

## Pediatric T-Lymphoblastic Leukemia/Lymphoma Panel, FISH, Varies

**Test ID:** TALFP

**Useful for:**

Detecting, at diagnosis, recurrent common chromosome abnormalities associated with T-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia/lymphoma (T-ALL) in pediatric/young adult patients using a laboratory-designated probe set algorithm

As an adjunct to conventional chromosome studies in pediatric/young adult patients with T-ALL

Evaluating specimens in which chromosome studies are unsuccessful

This test should not be used to screen for residual T-ALL

**Reflex Tests:**

Test ID	Reporting Name	Available Separately	Always Performed
TALBP	Probe, Each Additional (TALFP)	No (Bill Only)	No

**Methods:**

Fluorescence In Situ Hybridization (FISH)

**Reference Values:**

An interpretive report will be provided.

**Specimen Requirements:**

Submit only 1 of the following specimens:

**Preferred Specimen**

**Type:** Bone Marrow

**Container/Tube:**

**Preferred:** Yellow top (ACD)

**Acceptable:** Green top (sodium heparin) or lavender top (EDTA)

**Specimen Volume:** 2 to 3 mL

**Collection Instructions:**

1. It is preferable to send the first aspirate from the bone marrow collection.
2. Invert several times to mix bone marrow.
3. Send bone marrow in original tube. Do not aliquot.

**Minimum Volume:** 1 mL

**Acceptable Specimen Type:** Whole blood

**Container/Tube:**

**Preferred:** Yellow top (ACD)

**Acceptable:** Green top (sodium heparin) or lavender top (EDTA)

**Specimen Volume:** 6 mL

**Collection Instructions:**

1. Invert several times to mix blood.
2. Send whole blood in original tube. Do not aliquot.

**Minimum Volume:** 2 mL

### Specimen Stability Information:

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

### Cautions:

This test is not approved by the US Food and Drug Administration, and it is best used as an adjunct to existing clinical and pathologic information.

Fluorescence in situ hybridization (FISH) is not a substitute for conventional chromosome studies because the latter detects chromosome abnormalities associated with other hematological disorders that would go undetected in a targeted T-ALL FISH panel test.

Bone marrow is the preferred specimen type for this FISH test. If bone marrow is not available, a blood specimen may be used if there are circulating malignant cells in the blood specimen (as verified by a hematopathologist).

If no FISH signals are observed post-hybridization, the case will be released indicating a lack of FISH results.

**CPT Code:**

88271x14, 88275x7, 88291x1- FISH Probe, Analysis, Interpretation; 7 probe sets  
88271x2, 88275x1-FISH Probe, Analysis; each additional probe set (if appropriate)

**Day(s) Performed:** Monday through Friday

**Report Available:** 7 to 10 days

**Questions**

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