

**Overview****Useful For**

Qualitative detection of estrogen receptor alpha protein in a diagnostic setting

**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

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

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

## Clinical and Interpretive

### Clinical Information

Estrogen receptor alpha protein expression is limited to normal and neoplastic tissues related to the reproductive system (breast, cervix, endometrium, uterus, ovary, and prostate).

### 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.

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.

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

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and are antigen-dependent. Best practice is for paraffin sections to be cut fresh.

### Clinical Reference

1. Dabbs DJ, Landreneau RJ, Liu Y, et al: [Detection of estrogen receptor by immunohistochemistry in pulmonary adenocarcinoma. Ann Thorac Surg 2002 February;73\(2\):403-405](#)
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3. Leav I, Lau KM, Adams JY, et al: Comparative studies of the estrogen receptors beta and alpha and the androgen receptor in normal human prostate glands, dysplasia, and in primary and metastatic carcinoma. Am J Pathol 2001 July;159(1):79-92

### 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

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88341-TC, if additional IHC

**LOINC® Information**

Test ID	Test Order Name	Order LOINC Value
ESTR	Estrogen Rec IHC, Tech Only	Order only;no result

Result ID	Test Result Name	Result LOINC Value
70740	Estrogen Rec IHC, Tech Only	Bill only; no result