

Medium Chain Acyl CoA Dehydrogenase Deficiency

Ages 0-4 years

Clinic Visits:

- At least every 6 months

Laboratory studies:

- At diagnosis
 - Acylcarnitine profile
 - Carnitine panel
 - Possible urine organic acids
 - Possible urine acylglycine profile
 - Possible DNA analysis of MCAD gene
 - Possible skin biopsy (fatty acid oxidation studies)
- Possible carnitine levels at clinic visit

During illness:

- Call Metabolic Clinic to alert them that your child is sick
 - Poor feeding, vomiting, lethargy
- Give your child glucose gel or polymer solution if needed (or instructed to do so)
- If your child 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, possible ammonia, possible uric acid, possible urine analysis, and possible serum CK.
- Consider medic alert bracelet

Evaluations:

- Yearly developmental questionnaires to be completed by parents
- Developmental evaluation at age 3

Topics:

- Biochemistry and genetics of Medium Chain Acyl-CoA Dehydrogenase Deficiency
- Diet/management
 - Avoid fasting
 - Management during illness
 - Carnitine supplementation
 - Cornstarch after age 1 year if needed
 - Heart healthy diet (lower fat)

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