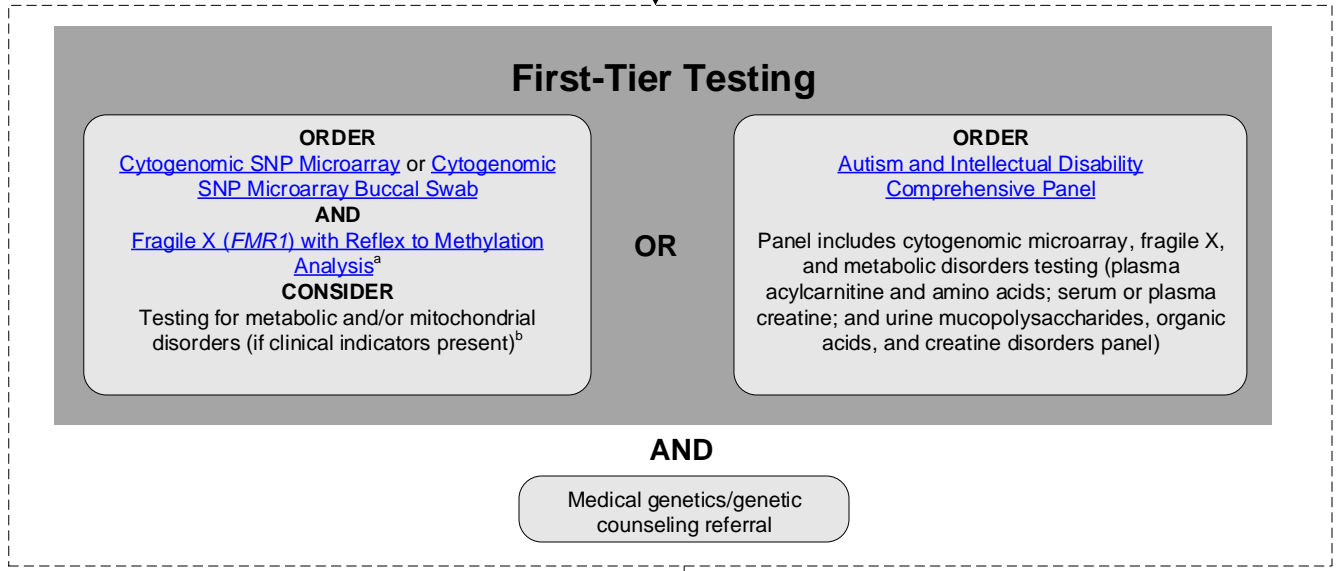
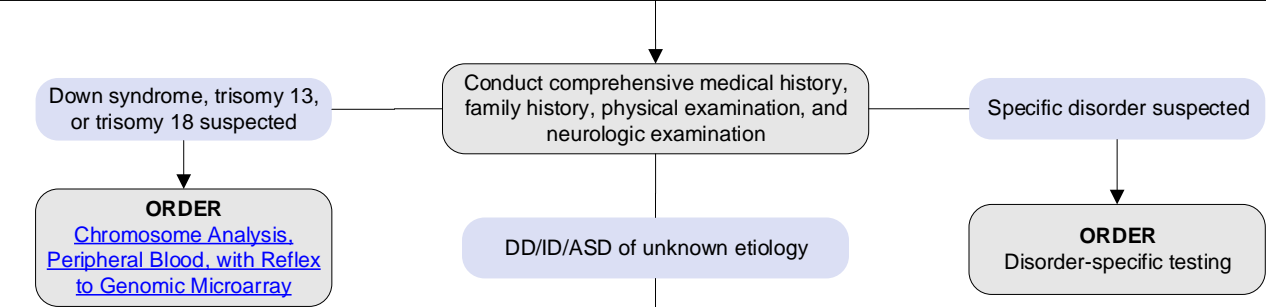


Testing for Genetic Syndromes Related to Developmental Delay (DD), Intellectual Disability (ID), and Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)

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INDICATIONS FOR TESTING
 Developmental delay (DD), intellectual disability (ID), and/or autism spectrum disorder (ASD)
AND/OR
 One or more comorbidities (eg, dysmorphic features, seizures, congenital defects, psychiatric disorders, family history of recurrent miscarriages)



Second-Tier Testing

Consider additional specific molecular studies:

- [Rett Syndrome \(MECP2\) Sequencing and Deletion/Duplication](#) if patient is female
- [PTEN-Related Disorders Sequencing and Deletion/Duplication](#) if patient has ASD and macrocephaly (head circumference >2.5 standard deviations)

X-linked disorder testing if indicated by clinical and family history
 Whole exome sequencing
 Brain imaging studies

^aThe American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics suggests fragile X syndrome screening for males and females with compatible clinical features and family history. The American Academy of Pediatrics and American Academy of Neurology recommend screening in all cases.
^bConsider metabolic testing (eg, acylcarnitine, amino acids, creatine, mucopolysaccharides, organic acids, creatine disorders panel, very long-chain and branched-chain fatty acids profile, uric acid, pyridoxine-dependent epilepsy panel [includes pipercolic acid and total AASA-P6C]) and review of newborn screening results even if low incidence/suspicion because intervention may be possible. Clinical indicators may include poor feeding, vomiting, dehydration, lethargy, hypotonia, and seizures in the newborn period. Clinical indicators outside of the newborn period exhibit marked variability and may be episodic and/or progressive.

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