Overview

Useful For
Identification of Merkel cell polyomavirus (MCPyV) infected cells

Reflex Tests

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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

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
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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**

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**Specimen Stability Information**

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**Clinical and Interpretive**

**Clinical Information**

Merkel cell polyomavirus (MCPyV) infections are common and typically benign. In rare instances, these infections lead to neoplastic transformations known as Merkel cell carcinoma (MCC) through the expression (nuclear) of MCPyV large T-antigen. MCPyV-positive MCC have been reported to behave less aggressively than MCPyV-negative MCC.

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

**Clinical Reference**


**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

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