Most males with the disease-causing pathogenic variant are subject to significant morbidity and mortality.<sup>2</sup> While females with the pathogenic variant demonstrate a wide range of disease severity, most develop symptoms.<sup>3,4</sup>

SYMPTOMS	Childhood	Adolescence	Adulthood
Hearing loss and tinnitus	●	●	●
Episodic pain crises	●	●	●
Neuropathic pain	●	●	●
Hypohidrosis/anhidrosis	●	●	●
Corneal and lenticular opacities	●	●	●
Recurrent fever	●	●	●
Heat and cold intolerance	●	●	●
Psychosocial manifestations	●	●	●
Gastrointestinal distress	●	●	●
Proteinuria		●	●
Angiokeratomas		●	●
Fatigue		●	●
Renal insufficiency			●
Neurological complications			●
Cerebrovascular disease			●
Cardiac dysfunction			●

## TAKE ACTION



### DIAGNOSING MALES:

- Alpha galactosidase enzyme assay is diagnostic.
- Males with classic disease typically have approximately less than or up to ~5% normal alpha-galactosidase activity in plasma and leukocytes.<sup>6,7,8</sup>



### DIAGNOSING FEMALES:

- Enzyme assay alone is insufficient for diagnosis.
- DNA-based diagnosis is gold-standard in females with normal to low-normal enzyme activity levels, and is required in all suspected female patients.



### OCULAR ASSESSMENT:

- Corneal whorling, visible through slit lamp ophthalmoscopy, is present in up to 90% of classic Fabry disease patients.<sup>5</sup>
- A slit lamp exam by an eye care professional may help establish the need for further testing.

## WHAT TO DO IF YOU SUSPECT FABRY DISEASE

If you suspect that a patient has Fabry disease, refer to a geneticist. A geneticist can help establish a definitive diagnosis and provide information on disease management.

### SANOFI GENZYME RESOURCES

#### For Providers:

Sanofi Genzyme  
Medical Information  
1-800-745-4447, option 2

#### For Patients:

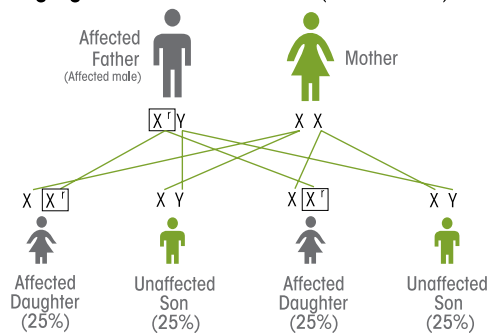
Connect with a Sanofi Genzyme Case Manager online at [www.careconnectpss.com](http://www.careconnectpss.com) or call 1-800-745-4447, Option 3, Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM ET  
[www.discoverfabry.com](http://www.discoverfabry.com)

## HOW FABRY DISEASE IS INHERITED

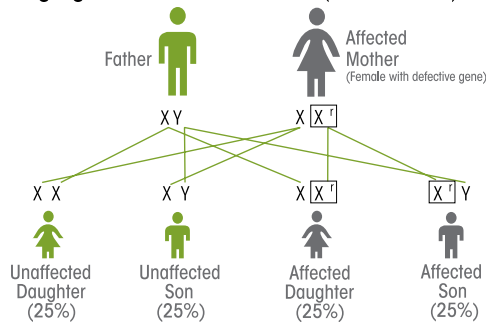
Fabry disease is an X-linked genetic disorder. Males with the pathogenic variant pass it on to all of their daughters and none of their sons. Females with the pathogenic variant have a 50% chance with each pregnancy of passing the variant to each of their offspring.

Because females have two X chromosomes in every somatic cell, Fabry disease symptoms are more variable in females than they are in males. However, potentially life-threatening complications can develop, even in females whose initial presentation may suggest a more moderate disease course.

### Segregation of X-Linked Trait (Affected Father)



### Segregation of X-Linked Trait (Affected Mother)



Notice: This document is intended to describe common clinical considerations, but may not be appropriate for every patient or case. Decisions surrounding patient care depend on the physician's professional judgment in consideration of all available information for the individual case.

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