

The Dubowitz Neuromuscular Centre

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Check list for arranging a muscle biopsy to DNC

Please return this check list with your sample

To send a muscle biopsy to DNC for analysis we require the following information and documentation. **A biopsy will not be processed until all these are received.** There is a charge for non-NHS and non-UK patients. Agreement for payment should be established and addresses to send invoices should be provided before the biopsy will be processed.

Please check the following list carefully and make sure you have included all the information listed when sending the muscle sample. This will ensure your referral will have a biopsy report on time.

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> CheckBox1 | Site and time of muscle biopsy is taken |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> CheckBox2 | Updated Clinical letters |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> CheckBox3 | Consent form (see a separated form) |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> CheckBox5 | Names of referring clinicians |
| 5. <input type="checkbox"/> CheckBox6 | Address where report will be forwarded to |

If you have a **skin biopsy** for tests or fibroblast culture, please contact Chemical Pathology at Great Ormond Street Hospital on **02074059200 ext. 5290**.

If you require the muscle sample to have **respiratory chain enzyme study** please contact the Neurometabolic Unit at 6th Floor, Institute of Neurology, Queen Square House, WC1N 3BG on **020 3448 3818**

Please note: the latest time for us to accept a muscle biopsy is **3 pm Monday to Friday**. Our turnaround time for full muscle biopsy report is 6 to 8 weeks. If for clinical reasons urgent results are required before 8 weeks, please send the request in writing specifying particular results required as early as you can.