

Keratin 8 and 18 (KRT8/18), Technical Component only

## **Overview**

#### **Useful For**

Aiding in the diagnosis of carcinomas

#### **Reflex Tests**

Test Id	Reporting Name	Available Separately	Always Performed
IHTOI	IHC Initial, Tech Only	No	No
IHTOA	IHC Additional, Tech Only	No	No

### **Testing Algorithm**

For the initial technical component only immunohistochemical (IHC) stain performed, the appropriate bill-only test ID will be reflexed and charged (IHTOI). For each additional technical component only IHC stain performed, an additional bill-only test ID will be reflexed and charged (IHTOA).

#### **Method Name**

Immunohistochemistry (IHC)

### **NY State Available**

Yes

# **Specimen**

# **Specimen Type**

**TECHONLY** 

# **Ordering Guidance**

This test includes only technical performance of the stain (no pathologist interpretation is performed). If diagnostic consultation by a pathologist is required order PATHC / Pathology Consultation.

## **Shipping Instructions**

Attach the green "Attention Pathology" address label (T498) and the pink Immunostain Technical Only label included in the kit to the outside of the transport container.

# **Specimen Required**

**Specimen Type:** Tissue

**Supplies:** Immunostain Technical Only Envelope (T693) **Container/Tube:** Immunostain Technical Only Envelope

**Preferred:** 



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Formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded tissue block

OR

2 Unstained, positively charged glass slides (25- x 75- x 1-mm) per test ordered; sections 4-microns thick

Acceptable: None

### **Digital Image Access**

- 1. Information on accessing digital images of immunohistochemical (IHC) stains and the manual requisition form can be accessed through this website: <a href="https://news.mayocliniclabs.com/pathology/digital-imaging/">https://news.mayocliniclabs.com/pathology/digital-imaging/</a>
- 2. Clients ordering stains using a manual requisition form will not have access to digital images.
- 3. Clients wishing to access digital images must place the order for IHC stains electronically. Information regarding digital imaging can be accessed through this website: <a href="https://news.mayocliniclabs.com/pathology/digital-imaging/#section3">https://news.mayocliniclabs.com/pathology/digital-imaging/#section3</a>

#### **Forms**

If not ordering electronically, complete, print, and send a <u>Immunohistochemical (IHC)/In Situ Hybridization (ISH) Stains</u>
Request (T763) with the specimen.

## Reject Due To

Wet/frozen	Reject
tissue	
Cytology	
smears	
Nonformalin	
fixed tissue	
Nonparaffin	
embedded	
tissue	
Noncharged	
slides	
ProbeOn slides	
Snowcoat	
slides	

### **Specimen Stability Information**

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

# **Clinical & Interpretive**

# **Clinical Information**

Keratin 8 and 18 (KRT8/18) are expressed in a wide variety of epithelial cells. KRT8/18 is not expressed in mesenchymal



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cells or in endothelium. KRT8/18 is primarily used in the diagnosis of carcinomas including but not limited to mesotheliomas, renal cell carcinomas, small cell carcinomas, as well as most squamous cell carcinomas and adenocarcinomas.

### Interpretation

This test does not include pathologist interpretation, only technical performance of the stain. If interpretation is required, order PATHC / Pathology Consultation for a full diagnostic evaluation or second opinion of the case.

The positive and negative controls are verified as showing appropriate immunoreactivity.

Interpretation of this test should be performed in the context of the patient's clinical history and other diagnostic tests by a qualified pathologist.

### **Cautions**

Age of a cut paraffin section can affect immunoreactivity. Stability thresholds vary widely among published literature and are antigen dependent. Best practice is for paraffin sections to be cut within 6 weeks.

#### **Clinical Reference**

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- 3. Morice WG, Ferreiro JA. Distinction of basaloid squamous cell carcinoma from adenoid cystic and small cell undifferentiated carcinoma by immunohistochemistry. Hum Pathol. 1998;29(6):609-612
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# **Performance**

### **Method Description**

Immunohistochemistry on sections of paraffin-embedded tissue.(Unpublished Mayo method)

### **PDF Report**

No

### Day(s) Performed

Monday through Friday

### Report Available

1 to 3 days

### **Specimen Retention Time**

Until staining is completed



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# **Performing Laboratory Location**

Mayo Clinic Laboratories - Rochester Main Campus

### **Fees & Codes**

#### **Fees**

- Authorized users can sign in to <u>Test Prices</u> for detailed fee information.
- Clients without access to Test Prices can contact <u>Customer Service</u> 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- Prospective clients should contact their account representative. For assistance, contact <u>Customer Service</u>.

#### **Test Classification**

This test has been cleared, approved, or is exempt by the US Food and Drug Administration and is used per manufacturer's instructions. Performance characteristics were verified by Mayo Clinic in a manner consistent with CLIA requirements.

### **CPT Code Information**

88342-TC, primary 88341-TC, if additional IHC

# **LOINC®** Information

Test ID	Test Order Name	Order LOINC® Value
K818	Keratin 8/18 IHC, Tech Only	No LOINC Needed

Result ID	Test Result Name	Result LOINC® Value
622525	Keratin 8/18 IHC, Tech Only	No LOINC Needed