Test Definition: P53CA

Hematologic Neoplasms, TP53 Somatic Mutation, DNA Sequencing Exons 4-9, Varies

Overview

Useful For

Evaluating chronic lymphocytic leukemia patients at diagnosis or during disease course for the presence of *TP53* gene variants indicating high risk of disease progression and adverse outcomes

This test is **not intended for** the evaluation of patients suspected of having an inherited or germline *TP53* cancer syndrome (eg, Li Fraumeni syndrome)

Reflex Tests

Test Id	Reporting Name	Available Separately	Always Performed
CSP53	TP53 Pre-Analysis Cell Sorting, V	No	No

Testing Algorithm

Flow cytometry will be performed on peripheral blood samples to verify diagnosis of chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL) and to selectively enrich for B cells in samples with a clonal population.

For more information see *TP53* Mutation Testing Algorithm.

Special Instructions

- TP53 Mutation Testing Algorithm
- Molecular Hematopathology Patient Information

Highlights

This test is complementary to fluorescence in situ hybridization analysis for the 17p- abnormality but more appropriately identifies the presence of variant alteration and gene inactivation in tumor cells.

Method Name

Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) and Sanger Sequencing

NY State Available

Yes

Specimen

Specimen Type

Varies

Ordering Guidance

For the evaluation of patients suspected of having an inherited or germline *TP53* cancer syndrome (eg, Li Fraumeni syndrome), order one of the following tests containing *TP53*:
-XCP/ Hereditary Expanded Cancer Panel, Varies
-COMCP / Hereditary Common Cancer Panel, Varies
-BRGYP / Hereditary Breast/Gynecologic Cancer Panel, Varies
-CRCGP / Hereditary Gastrointestinal Cancer Panel, Varies
-PANCP / Hereditary Pancreatic Cancer Panel, Varies
-ENDCP / Hereditary Endocrine Cancer Panel, Varies
-THYRP / Hereditary Thyroid Cancer Panel, Varies
-WILMP / Hereditary Wilms Tumor Panel, Varies
-RENCP / Hereditary Renal Cancer Panel, Varies
-PRS8P / Hereditary Prostate Cancer Panel, Varies

Shipping Instructions

Blood and bone marrow specimens must arrive within 10 days of collection.

Specimen Required

Submit only 1 of the following specimens:

Preferred
Specimen Type: Whole blood
Container/Tube: Lavender top (EDTA) or yellow top (ACD)
Specimen Volume: 3 mL
Collection Instructions:
1. Invert several times to mix blood.
2. Send whole blood specimen in original tube. **Do not aliquot.**
3. Label specimen as whole blood.
Specimen Stability Information: Ambient (preferred) 10 days/Refrigerated 10 days
Additional Information: To ensure minimum volume and concentration of DNA are met, the requested volume must be submitted. Testing may be canceled if DNA requirements are inadequate.

Acceptable
Specimen Type: Bone marrow
Container/Tube: Lavender top (EDTA), yellow top (ACD), or green top (heparin)
Specimen Volume: 3 mL
Collection Instructions:
1. Invert several times to mix bone marrow.
2. Send bone marrow specimen in original tube. **Do not aliquot**.
3. Label specimen as bone marrow.
Specimen Stability Information: Ambient (preferred) 10 days/Refrigerated 10 days
Additional Information: To ensure minimum volume and concentration of DNA are met, the requested volume must be submitted. Testing may be canceled if DNA requirements are inadequate.

Specimen Type: Tissue
Container/Tube: Plastic container
Specimen Volume: 100 mg
Collection Instructions: Stabilize fresh tissue in tissue culture medium or freeze immediately after collection.
Specimen Stability Information: Refrigerated (preferred) 24 hours/ Frozen 10 days

Forms

1. Molecular Hematopathology Patient Information: B-Cell Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL) for *IGVH* and/or *TP53* Somatic Mutation Testing
2. If not ordering electronically, complete, print, and send a Hematopathology/Cytogenetics Test Request (T726) with the specimen.

Specimen Minimum Volume

See Specimen Required

Reject Due To

Gross hemolysis	Reject
Extracted DNA	Reject
Formalin-fixed paraffin-embedded tissue	Reject
Moderately to severely clotted	Reject

Specimen Stability Information

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time	Special Container
Varies	Varies	10 days	

Clinical & Interpretive

Clinical Information

Patients with chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL) have variable disease courses influenced by a series of tumor biologic factors. The presence of chromosomal 17p- or a *TP53* gene variant confers a very poor prognosis to a subset of CLL patients, both at time of initial diagnosis, as well as during disease progression, or in the setting of therapeutic resistance. *TP53* gene variant status in CLL has emerged as the single most predictive tumor genetic abnormality associated with adverse outcome and poor response to standard immunochemotherapy; however, patients can be managed with alternative therapeutic options.

Although the prognostic relevance of an acquired *TP53* gene variant is best studied for CLL, similar findings are also reported for other hematologic malignancies including low-grade B-cell lymphoma, diffuse large B-cell lymphoma, and some types of myelodysplastic syndromes and acute myeloid leukemia. Therefore, while this test has been developed to be primarily focused on high-risk CLL patients, *TP53* gene sequencing analysis can also be performed in additional neoplasms, as clinically indicated.

Reference Values

Genetic variants present or absent as compared to a reference sequence of the normal *TP53* gene

Interpretation

Results are reported in standard nomenclature according to the most recent Human Genome Variation Society recommendations and an interpretive comment regarding the nature of the sequence variant (eg, known deleterious, suspected deleterious, synonymous change) will be included to complete the clinical report.

Cautions

This test will not detect all possible acquired variants in the *TP53* gene because it is restricted to analyzing exons 4 to 9. However, this region encompasses more than 90% of described disease-causing variants and covers the coding exons of the critical DNA binding regions.

The analytical sensitivity of the assay can be affected by the absolute B-cell number in the peripheral blood or tissue sample, as well as the often subclonal nature of this tumor genetic abnormality. The assay attempts to compensate in part for this by performing an initial screening flow cytometry to assess B-cell quantity and by performing the cell enrichment step (for the peripheral blood specimens only) to isolate relatively pure CD19+ B cells for analysis. Nevertheless, the nature of the Sanger sequencing method is such that typical reproducible analytic sensitivity will be in the order of 25% variant allele burden.

Because optimal cell enrichment is dependent on the absolute B-cell quantity, samples with a very low white blood cell (WBC) or initial percentage of B cells (determined from flow cytometry or WBC automated cell count) will likely result in poor assay performance and inability to detect possible *TP53* gene variants in the tumor population.

Clinical Reference

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Performance

Method Description

Peripheral blood specimens from chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL) patients only will be analyzed by a screening flow cytometry method to determine B-cell content and confirm the presence of a clonal B-cell population. Blood (but not bone marrow) samples from patients with CLL are enriched for B lymphocytes by cell sorting, and DNA is extracted from the B-cell fraction. For other sample types (bone marrow, fresh or frozen tissues) DNA is extracted directly without prior enrichment. Polymerase chain reaction and Sanger sequencing of *TP53* exons 4 to 9 is performed. Sequence analysis is performed using Mutation Surveyor and Alamut software. The presence of a detected variant is then assessed using curated public databases of known *TP53* gene mutations.(National Cancer Institute: The *TP53* Database. National Institutes of Health; 2022. Accessed December 19, 2025. Available at https://tp53.isb-cgc.org/; den Dunnen JT, Antonarakis SE. Mutation nomenclature extensions and suggestions to describe complex mutations: a discussion. Hum Mutat. 2000;15[1]:7-12)

PDF Report

No

Day(s) Performed

Monday through Friday

Report Available

8 to 14 days

Specimen Retention Time

Whole blood/Bone marrow: 2 weeks; Tissue: 1 week; Extracted DNA 3 months

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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Test Classification

This test was developed and its performance characteristics determined by Mayo Clinic in a manner consistent with CLIA requirements. It has not been cleared or approved by the US Food and Drug Administration.

CPT Code Information

81352-TP53 (tumor protein 53) (eg, tumor samples), full gene sequence or targeted sequence analysis of >5 exons

LOINC® Information

Test ID	Test Order Name	Order LOINC® Value
P53CA	TP53 gene somatic mutation analysis	21739-8

Result ID	Test Result Name	Result LOINC® Value
MP018	Specimen Type:	31208-2
35759	Final Diagnosis:	34574-4
607075	Signing Pathologist	19139-5
MP087	Indication for Test	42349-1