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## BRAF V600E/V600K Somatic Mutation Analysis, Tumor

Test ID: BRAFD

**Explanation:** On the effective date, the Specimen Required will be updated to clarify tissue preferences and standardize amongst molecular tissue assays. This update will not affect assay-specific acceptance criteria.

## Current Specimen Required

Preferred:

Specimen Type: Tissue block

Collection Instructions: Submit a formalin-fixed,

paraffin-embedded tissue block.

Acceptable:

Specimen Type: Tissue slide

Slides: 1 Hematoxylin and eosin stained and 5

unstained

**Collection Instructions:** Submit 1 slide stained with hematoxylin and eosin and 5 unstained, nonbaked slides with 5-micron thick sections of the tumor tissue.

## **New Specimen Required**

**Preferred:** Submit **both** of the following specimens. **Acceptable:** Submit **at least** one of the following

specimens.

Specimen Type: Tissue block

**Collection Instructions**: Submit a formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded tissue block with acceptable

amount of tumor tissue.

Specimen Type: Tissue slide

Slides: 1 Hematoxylin and eosin-stained and 5

unstained

**Collection Instructions**: Submit the following slides:

1 slide stained with hematoxylin and eosin AND 5 unstained, nonbaked slides with 5-micron thick

sections of the tumor tissue

**Note:** The total amount of required tumor nuclei can be obtained by scraping up to 5 slides from the same

block

Additional Information: Unused unstained slides will

not be returned.

## Questions

Contact Michelle Raths, Laboratory Resource Coordinator at 800-533-1710.