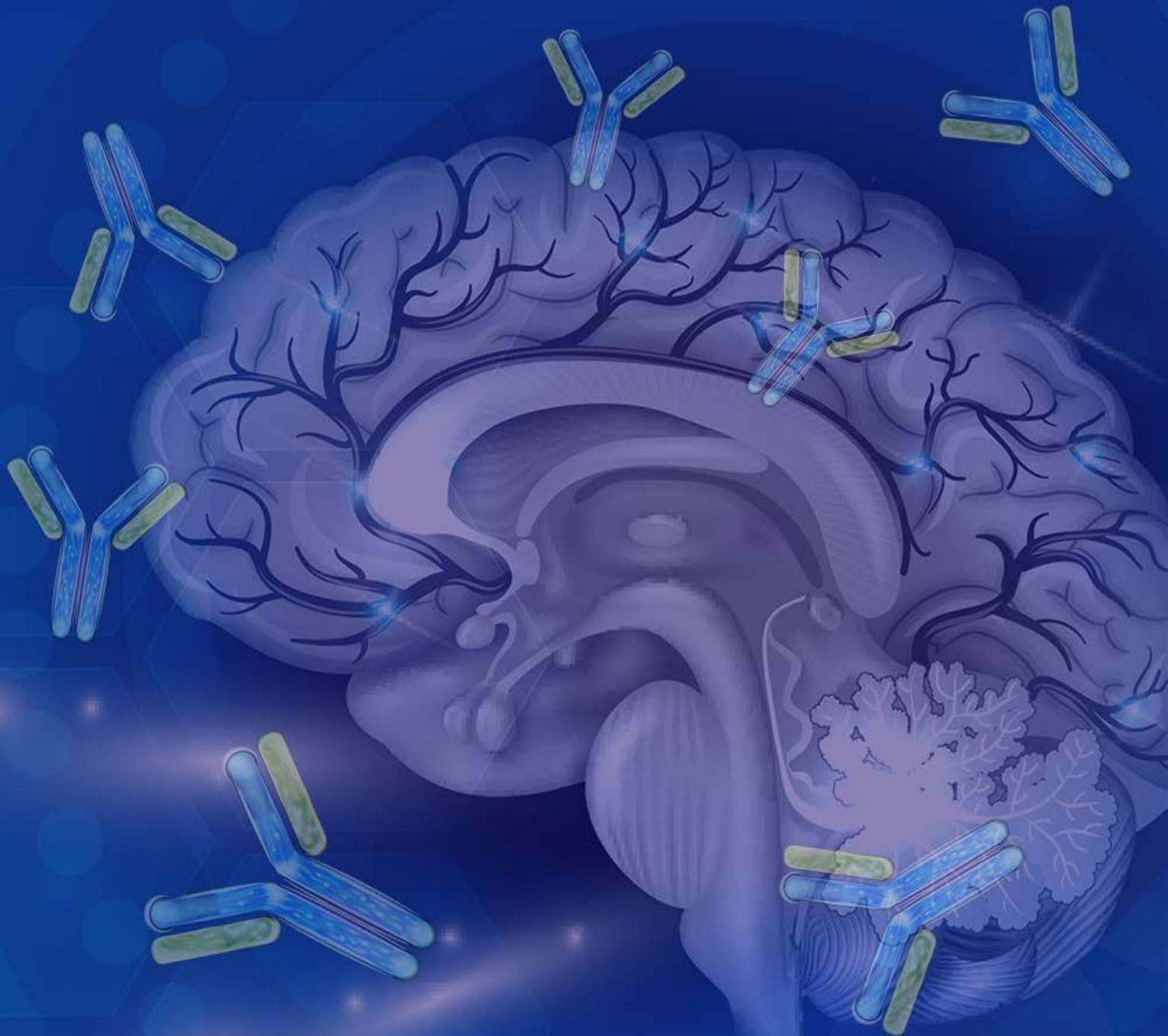




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Cunningham Panel™

An Autoimmune Encephalopathy and Basal Ganglia Encephalitis Panel



**Revolutionizing the way we
look at mental disorders.**

What is the Cunningham Panel™?

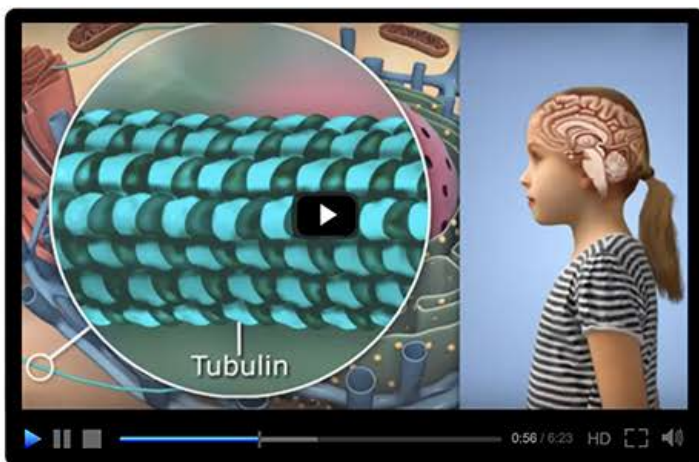
The Cunningham Panel™ – a series of high complexity blood tests that assists clinicians in determining whether a patient’s neuropsychiatric symptoms may be due to an underlying infection-triggered autoimmune response.

This autoimmune response may be directed against dopamine receptors, lysoganglioside and/or tubulin or it may stimulate an enzyme (CaMKII) which regulates production of certain neurotransmitters.

Each of these autoantibody targets have been associated with the presence of various neuropsychiatric symptoms, including obsessive compulsive behaviors, tics, anxiety, depression, restricted eating, and ADHD-like behaviors.

The Panel measures the level of autoantibodies directed against these specific targets and their ability to stimulate neurologic and/or psychiatric symptoms.

Why is testing important?



It is important to know whether psychiatric symptoms, neurologic manifestations or a change in behavior or personality is due to an autoimmune encephalopathy rather than a primary psychiatric illness, as effective treatment differs for each.

With proper treatment, a patient’s symptoms can be greatly reduced or completely resolved.



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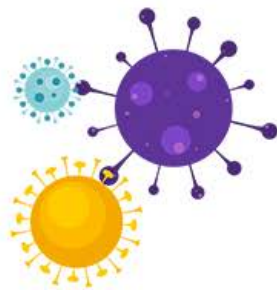
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How can this test aid your diagnosis?



How do infections trigger neuropsychiatric symptoms?

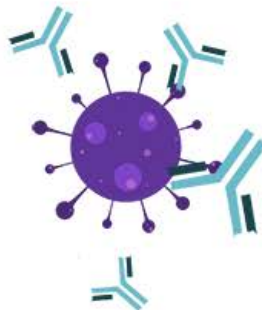
Common infections can trigger the immune system to produce antibodies which mistakenly attack healthy tissue in the central nervous system and basal ganglia region of the brain. This can disrupt normal neuronal cell function and trigger inflammation in the brain, resulting in the onset of neurologic and/or psychiatric symptoms.

BACTERIA/VIRUS



Bacteria, viruses, fungal infections or other trigger stimulates the immune system.

ANTIBODIES PRODUCED



Cross-reactive autoimmune antibodies are produced to destroy the infectious organism.

TARGET BASAL GANGLIA



Cross-reactive autoimmune antibodies mistakenly target healthy cells in the basal ganglia region of the brain.

NEURONAL TARGETS



These autoimmune antibodies can bind to or block neuronal targets in the brain.

(Dopamine D1 and D2 receptors, Lysoganglioside GM-1, Tubulin)

NEURONS FIRING



Resulting in immune-mediated inflammation and disruption of normal cell functioning.

NEUROLOGIC SYMPTOMS



Leading to onset of various neurologic, psychiatric and/or behavioral symptoms.



An autoimmune response can mimic certain mental illness symptoms and behavioral disorders.

Neurologic, psychiatric and/or behavioral symptoms (such as those shown below) can result from an infection-triggered autoimmune encephalopathy or basal ganglia encephalitis, such as *PANS/PANDAS.



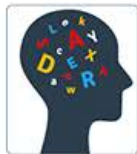
Obsessions and Compulsions

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* PANS – Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome; PANDAS – Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorder Associated with Streptococcal infections



**HOW INFECTIONS
CAUSE SYMPTOMS**



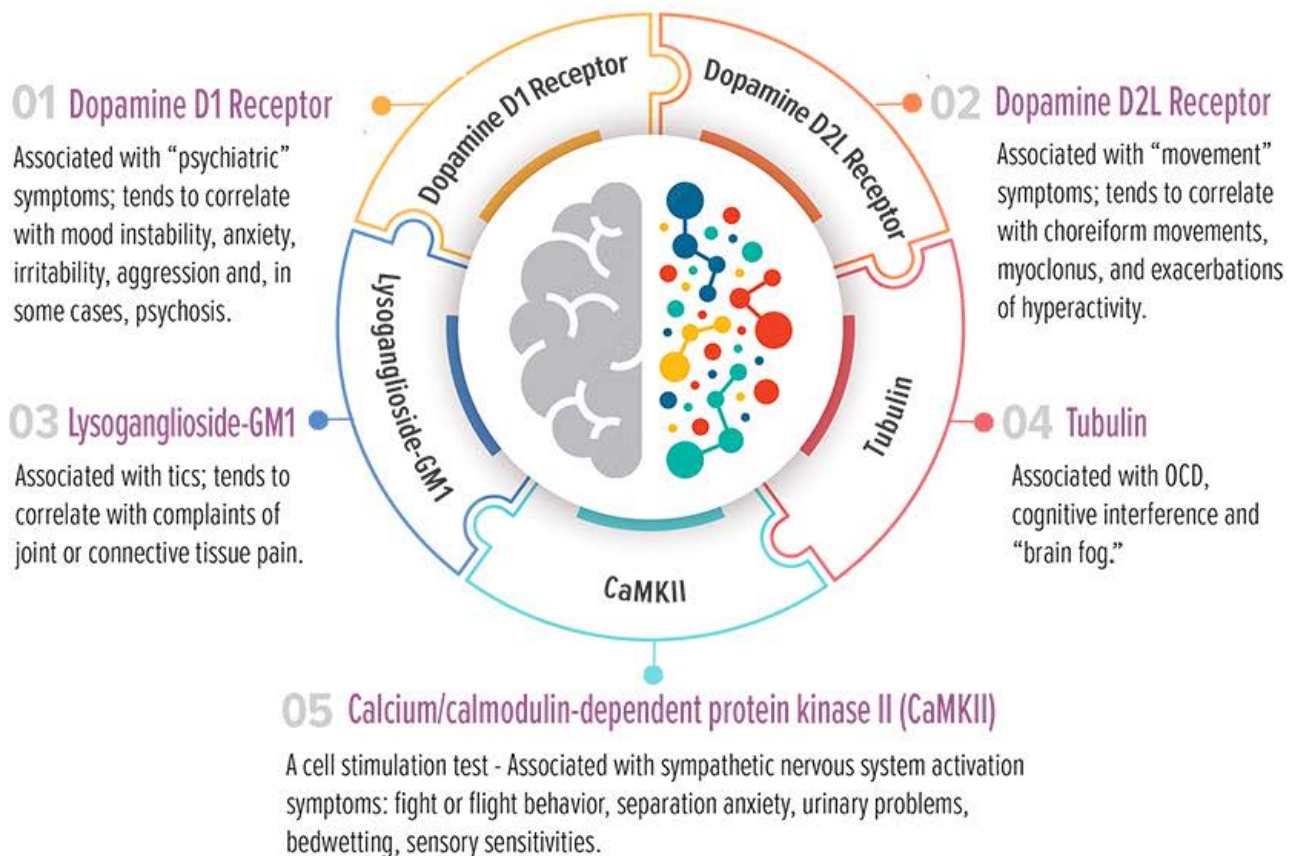
**RECOGNIZING
SYMPTOMS**

The Cunningham Panel™ can assist clinicians in diagnosing infection-triggered autoimmune encephalopathy syndromes by providing laboratory evidence of an underlying autoimmune dysfunction.

The Cunningham Panel™ includes 5 metabolic tests:

4 tests measure the levels of circulating autoantibodies in serum that are directed against and bind to, or block specific neuronal targets in the brain. (Each target is associated with the presence of certain neuropsychiatric symptoms.)

The **5th test measures** the ability of the patient’s autoantibodies to stimulate the CaMKII enzyme that is responsible for the upregulation of brain neurotransmitters, such as dopamine, epinephrine and norepinephrine. This increase can trigger various neuropsychiatric symptoms.



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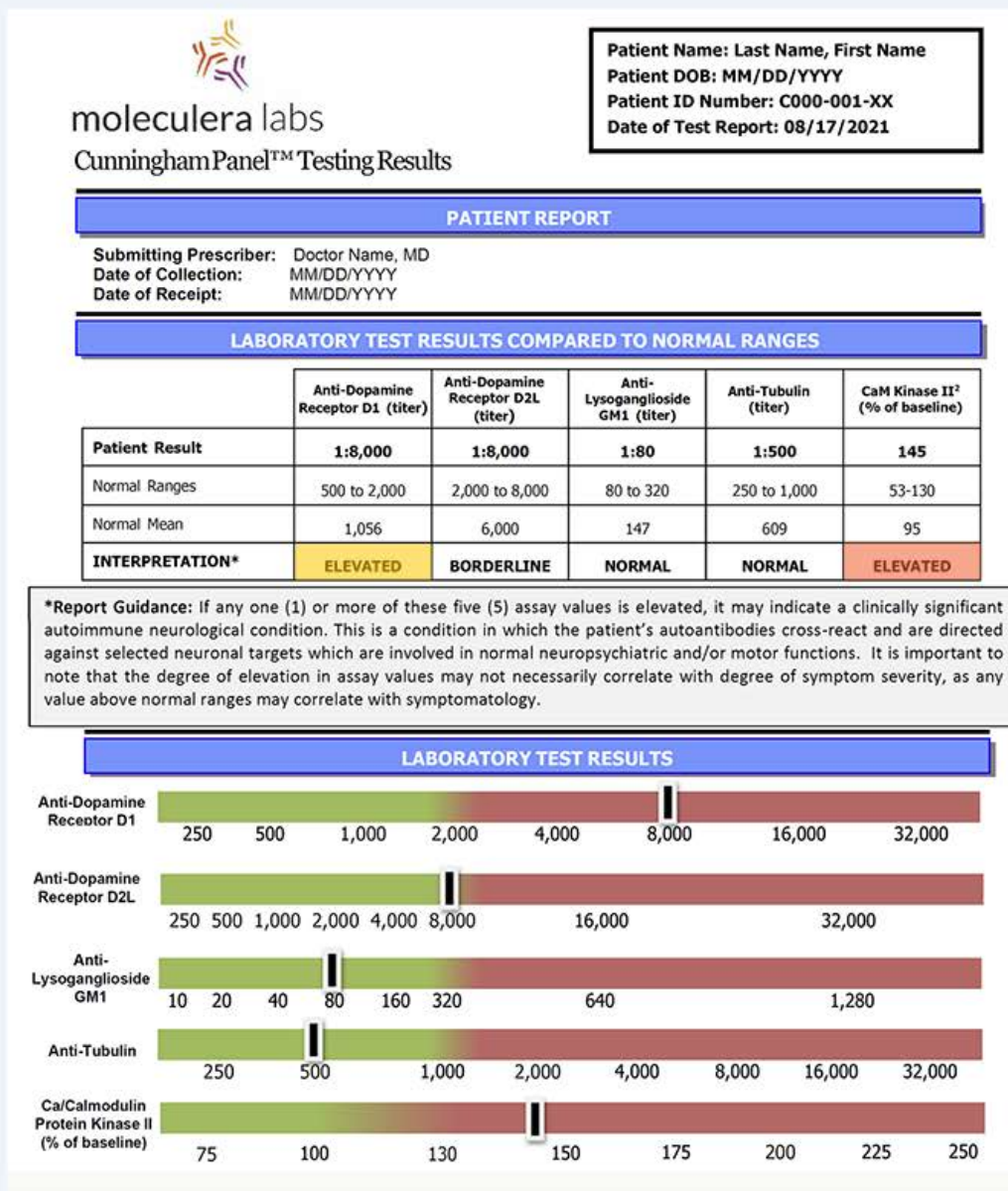


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How can this test aid your diagnosis?

Understanding test results.

Cunningham Panel™ test results can support a physician’s clinical diagnosis with laboratory evidence and assist the clinician in determining an appropriate treatment regimen. Test results are expressed as a titer, or final dilution, at which an endpoint reaction was observed on an Enzyme-Linked Immunosorbent Assay (ELISA) format.



● **Positive = 1 or more elevated assays**
 Indicates neuropsychiatric symptoms may be due to an infection-triggered autoimmune encephalopathy or basal ganglia encephalitis, including *PANS/PANDAS.

◀ **CaMKII cell stimulation test**
 Elevated levels may indicate onset of a new infection or reactivation of a previous infection.
 Borderline or low CaMKII may indicate a subclinical or occult chronic infection.

Note: The Cunningham Panel™ does not directly identify infectious agents, but points to the likelihood of an infectious stimulus being present.

*PANS – Pediatric Acute-onset Neuropsychiatric Syndrome; PANDAS – Pediatric Autoimmune Neuropsychiatric Disorder associated with Strep infections.

Results you can count on.



Study demonstrates clinical value of the Cunningham Panel™ and accuracy in patients with symptoms of autoimmune encephalopathy.¹

In comparing pre- and post-treatment patient symptom status, findings revealed that the Cunningham Panel™ results paralleled changes in a patient's neuropsychiatric symptoms following treatment.



WATCH STUDY REVIEW

Dr. Craig Shimasaki reviews study findings.



READ STUDY

Evaluation of the Cunningham Panel in PANS/PANDAS patients.

Clinical studies show the Cunningham Panel can help guide treatment.



Ordering the Cunningham Panel™

Molecularera Labs can accept authorized clinician test orders from all 50 states in the United States and other countries. (New York patients must have their blood collected outside the State of New York.) Ordering is easy – view how the process works below.



Log Into Portal

The prescriber portal allows practitioners to order tests and retrieve and review results.



Submit Order

Place an order for the Cunningham Panel™ in the prescriber portal and submit the patient's information.



Collection Kit Sent

Specimen collection kit is sent to the patient's address or to the physician's office.



Patient Blood Draw

Patient has blood collected at physician's site or an alternate phlebotomy location.



Specimen Sent In

Serum sample and the completed patient forms are sent to Molecularera Labs.



Results To Provider

Patient results are available on prescriber portal. Prescriber is notified by e-mail when results are available.



ORDERING INFORMATION

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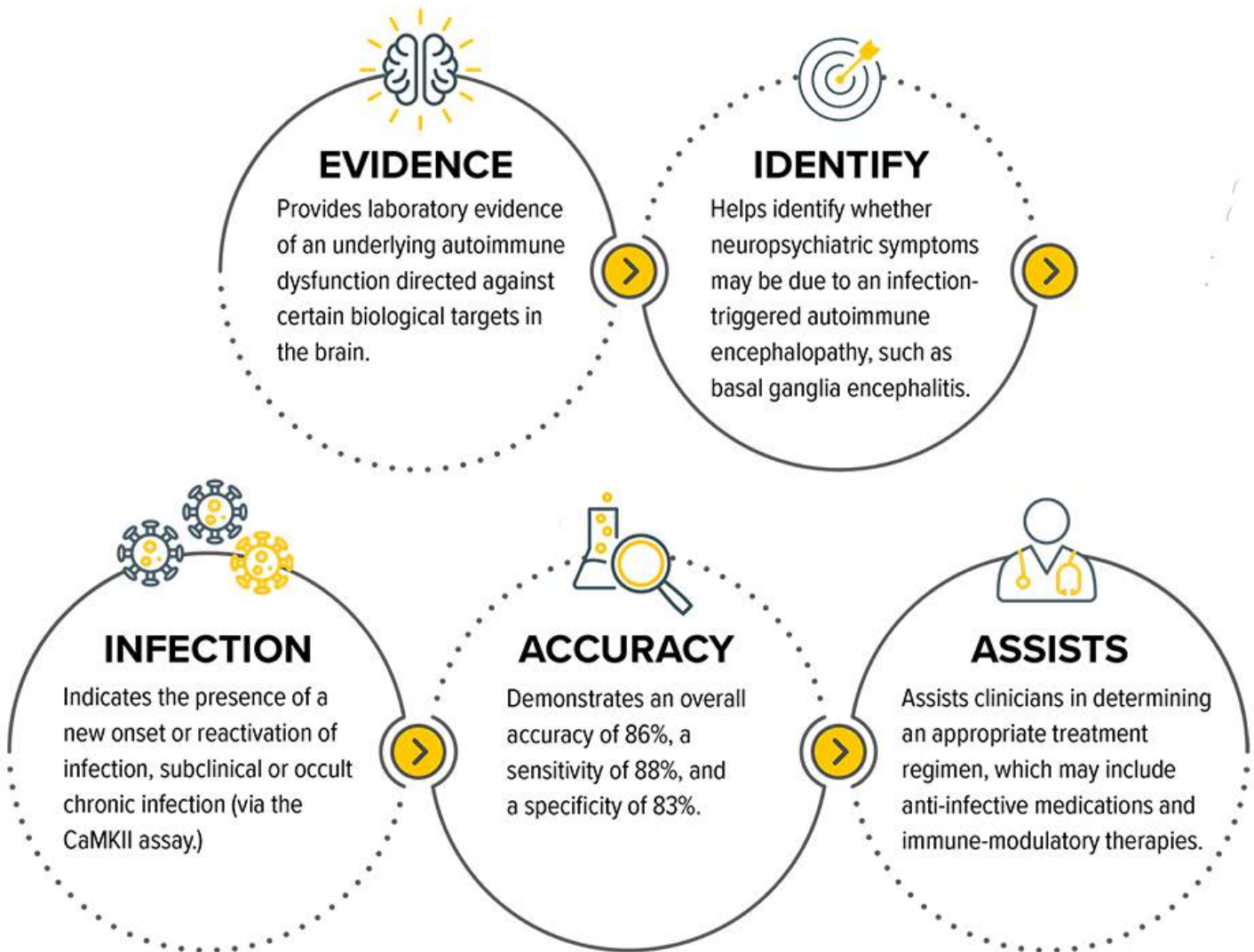
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Why order the Cunningham Panel™?

Neuropsychiatric and behavioral symptoms can arise from a spectrum of reasons. If an infection-triggered autoimmune etiology is identified, these patients have been shown to clinically respond to anti-inflammatory, immune modulatory and anti-infective medications.

Identifying an autoimmune etiology can change the course of treatment. When treated properly, symptoms can resolve completely or may be greatly reduced.² Furthermore, studies suggest that when diagnosed and treated early, patients have a greater chance for a complete recovery.



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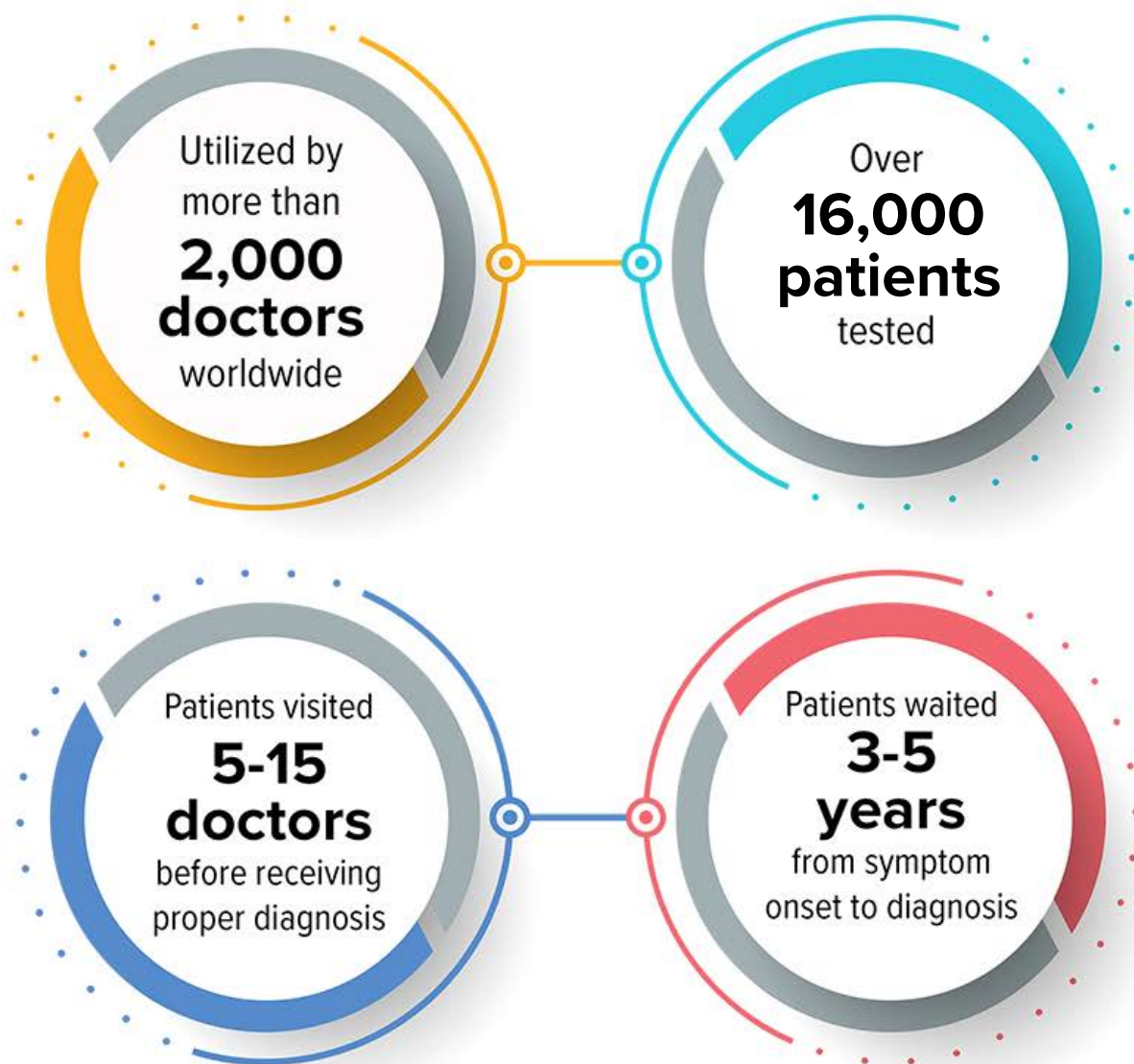
Is this test right for your patient?



Insights to help guide treatment.

We are dedicated to advancing the understanding and recognition of infection-triggered autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorders.

Our goal is to assist clinicians in identifying an underlying autoimmune etiology in patients presenting with neuropsychiatric symptoms in the early stage of illness.



CONTACT US

We're here to help.



SCHEDULE CONSULTATION

Is this test right for your patient?

How are clinicians utilizing the test to help patients?

“It gives us evidence of anti-neuronal activity...We’re just at the beginning of learning about the role of infections in psychiatric illness.”

— Dr. Rosalie Greenberg

“The Cunningham Panel™ becomes crucial in my workup of these patients to find out how much of an autoimmune process I’ve got going on.”

— Dr. Gary Kaplan

“This is the only test that could help me determine whether the root cause was of an infectious etiology or inflammatory.”

— Dr. Eboni Cornish

“The Cunningham Panel helps you determine whether a patient still needs prolonged treatment or maybe it’s time to stop.”

— Dr. Magdalena A. Cubala-Kucharska

“I think that the CaMKinase is the most important assay and changes with the severity of disease, at least in my experience.”

— Dr. Beth Latimer

“The Panel can help family members understand that this is a physiological condition. You’ve got antibodies [attacking] tissue in your brain.”

— Dr. Michele deAntonio



**WATCH CLINICIAN
TESTIMONIALS**



**WATCH PATIENT
STORIES**

Laboratory and testing information

The targets in the Cunningham Panel arose from over 20 years of basic research in the laboratory of Dr. Madeleine Cunningham at the University of Oklahoma, in conjunction with scientists from the National Institutes of Mental Health (NIMH).

Moleculara Labs is an accredited CLIA (Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment) and COLA (Commission on Laboratory Accreditation) laboratory (CLIA: 37D2082408; COLA: 25744).

We're here to help.

If you have questions or would like to learn more about the test, please contact us at 405-239-5250 or email customerservice@moleculara.com.

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