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Hyman, Diamond, and colleagues carried out a prospective, blinded study to quantitatively detect the \textit{BRAF}^{V600E} mutation in circulating tumor cell-free DNA (cfDNA) from the urine and plasma of patients with Langerhans cell histiocytosis or Erdheim-Chester disease. Urinary cfDNA analysis defined the \textit{BRAF} genotype of all 30 patients and was 100% concordant with tissue genotypes among treatment-naïve patients. Furthermore, serial urinary cfDNA analyses in patients treated with a BRAF inhibitor or immunomodulatory therapy showed a progressive decrease in \textit{BRAF}^{V600E} allele burden, consistent with radiographic evidence of disease improvement. Tissue and cfDNA genotyping also identified a previously unreported somatic \textit{KRAS}^{G12S} mutation in a \textit{BRAF} wild-type patient. These data suggest cfDNA testing as a reliable, noninvasive method to detect \textit{BRAF}^{V600E} mutations and monitor response to therapy in histiocytic disorders. For details, please see the article by Hyman, Diamond, and colleagues on page 64.