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# MayoComplete Colorectal Cancer Panel, Next-Generation Sequencing, Tumor

Test ID: MCCRC

**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**

# This assay requires at least 20% tumor nuclei.

- -Preferred amount of tumor area with sufficient percent tumor nuclei: tissue 216 mm(2)
- -Minimum amount of tumor area: tissue 36 mm(2)
- -These amounts are cumulative over up to 10 unstained slides and must have adequate percent tumor nuclei
- -Tissue fixation: 10% neutral buffered formalin, not decalcified
- -For specimen preparation guidance, see Tissue Requirement for Solid Tumor Next-Generation Sequencing. In this document, the sizes are given as 4 mm x 4 mm x 10 slides as preferred: approximate/equivalent to 144 mm(2) and the minimum as 3 mm x 1 mm x 10 slides: approximate/equivalent to 36 mm(2).

#### Preferred:

Specimen Type: Tissue block

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

# Acceptable:

Specimen Type: Tissue slides Slides: 1 Stained and 10 unstained

Collection Instructions: Submit 1 slide stained with hematoxylin and eosin and 10 unstained, nonbaked slides wit 5-micron thick sections of the tumor tissue.

Note: The total amount of required tumor nuclei can be obtained by scraping up to 10 slides from the same block.

Additional Information: Unused unstained slides will

not be returned.

#### **New Specimen Required**

# This assay requires at least 20% tumor nuclei.

- -Preferred amount of tumor area with sufficient percent tumor nuclei: tissue 216 mm(2)
- -Minimum amount of tumor area: tissue 36 mm(2)
- -These amounts are cumulative over up to 10 unstained slides and must have adequate percent tumor nuclei.
- -Tissue fixation: 10% neutral buffered formalin, not decalcified
- -For specimen preparation guidance, see <u>Tissue</u>
  Requirement for <u>Solid Tumor Next-Generation</u>
  Sequencing. In this document, the sizes are given as 4 mm x 4 mm x 10 slides as preferred: approximate/equivalent to 144 mm(2) and the minimum as 3 mm x 1 mm x 10 slides: approximate/equivalent to 36 mm(2).

**Preferred:** Submit 3, if available, or 2 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 10 unstained

## **Collection Instructions:**

Submit the followings slides:

1 Slide stained with hematoxylin and eosin

AND

Specimen Type: Cytology slide (direct smears or

ThinPrep)

Slides: 1 to 3 Slides

**Collection Instructions:** Submit 1 to 3 slides stained and coverslipped with a preferred total of 5000 nucleated cells, or a minimum of at least 3000

nucleated cells.

**Note:** Glass coverslips are preferred; plastic coverslips are acceptable but will result in longer turnaround

times.

Additional Information: Cytology slides will not be

returned.

10 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 10 slides from the same

**Additional Information:** Unused unstained slides will not be returned.

Specimen Type: Cytology slide (direct smears or

ThinPrep)

Slides: 1 to 3 Slides

**Collection Instructions:** Submit 1 to 3 slides stained and coverslipped with a total of 5000 nucleated cells (preferred), or at least 3000 nucleated cells (minimum).

**Note:** Glass coverslips are preferred; plastic coverslips are acceptable but will result in longer turnaround times

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## Questions

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