

Classic Version

Diagnostic Decision Support

The Classic version is free. It is accessed from the web but runs locally on your computer.

Summary for a 10 year old boy with:

Pertinent positive findings
Onsets can be at an age, by an age, or unknown

Req'd	Onset	Finding	Pertinence
	@10	Dysarthria or abnormal sound character	High
	@10	Ataxia	High
	≤10	Vibration or joint position sense decreased	High

Pertinent negative findings

Absent	Finding	Pertinence
X	Muscular atrophy or hypoplasia	High
X	Intellectual disability	High
X	CT or MRI: pan-cerebellar atrophy or hypoplasia	High
X	MRI: white matter abnormality	High
X	Seizures	High

Differential diagnosis

Disease	Probability
FRDA: Friedreich ataxia	High
Vitamin E deficiency	High
AVED: ataxia with vitamin E deficiency	High
Post-infectious acute cerebellar ataxia	High
Abetalipoproteinemia	High
ARSACS: AR spastic ataxia of Charlevoix-Saguenay	High
Alcoholism	High
SPAX1: spastic ataxia 1, AD	High
Giant axonal neuropathy 1, AR	High
SPG46: spastic paraplegia 46, AR	High
AIDP: acute inflammatory demyelinating polyradiculopathy	High
SCA25: spinocerebellar ataxia 25	High
SPG11: Spastic paraplegia, AR with thin corpus callosum, mental retardation	High
SCAR6: spinocerebellar ataxia, AR, STUB1-related	High
SCAR7: Spinocerebellar ataxia, AR 7	High
Refsum disease, adult	High
Medulloblastoma	High
Ataxia-telangiectasia	High
SCA8: spinocerebellar ataxia 8	High

Most useful tests for this patient
Top five tests ranked by usefulness in narrowing the differential, taking into account relative cost.

Order	Test
1	Vitamin E (α tocopherol) low in serum
2	Erythrocytes: acanthocytosis on peripheral blood smear
3	Bundle: Nerve conduction studies
4	Pigmentary retinopathy
5	ECG (EKG): rhythm or conduction abnormalities

Key Features

- “Useful Findings” prompts you to add clinical findings relevant to your patient
- “Useful Tests” prompts you about tests relevant to your patient
- “Disease Profile” and “Assess Disease” help you evaluate the rationale for the differential diagnosis
- “Summary” (shown) allows you to save to your desktop and later jump back in with all the findings entered
- **Complete coverage** of described Mendelian disorders, as well as many non-genetic disorders in neurology & rheumatology

REVISED personalized test protocol when Vitamin E found to be normal

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- | Order | Test |
|-------|---|
| 1 | Bundle: Nerve conduction studies |
| 2 | FXN genes >90 GAA repeats (biallelic) |
| 3 | ECG (EKG): rhythm or conduction abnormalities |
| 4 | Nerve conduction: NCV slow, motor |
| 5 | ABR abnormal |

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Key Benefits

Focused on your patient. Uses your patient’s pertinent positive and negative findings, including onset ages, to generate recommendations

Fast. Get a simultaneous consult in seconds. Pertinence calculation for findings focuses the assessment on what’s important

Accurate. Reduces diagnostic errors by suggesting uncommon presentations and rare diseases

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