MAYO CLINIC LABORATORIES

Test Definition: MTAP

Methylthioadenosine Phosphorylase (MTAP), Diagnostic, Immunostain, Tech Only

Overview

Useful For

Qualitative detection of methylthioadenosine phosphorylase (MTAP) in a diagnostic setting

Aiding in the diagnosis of mesothelioma

This test **should not be** used to predict response to treatment.

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 (IHC)

NY State Available

Yes

Specimen

Specimen Type

TECHONLY

Ordering Guidance

This test includes only technical performance of the stain (no pathologist interpretation is performed).

This test is for qualitative immunohistochemistry testing of methylthioadenosine phosphorylase for diagnostic purposes without interpretation.

For predictive immunostain detection of methylthioadenosine phosphorylase expression in solid tumors with interpretation, order MTAPS / Methylthioadenosine Phosphorylase, Solid Tumor, Immunohistochemistry.

For interpretation and diagnosis of submitted pathology specimens with appropriate additional stains and other ancillary testing, order PATHC / Pathology Consultation.

Additional material may be needed if alternative testing is requested. See the specific specimen requirements for any alternative requested testing.

Shipping Instructions

Attach the green "Attention Pathology" address label (T498) and the pink Immunostain Technical Only label included in the kit to the outside of the transport container.

Specimen Required

Specimen Type: Tissue
Supplies: Immunostain Technical Only Envelope (T693)
Container/Tube: Immunostain Technical Only Envelope
Submit:
Formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded tissue block
OR
2 Unstained, positively charged glass slides (25- x 75- x 1-mm) per test ordered; sections 4-microns thick

Digital Image Access

1. Information on accessing digital images of immunohistochemical (IHC) stains and the manual requisition form can be accessed through this website: https://news.mayocliniclabs.com/pathology/digital-imaging/
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: https://news.mayocliniclabs.com/pathology/digital-imaging/#section3

Forms

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

Reject Due To

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

slides	

Specimen Stability Information

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

Clinical & Interpretive

Clinical Information

Methylthioadenosine phosphorylase (MTAP) is a chromosome 9p21.3 related protein involved in purine metabolism that plays a role in salvage of adenosine and methionine and is expressed in mesothelial cells. Loss of expression of MTAP protein is a reliable marker for malignancy in mesothelial proliferations and may also occur in a subset of carcinomas.

Interpretation

This test does not include pathologist interpretation, only technical performance of the stain. If interpretation is required, order PATHC / Pathology Consultation for a full diagnostic evaluation or second opinion of the case.

The positive and negative controls are verified as showing appropriate immunoreactivity.

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.

Recommended fixation time is between 6 and 48 hours.

This assay has not been validated on tissues subjected to the decalcification process or use of alternative fixatives for bone and bone marrow specimens or cell blocks.

The charge of glass slides can be affected by environmental factors and subsequently may alter slide staining. Sending unsuitable glass slides can result in inconsistent staining due to poor slide surface chemistry.

Best practices for storage of positively charged slides:
-Minimize time slides are stored after being unpackaged
-Limit exposure to high humidity and heat
-Minimize exposure to plastics

Clinical Reference

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Performance

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

PDF Report
No

Day(s) Performed
Monday through Friday

Report Available
1 to 3 days

Specimen Retention Time
Until staining is completed

Performing Laboratory Location
Mayo Clinic Laboratories - Rochester Main Campus

Fees & 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 account representative. For assistance, contact Customer Service.

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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

LOINC® Information

Test ID	Test Order Name	Order LOINC® Value
MTAP	MTAP IHC, Tech Only	Order only;no result

Result ID	Test Result Name	Result LOINC® Value
605178	MTAP IHC, Tech Only	Bill only; no result