

Overview

Useful For

Risk stratification of patients with treated multiple myeloma, which can assist in determining treatment and management decisions

Risk stratification of patients with newly diagnosed multiple myeloma

Reflex Tests

Test Id	Reporting Name	Available Separately	Always Performed
MPCDB	Probe, Each Additional (MPCDS)	No, (Bill Only)	No
CSMRT	MPCDS Pre-Analysis Cell Sorting, BM	No	No
MPCDS	mSMART Eval, PCPDs, FISH	Yes, (Order PCPDS)	No
MRDMR	Multiple Myeloma MRD by Flow, BM	Yes, (Order MRDMM)	No

Testing Algorithm

Based on the flow cytometric analysis and the presence of greater than or equal to 0.1% monotypic plasma cells, pre-analysis cell sorting and fluorescence in situ hybridization for plasma cell proliferative disorders will be performed at an additional charge.

Based on the flow cytometric analysis and the absence of monotypic plasma cells, then minimal residual disease for multiple myeloma will be performed at an additional charge.

Method Name

Flow Cytometry/DNA Content/Cell Cycle Analysis

NY State Available

Yes

Specimen

Specimen Type

Bone Marrow

Ordering Guidance

[This test should be ordered on patients treated for multiple myeloma to confirm remission has been achieved, as an annual follow-up of those in remission or in uncertain remission, or when MPCDS / mSMART, Plasma Cell Proliferative Disorder, FISH, Bone Marrow is desired.](#)

Necessary Information

1. Include patient's disease state (untreated, treated, monoclonal gammopathy of undetermined significance, stable).
2. Indicate if patient is on anti-CD38 therapy.

Specimen Required

**Specimen Type:** Redirected bone marrow  
**Preferred:** Yellow top (ACD solution A or B)  
**Acceptable:** Lavender top (EDTA)  
**Specimen Volume:** 4 mL

Forms

If not ordering electronically, complete, print, and send a [Hematopathology/Cytogenetics Test Request](#) (T726) with the specimen.

Specimen Minimum Volume

3 mL

Reject Due To

Gross hemolysis	Reject
Fully clotted	Reject

Specimen Stability Information

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time	Special Container
Bone Marrow	Ambient (preferred)	72 hours	
	Refrigerated	72 hours	

Clinical & Interpretive

Clinical Information

Multiple myeloma is increasingly recognized as a disease characterized by marked cytogenetic, molecular, and proliferative heterogeneity. This heterogeneity is manifested clinically by varying degrees of disease aggressiveness. Multiple myeloma patients with more aggressive disease experience suboptimal responses to some therapeutic approaches; therefore, identifying these patients is critically important for selecting appropriate treatment options.

The Mayo algorithmic approach for stratification of myeloma and risk-adapted therapy classifies patients into either standard or high-risk categories based on the results of 2 assays: plasma cell proliferation and fluorescence in situ hybridization for specific multiple myeloma-associated abnormalities.

**Reference Values****PLASMA CELL CLONALITY:**

Normal bone marrow

No monoclonic clonal plasma cells detected

**DNA INDEX:**

Normal polytypic plasma cells

DNA index (G0/G1 cells): Diploid 0.95-1.05

**Interpretation**

The interpretation of results includes an overview of the results and the associated diagnostic, prognostic, and therapeutic implications.

**Cautions**

This test report is best used for patients treated for multiple myeloma to confirm remission has been achieved or as an annual follow-up of those in remission or in uncertain remission. It is designed for patients with multiple myeloma and may not be applicable for monoclonal gammopathy of uncertain significance, smoldering myeloma, or amyloidosis.

This stratification system is not meant to replace existing prognostic systems such as the International Staging System.

**Clinical Reference**

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**Performance**

**Method Description**

Flow cytometric immunophenotyping of bone marrow is performed using the following antibodies: CD19, CD38, CD45, CD138, cytoplasmic kappa and lambda immunoglobulin, and DAPI (4',6-diamidino-2-phenylindole). Plasma cell clonality is detected through demonstrating CD38 and CD138 positivity along with immunoglobulin light chain restriction (ie, the presence of either predominately kappa or lambda immunoglobulin light chains) and abnormality of CD19 and/or CD45 expression. DNA index of clonal plasma cells and their proliferation activity is determined through staining of double-stranded DNA using DAPI.

Plasma cells (monoclonal/monotypic and polyclonal/polytypic) are detected by immunoglobulin light chain restriction, surface immunophenotype, and DNA content. If present, the light chain expressed by the monotypic plasma cells is indicated. The percentage of clonal plasma cells estimated by flow cytometry is affected by specimen processing and antigen loss with specimen aging. Manual differential counting remains the accepted standard for determining the bone marrow plasma cell percentage. The percentage of monotypic plasma cells in S-phase of the cell cycle is determined by quantitative DNA analysis. The DNA index is a calculated value. The presence of more than 1 value indicates the presence of cell populations with differing DNA contents within the monotypic plasma cells.(Dispenzieri A, Buadi F, Kumar SK, et al. Treatment of immunoglobulin light chain amyloidosis: Mayo Stratification of Myeloma and Risk-Adapted Therapy (mSMART) Consensus Statement. Mayo Clin Proc. 2015;90(8):1054–1081. doi:10.1016/j.mayocp.2015.06.009)

**Plasma Cell Proliferative Disorder:**

This test is performed using commercially available and laboratory-developed probes. Deletion or monosomy of chromosome 17, copy number gain of 1q, and additional copies of chromosomes 3, 7, 9, and 15 are detected using enumeration strategy probes. Translocations involving *IGH* are detected using dual-color, dual-fusion fluorescence in situ hybridization strategy probes. Rearrangement of *IGH* and *MYC* are detected using a break-apart strategy probe. For each probe set, 50 plasma cells (if possible) are scored and the result for each probe is reported. (Unpublished Mayo method)

**Minimal Residual Disease:**

Flow cytometric immunophenotyping for minimal residual disease of bone marrow is performed using the following antibodies:

Tube 1: CD138, CD27, CD38, CD56, CD45, CD19, CD117, and CD81.

Tube 2: CD138, CD27, CD38, CD56, CD45, CD19, cyKappa, and cyLambda.

Abnormal plasma cell populations are detected through demonstrating CD38 (multiepitope) and CD138 positivity along with immunoglobulin light chain restriction (ie, the presence of either predominately kappa or predominately lambda light chains) and abnormality of CD56, CD117, CD27, CD81, CD19 and/or CD45 expression. The percentage of clonal

plasma cells estimated by flow cytometry is affected by specimen processing and antigen loss with specimen aging. Minimal residual disease reporting is affected by sample volume and cellularity.(Unpublished Mayo method)

PDF Report

No

Day(s) Performed

Preanalytical processing: Monday through Saturday

Results reported: Monday through Friday

Report Available

1 to 13 days

Specimen Retention Time

14 days

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

88182-Flow cytometry, cell cycle or DNA analysis

88184-Flow cytometry; first cell surface, cytoplasmic or nuclear marker

88185 x 5-Flow cytometry; additional cell surface, cytoplasmic or nuclear marker (each)

88187-Flow cytometry interpretation, 2 to 8 Markers

LOINC® Information

Test ID	Test Order Name	Order LOINC® Value
MSMRD	mSMART with Reflex to MRD, BM	93363-0

Result ID	Test Result Name	Result LOINC® Value

Test Definition: MSMRD

Myeloma Stratification and Risk-Adapted  
Therapy with Reflex to Minimal Residual  
Disease, Bone Marrow

CK056	Monotypic Plasma Cells:	93362-2
CK057	Monotypic PC per Total Events	93021-4
CK058	Monotypic Plasma Cells S-phase	93361-4
CK059	Monotypic Plasma Cells DNA Index	93360-6
CK060	Monotypic Plasma Cells DNA Ploidy	93359-8
CK061	Polytypic PC per Total Events	93358-0
CK062	Polytypic PC per All Plasma Cells	93020-6
616032	Final Diagnosis	22637-3