

Overview

Useful For

p40 aids in the classification of carcinomas and lymphomas

Napsin A aids in the identification of primary lung adenocarcinoma

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 provided.**

Technical component only stains **should not** be ordered with PATHC / Pathology Consultation. If ordered with PATHC, the technical component stains **will be canceled**. Any immunohistochemistry (IHC)/in situ hybridization (ISH) stain performed as a part of the PATHC will be performed at the reviewing pathologist's discretion at an additional charge.

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  
**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		

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**Clinical & Interpretive****Clinical Information**

p40 is an antibody (detected by the chromogen 3,3'-diaminobenzidine) that recognizes the deltaNp63 isoform of p63. This isoform may exert an oncogenic effect and is selectively expressed in squamous cell carcinoma. Napsin A is an aspartic proteinase involved in the proteolytic processing of surfactant precursors in the normal alveolar epithelium. In normal tissues, napsin A is expressed in the cytoplasm of alveolar macrophages, type II pneumocytes, pancreatic ducts and acini, and in renal tubules (detected by the chromogen fast red). Napsin A has clinical utility for the identification of primary lung adenocarcinomas. Napsin A is also positive in a subset of thyroid and renal cell carcinomas (especially papillary types).

**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
P40NA	p40 + Napsin A IHC, Tech Only	Order only;no result

Result ID	Test Result Name	Result LOINC® Value
70838	p40 + Napsin A IHC, Tech Only	Bill only; no result