

## Overview

### Useful For

Glioma subclassification, prognosis and selection of therapies

### Testing Algorithm

This test includes a charge for application of 2 probe sets (4 individual fluorescence in situ hybridization probes), analysis, and professional interpretation of results.

### Method Name

Fluorescence In Situ Hybridization (FISH)

### NY State Available

No

## Specimen

### Specimen Type

Tissue

### Ordering Guidance

To evaluate for acquired alterations associated with the molecular classification of glioma, chromosomal microarray rather than fluorescence in situ hybridization may be of benefit, order CMAPT / Chromosomal Microarray, Tumor, Formalin-Fixed Paraffin-Embedded.(1)

### Shipping Instructions

Advise Express Mail or equivalent if not on courier service.

Ship paraffin blocks on ice packs during warm months.

### Necessary Information

**A reason for testing and pathology report are required for testing to be performed.** Send information with specimen. Acceptable pathology reports include working drafts, preliminary pathology, or surgical pathology reports.

### Specimen Required

**Submit only 1 of the following specimens:**

**Specimen Type:** Tissue

**Preferred:** Tissue block

**Collection Instructions:** Submit a formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded tumor tissue block. Blocks prepared with alternative fixation methods will not be accepted; provide fixation method used.

**Note:** Send with ice pack if shipping during warm months.

**Acceptable:** Slides

**Collection Instructions:** Three consecutive, unstained, 4 to 5 micron-thick sections placed on positively charged slides, and 1 hematoxylin and eosin-stained slide.

**Forms**

[Molecular Pathology Test Request](#) (T726)

**Specimen Minimum Volume**

Tissue slides: 2 consecutive unstained and 1 hematoxylin and eosin stained

**Reject Due To**

|                       |        |
|-----------------------|--------|
| Decalcified specimens | Reject |
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**Specimen Stability Information**

| Specimen Type | Temperature         | Time | Special Container |
|---------------|---------------------|------|-------------------|
| Tissue        | Ambient (preferred) |      |                   |
|               | Refrigerated        |      |                   |

**Clinical & Interpretive**

**Clinical Information**

Chromosome 1p/19q co-deletion is a diagnostic and prognostic marker of oligodendroglioma. Studies have shown that the co-deletion of these 2 chromosomal arms is due to a balanced whole arm translocation between chromosomes 1 and 19 and subsequent loss of the 1p and 19q arms. Detection of 1p/19q co-deletion along with molecular testing of other genes including *MGMT* promotor methylation, *IDH1/2* variant, *TERT* promotor variants, as well as *TP53* variants, will assist glioma classification and predicting prognosis and providing a guidance for treatment. Variants in many other genes may occur and detection of these by next generation sequencing may provide useful information for classification and therapeutic consideration.

1p/19q co-deletion is determined by fluorescence in situ hybridization (FISH) in this test. Interpretation of the clinical significance of the FISH result should be correlated with the results of other molecular testing for disease subclassification and therapy selection. While *IDH1/2* variants with co-deletion of 1p and 19q define oligodendrogliomas, isolated 19q loss is common in astrocytomas and focal loss of 1p frequently is seen in IDH-wild-type glioblastoma. Rarely, a 1p/19q co-deletion detected by FISH may not represent loss of the whole chromosome 1p and 19q arms. If a positive FISH result is not consistent with the disease subclassification, additional tests such as chromosome microarray should be considered to confirm presence of 1p/19q whole arm loss.

**Reference Values**

An interpretive report will be provided.

**Interpretation**

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**Cautions**

Optimum fixation should be performed in 10% neutral buffered formalin. Other types of fixatives should not be used.

The information provided by the 1p/19q status of a patient's tumor should not be interpreted in isolation.

**Clinical Reference**

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**Performance****Method Description**

The test uses 2 commercially available enumeration strategy probe sets: 1p36(*TP73*)/1q25(*ABL2*) and 19p13(*D19S221*)/19q13.3(*EHD2*). Formalin-fixed paraffin-embedded tissues cut at 4 to 5 microns and mounted on positively charged glass slides are used. The selection of tissue and the identification of target areas on the hematoxylin and eosin (H and E)-stained slide is performed by a pathologist. Using the H and E-stained slide as a reference, target areas are etched with a diamond-tipped etcher on the back of the unstained slide to be assayed. The probe sets are hybridized to the appropriate target areas. For each probe set, 2 technologists each analyze 50 interphase nuclei (100 total for each probe set) with the results expressed as a ratio of the total number of 1p36:1q and 19q13.3:19p signals.(Unpublished Mayo method)

**PDF Report**

No

**Day(s) Performed**

Monday through Friday

**Report Available**

2 to 8 days

**Specimen Retention Time**

Images are saved indefinitely. Extra unstained slides (if provided) and hematoxylin and eosin-stained slide will be sent to

histology after testing is complete.

Performing Laboratory Location  
Mayo Clinic Jacksonville Clinical Lab

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](#).

Test Classification

This test was developed using an analyte specific reagent. Its performance characteristics were determined by Mayo Clinic in a manner consistent with CLIA requirements. This test has not been cleared or approved by the US Food and Drug Administration.

CPT Code Information

88377 x 2 (2 probe sets)

LOINC® Information

| Test ID | Test Order Name                    | Order LOINC® Value |
|---------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| JGLIF   | 1p/19q Deletion, Glioma, FISH, Tis | 107239-6           |

| Result ID | Test Result Name       | Result LOINC® Value |
|-----------|------------------------|---------------------|
| 606667    | Result Summary         | 50397-9             |
| 606668    | Interpretation         | 69965-2             |
| 606669    | Result                 | 62356-1             |
| 606670    | Reason for Referral    | 42349-1             |
| 606671    | Specimen               | 31208-2             |
| 606672    | Source                 | 85298-8             |
| 606673    | Tissue ID              | 80398-1             |
| 606674    | Fixative               | 8100-0              |
| 606675    | Method                 | 85069-3             |
| 606676    | Additional Information | 48767-8             |
| 606677    | Disclaimer             | 62364-5             |
| 606678    | Released By            | 18771-6             |