



Test Catalog

Diagnostic. Prognostic. Predictive. Predisposition.



ALK for Lymphoma

Alternative Name

Anaplastic lymphoma kinase, (2p23)

Methodology

FISH

Test Description

Probes: ALK (2p23)

Disease(s): Anaplastic large cell lymphoma, NHL

Clinical Significance

ALK gene rearrangements are associated with anaplastic large-cell lymphoma (ALCL), and patients with ALK-positive ALCL have a favorable prognosis compared to patients with ALK-negative ALCL. This FISH probe detects ALK gene rearrangements irrespective of the partner gene. This probe is available separately or as part of the [NHL FISH Panel](#).

Specimen Requirements

- **Bone Marrow Aspirate:** 1-2mL Sodium Heparin Tube. EDTA tube is acceptable
- **Peripheral Blood:** 2-5mL Sodium Heparin Tube. EDTA tube is acceptable
- **Fresh, Unfixed Tissue:** Tissue in RPMI
- **Bone Marrow/ Peripheral Blood Smear or Fresh Tissue Touch Preparation Slides:** minimum 1 slide labeled with specimen type.
- **Fluids:** Equal parts RPMI to specimen volume.
- **Fixed Cell Suspension:** A client fixed cell suspension may be submitted for testing as long as it is received in 3:1 Methanol:Glacial Acetic Acid.
- **Paraffin Block:** H&E slide (required) plus paraffin block. Circle H&E for tech-only.
- **Cut Slides:** H&E slide (required) plus 2 unstained slides cut at 4 microns. Circle H&E for tech-only.
- **Note:** Please exclude biopsy needles, blades, and other foreign objects from transport tubes. These can compromise specimen viability and yield, and create hazards for employees.

Storage & Transportation

Refrigerate specimen. Do not freeze. Use cold pack for transport, making sure cold pack is not in direct contact with specimen. For fresh samples: ship same day as drawn whenever possible; specimens <72 hours old preferred.

CPT Code(s)*

88377x1 manual. Codes may differ if automated analysis is performed.

New York Approved

Yes

Level of Service

Technical, Global

Turnaround Time

3-5 days for both unfixed and FFPE specimens

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