

## Overview

### Useful For

Aiding in the identification of yolk sac tumors and hepatocellular carcinoma

### Testing Algorithm

For the initial technical component only immunohistochemical (IHC) stain performed, the appropriate bill-only test ID will be reflexed and charged (IHTOI). For each additional technical component only IHC stain performed, an additional bill-only test ID will be reflexed and charged (IHTOA).

### Reflex Tests

Test Id	Reporting Name	Available Separately	Always Performed
IHTOI	IHC Initial, Tech Only	No	No
IHTOA	IHC Additional, Tech Only	No	No

### Method Name

### NY State Available

Yes

## Specimen

### Specimen Type

TECHONLY

### Ordering Guidance

This test includes only technical performance of the stain (no pathologist interpretation is performed). If diagnostic consultation by a pathologist is required order PATHC / Pathology Consultation.

### Shipping Instructions

Attach the green pathology address label and the pink Immunostain Technical Only label included in the kit to the outside of the transport container.

### Specimen Required

**Supplies:** Immunostain Technical Only Envelope (T693)

**Specimen Type:** Tissue

**Container/Tube:** Immunostain Technical Only Envelope

**Preferred:** 2 unstained positively charged glass slide (25- x 75- x 1-mm) per test ordered; sections 4-microns thick

**Acceptable:** Formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded (FFPE) tissue block

### Digital Image Access

- Information on accessing digital images of immunohistochemical (IHC) stains and the manual requisition form can be accessed through this website: [www.mayocliniclabs.com/test-info/ihc/index.html](http://www.mayocliniclabs.com/test-info/ihc/index.html)
- Clients ordering stains using a manual requisition form will not have access to digital images.

3. Clients wishing to access digital images must place the order for IHC stains electronically. Information regarding digital imaging can be accessed through this website: [www.mayocliniclabs.com/test-info/ihc/faq.html](http://www.mayocliniclabs.com/test-info/ihc/faq.html)

**Forms**

If not ordering electronically, complete, print, and send a [Immunohistochemical \(IHC\)/In Situ Hybridization \(ISH\) Stains Request](#) (T763) with the specimen.

**Reject Due To**

Wet/frozen tissue Cytology smears Nonformalin fixed tissue Nonparaffin embedded tissue Noncharged slides ProbeOn slides Reject

**Specimen Stability Information**

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time	Special Container
TECHONLY	Ambient (preferred)		
	Refrigerated		

**Clinical & Interpretive**

**Clinical Information**

Alpha-fetoprotein (AFP) is an oncofetal antigen normally expressed in fetal liver, but not present in normal adult tissues. AFP can be expressed in yolk sac tumors and in hepatocellular carcinomas.

**Interpretation**

This test includes only technical performance of the stain (no pathologist interpretation is performed). If diagnostic consultation by a pathologist is required order PATHC / Pathology Consultation.

The positive and negative controls are verified as showing appropriate immunoreactivity. If a control tissue is not included on the slide, a scanned image of the relevant quality control tissue is available upon request. Contact 855-516-8404.

Interpretation of this test should be performed in the context of the patient's clinical history and other diagnostic tests by a qualified pathologist.

**Cautions**

Age of a cut paraffin section can affect immunoreactivity. Stability thresholds vary widely among published literature and are antigen-dependent. Best practice is for paraffin sections to be cut within 6 weeks.

**Clinical Reference**

- Melms JC, Thummalapalli R, Shaw K, et al: Alpha-fetoprotein (AFP) as tumor marker in a patient with urothelial cancer with exceptional response to anti-PD-1 therapy and an escape lesion mimic. J Immunother Cancer. 2018 Sep 12;6(1):89. doi: 10.1186/s40425-018-0394-y
- Suzuki A, Koide N, Kitazawa M, et al: Gastric composite tumor of alpha fetoprotein-producing carcinoma/hepatoid adenocarcinoma and endocrine carcinoma with reference to cellular phenotypes. Patholog Res Int 2012;2012:1-8
- Tsung SH: The Characteristics of Immunoreactivity of Alpha-fetoprotein Producing Gastric Cancer. Cancer and Clinical Oncology 2013;2(1):73-79

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**Performance****Method Description**

Immunohistochemistry on sections of paraffin-embedded tissue.(Cartun RW, Taylor CR, Dabbs DJ: Techniques of immunohistochemistry: Principles, pitfalls, and standardization. In: Dabbs DJ, ed. Diagnostic Immunohistochemistry. 5th ed. Elsevier; 2019:1-46)

**PDF Report**

No

**Specimen Retention Time**

Until staining is complete.

**Performing Laboratory Location**

Rochester

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**Fees & Codes****Test Classification**

This test has been cleared, approved, or is exempt by the US Food and Drug Administration and is used per manufacturer's instructions. Performance characteristics were verified by Mayo Clinic in a manner consistent with CLIA requirements.

**CPT Code Information**

88342-TC, primary

88341-TC, if additional IHC