
Reporting Title: Pathology Consult

Performing Location: Mayo Clinic Laboratories - Rochester Main Campus

Ordering Guidance:

This test is intended for use with dry tissue - blocks and/or slides - only. For test ordering guidance for other specimen types, see [Pathology Consultation Ordering Algorithm](#).

If requesting only a peripheral blood smear evaluation, order SPSM / Morphology Evaluation (Special Smear), Blood.

Note: Send only those case specimens for which a Mayo Clinic pathologist interpretation is needed to guide patient care. This test is **not** intended for quality assurance/control (QA/QC) or medico-legal reviews. If Pathology QA/QC or medico-legal review is needed, contact your Mayo Clinic Laboratories account team or call 800-533-1710.

Shipping Instructions:

Attach the green "Attention Pathology" address label (T498) to the outside of the transport container before putting into the courier mailer.

Necessary Information:

For assistance gathering required documentation and specimens for this test, see [Pathology Consultation order submission guide](#).

All requisition and supporting information must be submitted in English.

Each of the following items is required:

1. All requisitions must be labeled with:

- Patient name, date of birth, and medical record number
- Name and phone number of the referring healthcare professional
- Anatomic site and collection date

2. A preliminary or final pathology report and brief patient history are essential to achieve a consultation fully relevant to the ordering healthcare professional's needs.

3. A specific diagnostic question is required for each specimen/part submitted. Include diagnostic question in a cover letter or in the requisition notes/comments. For ease of submission, the [Pathology Consultation Cover Letter](#) form can be completed and sent with the specimen.

4. Additional required information by case type:

Note: Imaging studies should be submitted for the request via [Mayo Clinic ImageShare](#) (preferred) or external storage device. Be aware that ImageShare **does not support** the upload of Pathology whole slide images.

-Bone soft tissue consults: Preoperative imaging studies **must** be provided; the consultation **will not proceed** without radiology films, as a diagnosis cannot be definitively determined.

-Liver/kidney consults: Corresponding ancillary laboratory test results

-Neuropathology consults: Clinical and/or radiology imaging should be included if available.

-Placenta consults: Labor and delivery notes, patient history, operation notes, and imaging reports should be included if available.

-Bone marrow consults:

1. A recent Hematology/Oncology clinical note; print and submit with the case.
2. Complete blood cell count (CBC) result from testing performed within 14 days of bone marrow collection
3. Indicate clinical reason/context for submitting this case.

4. All pending and final reports for ancillary testing on submitted specimens.

Specimen Requirements:

Additional Information:

All specimens and additional paperwork must be labeled with:

- Two patient identifiers (first and last name, date of birth, or medical record number)
- Specimen type and anatomic site

Supplies: Pathology Packaging Kit (T554)

Specimen Type: Tissue

Container/Tube: Formalin-fixed paraffin-embedded blocks, stained slides, and/or unstained slides

Note: Submit only pertinent hematoxylin and eosin (H and E) and all special stains relevant to the diagnostic questions for the case. Include positively charged unstained slides and/or a formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded tissue block if it is anticipated that additional stains or ancillary testing may be necessary.

Bone Marrow Case Specimen Requirements

For information on collecting specimens, see [Bone Marrow Core Biopsy, Clot, and Aspirate Collection Guideline](#).

Specimen Type: Bone marrow aspirate

Slides: 5

Preferred: Freshly prepared slides made at the time of specimen collection

Acceptable: Slides made from EDTA specimen, within 2 hours of collection

Submission Container/Tube: Plastic slide holder

Specimen Type: Bone marrow aspirate clot

Container/Tube: Bone marrow aspirate clot embedded in paraffin block

Collection Instructions: Process and embed clot in paraffin

Specimen Type: Bone marrow core biopsy

Container/Tube: Fixed biopsy core embedded in paraffin block

Collection Instructions: Process and embed core in paraffin.

Specimen Type: Blood

Slides: 2

Preferred: 2 Freshly prepared fingerstick slides

Acceptable: 2 Slides made from whole blood in EDTA, made within 8 hours of collection

Submission Container/Tube: Plastic slide holder

Forms:

1. [Pathology Consultation Cover Letter](#)
2. If not ordering electronically, complete, print, and send [Pathology Consultation Request](#) (T246) with the specimen.

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time	Special Container
MMLDRY	Ambient		

Result Codes:

Result ID	Reporting Name	Type	Unit	LOINC®
71038	Interpretation	Alphanumeric		60570-9
71039	Participated in the Interpretation	Alphanumeric		No LOINC Needed
71040	Report electronically signed by	Alphanumeric		19139-5
71041	Addendum	Alphanumeric		35265-8
71042	Material Received	Alphanumeric		22633-2
71583	Disclaimer	Alphanumeric		62364-5
71789	Case Number	Alphanumeric		80398-1

LOINC® and CPT codes are provided by the performing laboratory.

Supplemental Report:

No

CPT Code Information:

- 88321 (if appropriate)
- 88323 (if appropriate)
- 88325 (if appropriate)

Reflex Tests:

Test Id	Reporting Name	CPT Units	CPT Code	Always Performed	Available Separately
COSPC	Consult, Outside Slide	1	88321	No	No, (Bill Only)
CRHPC	Consult, w/Comp Rvw of His	1	88325	No	No, (Bill Only)
CSPPC	Consult, w/Slide Prep	1	88323	No	No, (Bill Only)
CUPPC	Consult, w/USS Prof	1	88323	No	No, (Bill Only)
SLSUR	Consult Slide Surcharge			No	No

Reference Values:

An interpretive report will be provided.