

Hereditary Angioedema (HAE) Laboratory Testing and Codes

1/Banerji 2013 p330, col2 ¶2, ln 1-12
2/Craig 2012 p187 col 2 Rec 1; p188 col 1 ¶1, lines 6-8
3/Kaplan 2005 p383 col 1 ¶3, lines 1-3; col 2 Table VII

Recommended lab testing for HAE¹⁻³

- Serum C4 levels
- C1 INH antigenic level concentration
- C1 INH antigenic function

LabCorp ^a 1-800-845-6167				
Test Name	Laboratory Code	CPT Code	ICD-10-CM Code	Normal Range
Hereditary Angioedema (HAE) (Panel includes all tests below)	123020	86160 (x2)	D84.1	See below
Complement C4, Serum	001834	86160		9–36 mg/dL
Complement C1 Esterase Inhibitor, Serum	004648	86160		21–39 mg/dL
Complement C1 Esterase Inhibitor, Functional	120220	86161		Normal: >67% Equivocal: 41–67% Abnormal: <41%
Complement C1q, Quantitative	016824	86160		Male: 11.8–23.8 mg/dL Female: 11.8–24.4 mg/dL

National Jewish (ADx) ^b 1-303-270-2541				
Test Name	Laboratory Code	CPT Code	ICD-10-CM Code	Normal Range
C4 Level	C4	86160	D84.1	11–61 mg/dL (depending on age)
Ratio of C4d to C4	C4RAT	86160 (x2)		Male/Female: C4: 0.112–0.441 mg/mL C4d: 0.52–7.88 mcg/mL Ratio <25
C1-Esterase Inhibitor Level (C1-INH)	CEIQ	86160		8.0–19.5 mg/dL
C1-Inhibitor (C1-INH) Function, Chromogenic Assay	CEICHR	86161		Units for CEICHR 74-147% of Normal
C1q Level	C1Q	86160		83–125 mcg/mL

Quest Diagnostics ^c 1-800-222-0446				
Test Name	Laboratory Code	CPT Code	ICD-10-CM Code	Normal Range
Angioedema Panel, Hereditary, Comprehensive (Panel includes all tests below)	17706	86160 (x2), 86161	D84.1	See below
Complement Component C4c	353	86160		Adults: 16–47 mg/dL
C1 Esterase Inhibitor, Protein	298	86160		11–26 mg/dL
C1 Inhibitor, Functional	297	86161		Normal: ≥68% Equivocal: 41–67% Abnormal: ≤40%
Complement Component C1q	981	86160		5.0–8.6 mg/dL

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^cQuest Diagnostics Incorporated



When to Suspect Hereditary Angioedema (HAE)

HAE should be suspected in patients with:

- ☐ History of recurrent angioedema without urticaria²
- ☐ Unilateral angioedema, often locally occurring attacks without symmetry⁴
- ☐ Positive family history²
 - Present in approximately 75% of patient population⁵
- ☐ Onset of symptoms in childhood/adolescence²
- ☐ Recurrent abdominal pain attacks²
- ☐ Occurrence of laryngeal episode²
- ☐ Failure to respond to treatment with antihistamines, glucocorticoids, or epinephrine²
- ☐ Prodromal signs or symptoms before swellings²

HAE Is Frequently Misdiagnosed^{1,6}

Common misdiagnoses include:

- ☐ Allergic reaction^{1,6}
- ☐ Appendicitis^{1,6}
- ☐ Irritable bowel syndrome¹
- ☐ Episodic abdominal pain⁴
- ☐ Psychosomatic illness⁷

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