What is Aspartylglucosaminuria (AGU)?
- Aspartylglucosaminuria (AGU) is a rare neurodegenerative LSD caused by deficient enzyme activity due to pathogenic variants in both copies of the AGA gene.
- Reduced activity in the aspartylglucosaminidase (AGA) enzyme leads to the build-up of toxic chemicals that affect many organs of the body including the brain and spinal cord. AGU affects both males and females.
- Early symptoms of AGU usually appear by the age of 12 to 15 months and include developmental delay, specifically lack of speech and clumsy walking, and chronic ear infections. New signs and symptoms of the disorder develop and progress over time.

Developmental delay is an early observed symptom of AGU. Common misdiagnoses for AGU may include autism and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) as awareness of the condition is very low.

How AGU Affects the Body
AGU affects children both cognitively and physically. Aspects of the disease may include:

- progressive thickening of facial features: widely-spaced eyes, small ears, full lips, acne, broad nose
- dental problems, tooth decay, enlarged tongue and tonsils
- rib and breast plate deformities, scoliosis and other bone deformities of the long bones (i.e. humerus or femur)
- gastrointestinal (GI) problems, including diarrhea or constipation
- unusually large range of motion in joints (hypermobility)
- walking difficulties: including rolling instep, toe walking*, and “knock knees”
- developmental delay, speech delay, progressive intellectual decline, confusion with simple instructions, anxiety, behavioral issues, sleep problems, seizures (> 20 years old)
- chronic ear infections in early childhood often starting (< 5 years old) requiring multiple ear tube placements
- frequent respiratory infections that may lead to the removal of tonsils
- hernias around belly button or groin

Why Test?
Genetic testing and counseling may help to:
• Identify risk of disease for patients and their family members
• Shorten the time to diagnosis and prevent misdiagnoses
• Seek appropriate care and treatment
• Determine if patients are eligible to participate in clinical trials
• Provide families with information about support resources and patient advocacy organizations

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