

Overview**Useful For**

[Stratification of oropharyngeal squamous cell carcinoma](#)

Method Name

In Situ Hybridization (ISH)

NY State Available

Yes

Specimen**Specimen Type**

Special

Additional Testing Requirements

If additional interpretation or analysis is needed, request PATHC / Pathology Consultation along with this test.

Shipping Instructions

Attach the green "Attention Pathology" address label (T498) to the outside of the transport container before putting into the courier mailer.

Necessary Information

A pathology/diagnostic report and a brief history are required.

Specimen Required

Supplies: Pathology Packaging Kit (T554)

Specimen Type: Tissue

Container/Tube: Immunostain Technical Only Envelope

Collection Instructions: Formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded tissue block; or 5 unstained glass, "positively charged" slides with 4-microns, formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded tissue

Forms

If not ordering electronically, complete, print, and send 1 of the following forms with the specimen:

-[Oncology Test Request](#) (T729)

-[Immunohistochemical \(IHC\)/In Situ Hybridization \(ISH\) Stains Request](#) (T763)

Reject Due To

Wet/frozen	Reject
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tissue Cytology smears Nonformalin fixed tissue Nonparaffin embedded tissue Noncharged slides ProbeOn slides	
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Specimen Stability Information

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

Clinical & Interpretive

Clinical Information

This assay is intended to identify the presence of human papillomavirus (HPV) E6/E7 transcripts from high-risk genotypes. Patients with HPV-related oropharyngeal squamous cell carcinoma (OPSCC) have shown better disease-specific survival and overall survival when compared to HPV-negative cases of OPSCC. An indication for this test is p16 expression by immunohistochemistry.

Reference Values

[Results are reported as positive or negative for types 16, 18, 26, 31, 33, 35, 39, 45, 51, 52, 53, 56, 58, 59, 66, 68, 73, and 82.](#)

Interpretation

[This test, when not accompanied by a pathology consultation request, will be answered as either positive or negative. If additional interpretation or analysis is needed, request PATHC / Pathology Consultation along with this test.](#)

Cautions

Age of a cut paraffin section can affect staining quality. Stability thresholds vary widely among published literature. Best practice is for paraffin sections to be cut within 6 weeks.

Clinical Reference

1. Lindemann ML, Dominguez MJ, de Antonio JC, et al. Analytical comparison of the cobas HPV test with hybrid capture 2 for the detection of high-risk HPV genotypes. *J Mol Diagn.* 2012;14(1):65-70
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4. Magaki S, Hojat SA, Wei B, So A, Yong WH. An introduction to the performance of immunohistochemistry. *Methods Mol Biol*. 2019;1897:289-298. doi:10.1007/978-1-4939-8935-5_25

Performance

Method Description

In situ hybridization on sections of paraffin-embedded tissue.(Unpublished Mayo method)

PDF Report

No

Day(s) Performed

Monday through Friday

Report Available

5 to 7 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 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

88365-Primary

88364-If additional ISH

LOINC® Information

Test ID	Test Order Name	Order LOINC® Value
HPVE6	HPV E6/E7 ISH	Obsolete

Result ID	Test Result Name	Result LOINC® Value
71212	Interpretation	50595-8
71213	Participated in the Interpretation	No LOINC Needed
71449	Report electronically signed by	19139-5
71451	Material Received	81178-6
71597	Disclaimer	62364-5
72114	Case Number	80398-1