

Test Catalog

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MYCN (n-MYC) Amplification

Alternative Name

n-MYC

Methodology

FISH

Test Description

Probes: MYCN (2p24.3) | Centromere 2

Disease(s): Brain cancer, neuroblastoma, alveolar rhabdomyosarcoma, small-cell lung cancer, prostate cancer.

Clinical Significance

The MYCN gene, which encodes the n-myc protein, is a proto-oncogene with highest expression in the developing brain and insignificant expression in normal adult tissues. Gene amplification is detected in approximately 20% of neuroblastoma and a variety of other solid tumors including 5% medulloblastoma, glioblastoma multiforme, 25% alveolar rhabdomyosarcoma, 15-20% small-cell lung cancer, 40% neuroendocrine prostate cancer, and 5% prostate adenocarcinoma. MYCN amplifications are associated with aggressive disease and/or poor outcome. Detection can be useful to stratify patients for aggressive treatment. Numerous therapies are in development.

Specimen Requirements

Bone marrow aspirate: N/A
Peripheral blood: N/A

• Fresh, unfixed tissue: N/A

• Fluids: N/A

• Paraffin block: Send paraffin block. Also send circled H&E slide for tech-only (required).

• Cut slides: H&E slide (required) plus 4 unstained slides cut at 4-5 microns. Circle H&E slide for tech-only.

Storage & Transportation

Use cold pack for transport. Make sure cold pack is not in direct contact with specimen.

CPT Code(s)*

88377x1 manual or 88374x1 automated.

New York Approved

Yes

Level of Service

Global, Technical

Turnaround Time



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