



diseases tested

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DISEASES TESTED

Cystic fibrosis

A fatal disease that primarily affects a person's lungs and ability to breathe. When symptoms are well managed, people can live into their late thirties.

Spinal muscular atrophy

A fatal disease that primarily affects a person's muscles and ability to walk. Average life expectancy is usually two years of age.

Fragile X syndrome

A disease that primarily affects males and their intellectual ability. Females have more mild symptoms or have none at all.



WHY TEST FOR THESE DISEASES?

- ◀ These are three of the most common genetic diseases that cause serious health problems, beginning in infancy or childhood.
- ◀ Children born with these diseases often benefit from early diagnosis and treatment.
- ◀ Most children born with a genetic disease have no affected family members.
- ◀ Medical guidelines recommend testing for these diseases.