



# **Uncovering Periodic Paralysis**

Genetic testing to shorten the diagnostic journey

Talk to your healthcare provider to request a genetic test for Periodic Paralysis.

**For more information, please visit:  
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## **No-Cost Periodic Paralysis Genetic Testing program**

**Strongbridge Biopharma® has partnered with Invitae to offer a Periodic Paralysis genetic test for those who have episodes of muscle weakness or temporary paralysis provoked by common triggers for primary hyperkalemic or hypokalemic periodic paralysis.**

A Periodic Paralysis genetic test can bring you closer to uncovering the genetic cause behind the attacks of paralysis and muscle weakness caused by hyperkalemic or hypokalemic periodic paralysis.



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# Periodic Paralysis Genetic Test

- The Invitae Periodic Paralysis genetic test includes analysis for both hyperkalemic and hypokalemic periodic paralysis.
  - Testing with the Invitae Periodic Paralysis genetic test includes analysis of the following six most common associated genes: **ATP1A2, SCN4A, CACNA1S, KCNJ2, MCM3AP, and RYR1**
- Turnaround time for the test is rapid: Once Invitae receives the sample, your doctor will receive results within 10 to 21 calendar days (14 days on average).
- Invitae's board-certified genetic counselors are available on-demand Monday through Friday, 5 am to 5 pm Pacific Time.
- To have a genetic test completed, you must provide a sample of your saliva or blood.

## Program Eligibility

- 18 years of age and older.
- Episodes of muscle weakness and/or paralysis attacks or episodes of pain after attacks (happens at least more than once).
- Episodes are caused by at least one of the common triggers for hyperkalemic or hypokalemic primary periodic paralysis.



Utilizing the *Uncovering Periodic Paralysis* program imposes no obligation to prescribe or use Strongbridge Biopharma products or services.

## How To Get a Genetic Test

**Your healthcare provider must order the test for you. Once ordered, you will need to provide a sample of your saliva or blood for testing.**

### How to provide your sample:

1. Your healthcare provider can give you a kit to collect either your saliva OR blood
2. Ability to schedule a no-cost blood draw appointment at a doctor's office or at your home (within the U.S.)

## Family Variant Testing

- Strongbridge Biopharma and Invitae offer no-cost family variant testing to any blood relative of anyone newly diagnosed with PPP through the *Uncovering Periodic Paralysis* genetic testing program.
- Requirements:
  - The *Uncovering Periodic Paralysis* genetic test results must show a positive diagnosis with one of the six known PPP genes (ATP1A2, SCN4A, CACNA1S, KCNJ2, MCM3AP, RYR1)
  - A doctor must place the order within 90 days of the original test report

## About Primary Periodic Paralysis (PPP)

- Primary Periodic Paralysis is very rare, affecting ~4,000 to 5,000 diagnosed individuals in the US.<sup>1</sup>
- This condition causes attacks that affect your muscles, resulting in extreme weakness or temporary paralysis—most often the inability to move the muscles of the arms and legs.<sup>2</sup>
- Primary Periodic Paralysis is usually inherited from a parent and may affect multiple people within a family.<sup>3</sup>

## A negative test does not rule out a PPP diagnosis<sup>4</sup>

**A negative test result may still mean that you have PPP. Genetic testing can confirm a diagnosis in about 70% of those who have PPP, but the remaining 30% don't have one of the commonly identified genetic mutations, but are still considered to have PPP based on symptoms, family, history, and/or other tests.**

Healthcare providers should also consider the below areas when making the diagnosis<sup>4</sup>:

- Clinical presentation of symptoms
- History of attacks (as well as serum potassium levels during attacks)
- Response to specific PPP triggers
- Family history
- Ruling out other conditions that mimic PPP
- Other testing such as ECG/EKG, EMG, and CMAP

**Interested in learning more?  
Visit: [www.PPPDiagnosis.com](http://www.PPPDiagnosis.com)  
to read an *Expert Roundtable on  
Primary Periodic Paralysis***

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**Strongbridge CareConnection offers a wide range of services for patients and their families**

### **One-on-One Support**

- A dedicated case manager is assigned to every patient
- Patient access managers are available to work directly with patients and healthcare providers to overcome common barriers to therapy
- Patients receive routine calls from a licensed pharmacist, which focus on progress and goals of therapy and disease management

### **Treatment Access Assistance**

- Support in understanding insurance coverage
- Information on a \$0 co-pay program and other financial assistance
- Access to a patient assistance program for patients without insurance coverage
- Convenient, free specialty pharmacy services
  - Home delivery of prescriptions and refills
  - 24/7 support

### **Patient Education**

- Information about Primary Periodic Paralysis
- Information about a treatment option

### **Community Connection**

- Links to events sponsored by advocacy organizations
- Online patient communities

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