

## Overview

### Useful For

Aids in distinguishing basal cell carcinoma from squamous cell carcinoma of the skin

Aids in distinguishing pulmonary adenocarcinoma from mesothelioma

### Reflex Tests

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

## 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).

### Method Name

Immunohistochemistry

### NY State Available

Yes

## Specimen

### Specimen Type

TECHONLY

### Advisory Information

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 (T693)

**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

1. 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)
2. 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

Tissue/Other	Wet/frozen tissue Cytology smears Nonformalin fixed tissue Nonparaffin embedded tissue Noncharged slides ProbeOn slides
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### Specimen Stability Information

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

## Clinical and Interpretive

### Clinical Information

Epithelial cell adhesion molecule/EPCAM (Ber-EP4) is expressed on most epithelial cells of the body, with the exception of squamous epithelium and mesothelium. It has been used to distinguish basal cell carcinoma from squamous cell carcinoma of the skin, and to distinguish pulmonary adenocarcinoma from mesothelioma.

### Interpretation

This test includes only technical performance of the stain (no pathologist interpretation is performed). Mayo Clinic cannot provide an interpretation of tech only stains outside the context of a pathology consultation. If an interpretation is needed, refer to PATHC / Pathology Consultation for a full diagnostic evaluation or second opinion of the case. All material associated with the case is required. Additional specific stains may be requested as part of the pathology consultation, and will be performed as necessary at the discretion of the Mayo pathologist.

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The positive and negative controls are verified as showing appropriate immunoreactivity and documentation is retained at Mayo Clinic Rochester. 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.

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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 fresh.

**Clinical Reference**

1. Beer TW, Shepherd P, Theaker JM: Ber EP4 and Epithelial Membrane Antigen Aid Distinction of Basal Cell, Squamous Cell and Basosquamous Carcinomas of the Skin. *Histopathology* 2000;37:218-223
2. Ordonez NG: The Diagnostic Utility of Immunohistochemistry in Distinguishing Between Epithelioid Mesotheliomas and Squamous Carcinomas of the Lung: A Comparative Study. *Modern Pathology* 2006;19(3):417-428
3. Sheibani K, Shin SS, Kezirian J, et al: Ber-EP4 Antibody as a Discriminant in the Differential Diagnosis of Malignant Mesothelioma Versus Adenocarcinoma. *American Journal of Surgical Pathology* 1991;15(8):779-784

**Performance****Method Description**

Immunohistochemistry on sections of paraffin-embedded tissue.(Unpublished Mayo method)

**PDF Report**

No

**Day(s) and Time(s) Test Performed**

Monday through Friday

**Analytic Time**

1 day

**Maximum Laboratory Time**

3 days

**Specimen Retention Time**

Until staining is complete.

**Performing Laboratory Location**

Rochester

**Fees and 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 U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

**CPT Code Information**

88342-TC, primary

88341-TC, if additional IHC

**LOINC® Information**

Test ID	Test Order Name	Order LOINC Value
BEREP	Ber-EP4 IHC, Tech Only	Order only;no result

Result ID	Test Result Name	Result LOINC Value
70677	Ber-EP4 IHC, Tech Only	Bill only; no result