



Test Catalog

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Pan-TRK

Alternative Name

TRKA, TRKB, TRKC

Methodology

Immunohistochemistry (IHC)

Test Description

Pan-TRK (clone EPR17341) is directed against the C-terminal region of TRK (tropomyosin receptor kinase) A, B, and C proteins, which are encoded by NTRK1, NTRK2, and NTRK3 genes respectively. Pan-TRK IHC staining is a useful screen for identification of NTRK protein overexpression caused by gene fusions. Correlation of IHC staining with molecular detection of TRK fusions is moderate; discrepant cases have been described. IHC screening is not recommended in neuroendocrine tumors, GISTs, gliomas, or adult sarcomas, as these tissues show positive staining in the absence of an NTRK translocation. Published sensitivity rates of IHC staining for detection of NTRK fusions (detected by molecular testing) are 95% and above. [Follow-up molecular testing](#) is available to confirm positivity and identify the specific NTRK gene rearranged and its fusion partner gene.

Clinical Significance

NTRK gene fusions have been reported in >20 tumor types. They occur in >90% of certain rare tumors and are considered essentially pathogenic in secretory breast cancer, congenital fibrosarcoma, congenital mesoblastic nephroma, and mammary analogue secretory carcinoma (MASC). Tumors with intermediate NTRK fusion frequencies (5-25%) include papillary thyroid cancer (PTC), GIST without KIT/PDGFR/RAS mutations, spitzoid neoplasms, and certain pediatric gliomas. NTRK fusions are detected in <5% of a wide range of common tumors including non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC, ~1%); pancreatic adenocarcinoma; head and neck squamous cell; breast, colorectal, and renal cell carcinoma; melanoma; and adult brain tumors such as astrocytoma and glioblastoma. Testing for NTRK fusions identifies patients who may be candidates for NTRK inhibitor therapy.

Specimen Requirements

- A formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded (FFPE) tissue block is preferred specimen type or
- One (1) unbaked, unstained slide for H&E staining (required) and two to three (2-3) positively charged unstained slides (all cut at 4-5 microns) for each test/antibody ordered
- Block and slide identifiers should be clearly written and match exactly with the specimen ID and specimen labeling as noted on the requisition.

Storage & Transportation

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

CPT Code(s)*

88342 x 1 or 88341 x 1

New York Approved

Yes

Level of Service

Global

Turnaround Time

48 hours

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