

Overview

Useful For

Staging of the pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma.(1)

Special Instructions

- [Molecular Genetics: Inherited Cancer Syndromes Patient Information](#)

Method Name

Droplet Digital Polymerase Chain Reaction (ddPCR)

NY State Available

Yes

Specimen

Specimen Type

Varies

Shipping Instructions

Send specimens refrigerated (4 degrees C)

Necessary Information

Pathology report (final or preliminary) is required and must accompany specimen for testing to be performed. At minimum, it should contain the following information:

1. Patient name and second identifier
2. Fluid collection date
3. Source of the fluid

Specimen Required

Container/Tube: 50-mL Falcon tube

Preferred: Fresh, peritoneal washing; no fixatives added to wash

Specimen Volume: Two 50-mL Falcon tubes

Collection Instructions: Containers must be labeled with two unique patient identifiers.

Forms

[Molecular Genetics: Inherited Cancer Syndromes Patient Information](#) (T519)

Specimen Minimum Volume

100 mL of peritoneal washing

Reject Due To

Fixative added	Reject
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Specimen Stability Information

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time	Special Container
Varies	Refrigerated (preferred)	0 hours	

Clinical & Interpretive**Clinical Information**

Pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma (PDAC) is an aggressive malignancy with predilection for peritoneal dissemination. Accurate peritoneal staging is important for management of patients with PDAC. The Kirsten RAS (*KRAS*) oncogene is the most commonly mutated oncogene in pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma (PDAC). Detection of *KRAS* mutations within peritoneal fluid has been associated with clinically positive laparoscopic findings (gross metastases and/or positive peritoneal cytology) and elevated peritoneal fluid CA19-9 and/or carcinoembryonic antigen and may portend an increased risk of residual/recurrent pancreatic cancer metastases within the peritoneal cavity.

This test uses DNA extracted from cells shed into the peritoneum to evaluate for the presence of *KRAS* (G12A, G12C, G12D, G12R, G12S, G12V, G13D, Q61K, Q61L, Q61R, Q61H, and A146T) mutations. A positive result indicates the presence of an activating *KRAS* mutation and can be a useful marker to aid in the staging of pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma.

Reference Values

An interpretive report will be provided.

Interpretation

The interpretation of molecular biomarker analysis includes an overview of the results and the associated diagnostic, prognostic, and therapeutic implications.

Cautions

Patients with a negative test result may still harbor a *KRAS* mutation below the level of detection.

The limit of detection of this assay is influenced by the amount of cells and DNA in the peritoneal wash. This is a biological variable that cannot be controlled.

This assay was designed to detect mutations in *KRAS* codons 12, 13, 61, and 146 (G12A, G12C, G12D, G12R, G12S, G12V, G13D, Q61K, Q61L, Q61R, Q61H, and A146T).

This test has not been clinically validated for use as a tool to monitor response to therapy or for early detection of tumors.

This test cannot differentiate between somatic and germline alterations.

Clinical Reference

1. [Yonkus JA, Alva-Ruiz R, Abdelrahman AM, et al: Molecular peritoneal staging for pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma using mutant KRAS droplet-digital polymerase chain reaction: Results of a prospective clinical trial. J Am Coll Surg. 2021 Jul;233\(1\):73-80.e1. doi: 10.1016/j.jamcollsurg.2021.05.009](#)
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Performance**Method Description**

[Digital droplet polymerase chain reaction is used to test for the presence of KRAS codon 12, 13, 61, and 146 mutations.](#)(Yonkus JA, Alva-Ruiz R, Abdelrahman AM, et al: Molecular peritoneal staging for pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma using mutant KRAS droplet-digital polymerase chain reaction: Results of a prospective clinical trial. J Am Coll Surg. 2021 Jul;233(1):73-80.e1. doi: 10.1016/j.jamcollsurg.2021.05.009)

PDF Report

No

Day(s) Performed

Monday through Friday

Report Available

4 to 10 days

Specimen Retention Time

Extracted DNA: 3 months

Performing Laboratory Location

Rochester

Fees & Codes**Fees**

- Authorized users can sign in to [Test Prices](#) for detailed fee information.

- Clients without access to Test Prices can contact [Customer Service](#) 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- Prospective clients should contact their Regional Manager. For assistance, contact [Customer Service](#).

Test Classification

This test was developed, and its performance characteristics determined by Mayo Clinic in a manner consistent with CLIA requirements. This test has not been cleared or approved by the US Food and Drug Administration.

CPT Code Information

81275-KRAS (v-Ki-ras2 Kirsten rat sarcoma viral oncogene) (eg, carcinoma) gene analysis, variants in codons 12 and 13
81276-KRAS (v-Ki-ras2 Kirsten rat sarcoma viral oncogene) (eg, carcinoma) gene analysis, additional variants

LOINC® Information

Test ID	Test Order Name	Order LOINC® Value
KRASW	KRAS Mutation Analysis, Peritoneal	21702-6

Result ID	Test Result Name	Result LOINC® Value
616453	Result Summary	50397-9
616454	Result	82939-0
616455	Interpretation	69047-9
616456	Specimen	31208-2
616457	Source	31208-2
616459	Released By	18771-6
616460	Method	85069-3
616461	Disclaimer	62364-5
616462	Additional Information	48767-8