

ILLUMINATING

AN UNDERLYING CAUSE OF HEMOLYTIC ANEMIA

Diagnosing PK Deficiency

PK deficiency is a lifelong, chronic disease characterized by hereditary hemolytic anemia, which results from a deficiency of the enzyme pyruvate kinase (PK).

Patient presentation is highly variable, ranging from mild to life-threatening, with severe debilitating co-morbidities.^{1,2}

The disease may be underrecognized,³ particularly in adults and patients on the milder end of the spectrum of disease severity.²

Clinical Presentation

- Anemia
- Dyspnea
- Exercise intolerance
- Abdominal pain
- Iron overload
- Fatigue/weakness
- Jaundice
- Splenomegaly
- Gallstones

Laboratory Findings

Typically Decreased:
Hemoglobin/hematocrit, pyruvate kinase (PK) activity, haptoglobin

Typically Elevated:
Reticulocytes, platelets, bilirubin, MCV, ferritin

Differential Diagnosis

- Paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria
- Glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase deficiency
- Hereditary spherocytosis
- Autoimmune hemolytic anemia
- Beta thalassemias
- Hereditary elliptocytosis

PK Deficiency

DIAGNOSTIC TESTS

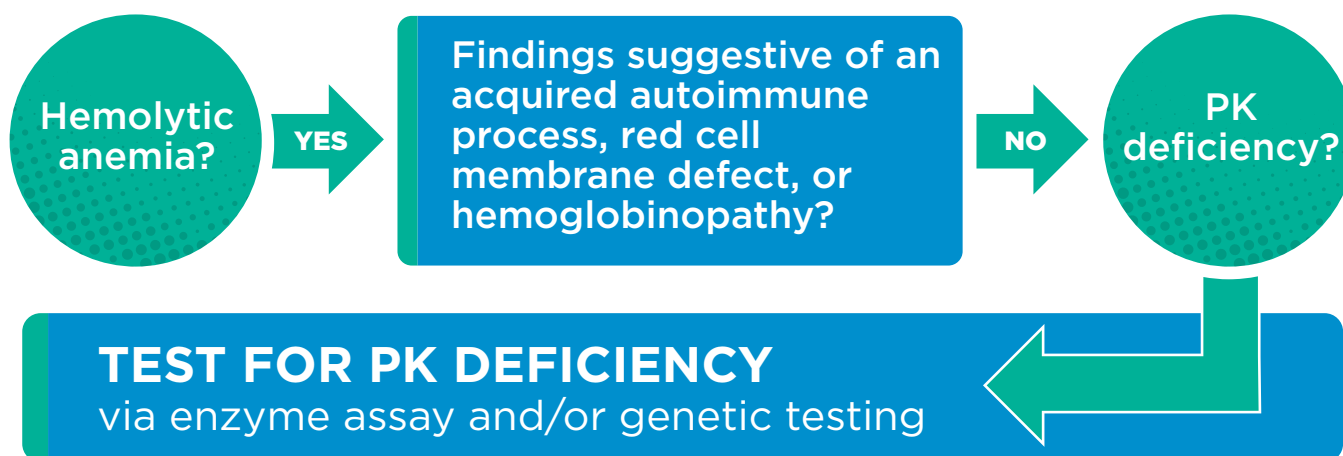
1st ENZYME ASSAY FOR PYRUVATE KINASE ACTIVITY

Enzyme assay is the gold standard for diagnostic testing of PK deficiency.³

2nd MOLECULAR PK-LR ANALYSIS

Genetic testing may be conducted to confirm equivocal cases.³

TEST FOR PK DEFICIENCY



Diagnostic Testing for PK Deficiency

Laboratory	Contact Email and Phone	Type of Test
ARUP Laboratories, General Laboratory (Salt Lake City, UT)	Cynthia Gin, BS, MT (ASCP) ginca@aruplab.com 800-242-2787	Enzyme assay
Mayo Clinic, Metabolic Hematology Laboratory (Rochester, MN)	Lea Koon, MS / Michelle Kluge, MS, CGC rstgchemepath@mayo.edu 800-533-1710	Enzyme assay
Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, Molecular Genetics Laboratory (Cincinnati, OH)	Haley Keller / Chinmayee Nagaraj / Elizabeth Ulm / Emily Wakefield haley.keller@cchmc.org 513-636-4474	Enzyme assay Genetic Testing (PKLR sequencing)
PreventionGenetics, Clinical DNA Testing and DNA Banking (Marshfield, WI)	Guoli Sun, MD, Ph, FACMG / Angela Gruber, PhD / Bruce Krawisz, MD clinicaltesting@preventiongenetics.com 715-387-0484	Enzyme assay
Quest Diagnostics	Client Services: 1-866-MYQUEST (697-8378)	Enzyme assay (Test Code: 38953)

Additional laboratories may also offer PK deficiency testing. For more information, visit www.genetests.org or www.orpha.net.



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