

# Test Definition: TTFK5

Thyroid Transcription Factor 1 (TTF1) (SPT24)  
and Keratin 5 (KRT5) Immunostain, Technical  
Component Only

## Overview

### Useful For

Thyroid transcription factor 1 aids in the classification of carcinomas of unknown origin

Keratin 5 aids in the identification of squamous cell carcinoma

### Reflex Tests

Test Id	Reporting Name	Available Separately	Always Performed
IHMTO	IHC Multiplex, 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). If diagnostic consultation by a pathologist is required order PATHC / Pathology Consultation.

### 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)

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**Container/Tube:** Immunostain Technical Only Envelope

**Preferred:**

- 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

**Acceptable:** None

**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 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 Snowcoat slides	Reject
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**Specimen Stability Information**

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

**Clinical & Interpretive**

**Clinical Information**

Thyroid transcription factor 1 (TTF1) is a nuclear protein (detected by the chromogen 3,3'-diaminobenzidine) expressed in thyroid follicular cells, type II pneumocytes, and a subset of bronchial cells. Keratin 5 is a type II cytokeratin (detected by the chromogen fast red) that dimerizes with the type I cytokeratin 14 forming intermediate filaments in the basal layer of the epidermis. Keratin 5 is useful for differentiating squamous cell carcinoma (KRT5 positive) from pulmonary adenocarcinomas (KRT5 negative). This immunostain is often included in a panel to identify the primary site for carcinomas of unknown origin.

**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.

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 complete.

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](#).

Test Classification

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

88344-TC

LOINC® Information

Test ID	Test Order Name	Order LOINC® Value
TTFK5	TTF1(SPT24) + KRT5 IHC, Tech Only	Order only;no result

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Result ID	Test Result Name	Result LOINC® Value
70801	TTF1(SPT24) + KRT5 IHC, Tech Only	Bill only; no result