

# Carnitine-Acylcarnitine Translocase (CACT) Deficiency

## Ages 0-6 months

### Clinic Visits:

- Every 2 months

### Laboratory studies:

- At diagnosis
  - Acylcarnitine profile
  - DNA analysis of CACT gene
  - Rule out CPTII with DNA analysis
  - Carnitine levels
  - Comprehensive metabolic panel
  - Blood ammonia
  - Serum CK (muscle health)
  - Possible urine organic acids
- Monitoring of diet
  - Possible acylcarnitine profile
- At clinic visits:
  - Carnitine levels
  - Serum CK
  - Liver function tests
  - Possible acylcarnitine profile

### During illness:

- Call Metabolic Clinic to alert them that your baby is sick
  - Poor feeding, fever, vomiting, and/or lethargy
- Give your baby glucose gel or polymer solution if needed (or instructed to do so)
- If your baby is not able to keep down glucose containing fluids, you will need to take him or her to the emergency room for IV 10% dextrose (glucose)
- Be sure to bring Emergency Room letter with you to the hospital
- Labs during illness include: comprehensive metabolic panel, ammonia, serum CK, and B-type natriuretic peptide (heart health)
- Please alert the Metabolic Clinic if your baby needs surgery
- Consider medic alert bracelet!**

### Evaluations:

- Cardiology evaluation at time of diagnosis
- Abdominal ultrasound
- Head CT scan

### Topics:

- Biochemistry and genetics of carnitine-acylcarnitine translocase deficiency
- Diet/management
  - Avoid fasting

- Management during illness
- Low fat diet
- Medium chain triglyceride (MCT) supplementation (formula or oil)
- Carnitine supplementation
- Cornstarch if needed

*Please make sure your child has clinic visits and levels done on time. Call the Metabolic clinic at \_\_\_\_\_ to make an appointment, schedule a blood draw, or with any other questions. If you urgently need to reach a Metabolic physician, call \_\_\_\_\_ and ask to page the Metabolic physician on call.*

Thank You,  
Your Metabolic Team

