Overview

Useful For

Obtaining a rapid, expert opinion for diagnosis of hematologic and non-hematologic diseases using unprocessed bone marrow biopsy specimens referred by the primary pathologist

Obtaining special studies that are not available locally

Reflex Tests

Test Id	Reporting Name	Available Separately	Always Performed
CULFB	Fibroblast Culture for Genetic Test	Yes	No
CULAF	Amniotic Fluid Culture/Genetic Test	Yes	No
BMAPC	Bone Marrow Aspirate	No, (Bill Only)	No
BMBPC	Bone Marrow Biopsy	No, (Bill Only)	No
BMCPC	Bone Marrow Clot	No, (Bill Only)	No
DCALP	Decalcification	No, (Bill Only)	No
PBPC	Peripheral Blood	No, (Bill Only)	No
PBTC	Peripheral Blood, TC	No, (Bill Only)	No
PPPC	Particle Prep	No, (Bill Only)	No
_STR1	Comp Analysis using STR (Bill only)	No, (Bill only)	No
_STR2	Add'l comp analysis w/STR (Bill Only)	No, (Bill only)	No

Testing Algorithm

Laboratory approval is required prior to ordering this test. Contact Mayo Clinic Laboratories at 800-533-1710.

A Mayo Clinic hematopathologist will provide a full bone marrow workup that includes an evaluation of the specimen and determination of a diagnosis provided within a formal pathology report.

Ancillary Testing:
Based on Mayo Clinic-approved algorithms or at a staff hematopathologist's discretion, ancillary testing may be performed to assist in rendering an accurate diagnosis and provide important prognostic information. These test results (eg, cytochemical stains on bone marrow aspirate smear, immunohistochemical stains on bone marrow biopsy or clot sections, chromosome analysis, fluorescence in situ hybridization, flow cytometry, microarray, molecular and/or next-generation sequencing testing) will be reported and billed separately. While reported separately, these results will continue to be considered and referred to in the final pathology interpretation.

If ancillary testing (eg, flow cytometry) is desired by the client outside of this consultation, each test must be ordered

separately. Tests ordered outside of the consultation may or may not be integrated into the final pathology report based on the staff hematopathologist's discretion.

If the volume of bone marrow aspirate is limited, prioritization of testing will be determined by the staff hematopathologist. Testing requested or suggested by the referring physician (immunostains, molecular studies, etc) may not be performed if deemed unnecessary by the reviewing staff hematopathologist.

Note: Calls are not routinely made; however, depending on the nature of the case, a call may be placed to the ordering provider or pathologist. These situations include, but are not limited to, a new diagnosis of acute leukemia or aggressive high-grade lymphoma. To contact a Mayo Clinic hematopathologist, call the Hematopathology Communications team at 507-284-5600.

For more information see:
Pathology Consultation Ordering Algorithm
Multiple Myeloma: Laboratory Screening

Special Instructions

- Multiple Myeloma: Laboratory Screening
- Hematopathology Patient Information
- Pathology Consultation Ordering Algorithm
- Bone Marrow Core Biopsy, Clot, and Aspirate Collection Guideline
- Assistance with Bone Marrow Collection

Highlights

Our consultative practice strives to provide the highest quality diagnostic consultative service, balancing optimal patient care with a cost-conscious approach that supports the rapid turnaround time for diagnostic results.

If a bone marrow pathology consultation is requested, the Mayo Clinic hematopathologists approach the diagnosis in the same way as Mayo Clinic's in-house cases.

Method Name

Medical Interpretation

NY State Available

Yes

Specimen

Specimen Type

Varies

Ordering Guidance

1. If requesting a peripheral blood smear evaluation only, order SPSM / Morphology Evaluation (Special Smear), Blood.
2. If requesting a hematopathology consultation on paraffin-embedded tissue and slides, order PATHC / Pathology

Consultation. Also include a cover letter indicating hematopathology review requested.
3. If requesting a hematopathology consultation and only paraffin-embedded biopsy/clot samples and bone marrow aspirate are submitted, order HPCUT / Hematopathology Consultation, Client Embed. Orders for HPCUT require MCL prior authorization.

Shipping Instructions

Attach the green "Attention Pathology" address label (T498) to the outside of the transport container before putting into the courier mailer.

Necessary Information

All requisition and supporting information must be submitted in English.

Each of the following items is required:
1. All requisitions must be labeled with:
-Patient name, date of birth, medical record number, and either case number or pathology ID
-Name and phone number of the referring pathologist or ordering provider
-Collection date
2. Hematopathology Patient Information (T676); print and submit with the case
3. A recent Hematology/Oncology clinical note; print and submit with the case
4. Complete blood cell count (CBC) results from testing performed within 14 days of bone marrow collection.
5. Indicate clinical reason/context
6. All pending and final reports for ancillary testing on submitted specimens.

Specimen Required

All specimens are required to perform testing.
Supplies: Bone Marrow Collection Kit (T793)

Additional Information:
All specimens and paperwork must be labeled with:
-Two patient identifiers (patient name, date of birth, medical record number, case number, or pathology ID)
-Specimen type

Information on collecting, packaging, and shipping specimens is available:
-Bone Marrow Core Biopsy, Clot, and Aspirate Collection Guideline
-Assistance with Bone Marrow Collection

Specimen Type: Bone marrow aspirate
Slides: 5
Preferred: Freshly prepared slides made at the time of specimen collection
Acceptable: Slides made from EDTA bone marrow specimen, within 2 hours of collection
Submission Container/Tube: Plastic slide holder
Specimen Volume: 5 Total slides: 2 direct smears and 3 unit prep slides; unfixed and unstained, per unilateral collection
Collection Instructions:
1. Prepare slides of bone marrow aspirate.
2. If bone marrow units are sparse or absent or aspirate is a dry tap, make biopsy touch prep slides.
3. Air dry slides. **Do not place** on hot plate to dry.

4. Place Parafilm around the slide carriers holding unstained slides to prevent exposure to formalin fumes during transport. Place slides in a separate bag apart from any formalin-fixed clot or core biopsy specimens. If using slide carriers, make sure they have not been used to carry fixed slides previously.

Specimen Type: Bone marrow aspirate
Container/Tube: Lavender top (EDTA) and yellow top (ACD solution A or B)
Specimen Volume: 2 x 3 mL in EDTA and 2 x 6 mL in ACD solution A or B
Collection Instructions:
1. Aspirate per standard bone marrow collection procedure.
2. Send bone marrow specimens in original tubes. **Do not aliquot**.

Specimen Type: Bone marrow aspirate clot
Container/Tube: Bone marrow aspirate clot in 10% formalin
Specimen Volume: 0.5 mL
Collection Instructions:
1. Place 0.5 mL bone marrow aspirate in clot tube.
2. After clot has formed, place clot in 10% formalin.
3. Place Parafilm around the container to prevent exposure.

Specimen Type: Bone marrow core biopsy
Container/Tube: Fixed biopsy core in 10% formalin
Collection Instructions:
1. If bone marrow units are sparse or absent, or aspirate is a dry tap, make biopsy touch prep slides.
2. Place biopsy core in 10% formalin immediately after collection.
3. Fix in 10% formalin for 1 to 2 hours.
4. Place Parafilm around the 10% formalin container to prevent exposure.

Specimen Type: Blood
Slides: 2
Preferred: 2 Freshly prepared fingerstick slides
Acceptable: 2 Slides made from whole blood in EDTA, within 8 hours of collection
Submission Container/Tube: Plastic slide holder
Specimen Volume: 2 Unstained and unfixed slides
Collection Instructions:
1. Prepare 2 smears of even thickness.
2. Place Parafilm around the slide carriers holding unstained slides to prevent exposure to formalin fumes during transport. Place slides in a separate bag apart from any formalin-fixed clot or core biopsy specimens. If using slide carriers, make sure they have not been used to carry fixed slides previously.

Forms

1. **Hematopathology Patient Information (T676) is required.**
2. If not ordering electronically, complete, print, and send 1 of the following forms with the specimen:
-Hematopathology/Cytogenetics Test Request (T726)
-Benign Hematology Test Request (T755)

Specimen Minimum Volume

See Specimen Required

Reject Due To

All specimens will be evaluated at Mayo Clinic Laboratories for test suitability.

Specimen Stability Information

Specimen Type	Temperature	Time	Special Container
Varies	Ambient		

Clinical & Interpretive

Clinical Information

Diagnosis of a hematologic disease requires thorough and accurate morphologic examination of peripheral blood and bone marrow as well as interpretation of ancillary testing results (eg, cytochemistry, immunohistochemistry, flow cytometric immunophenotyping, chromosome analysis, and fluorescence in situ hybridization and molecular testing) by a highly qualified hematopathologist. With recent advent of new understanding and treatment options, more ancillary tests are available. Efficient utilization and accurate interpretation of these tests are crucial for patient care. These tests can assist in rendering an accurate diagnosis and could provide prognostic prediction and potential indication or guidance of therapy.

Reference Values

An interpretive report will be provided.

Interpretation

Results of the consultation are reported in a formal pathology report that includes a description of ancillary test results (if applicable) and an interpretive comment. When the case is completed, results may be communicated by a phone call.

Cautions

All appropriate stained/unstained slides, biopsy tissue, and aspirate are required to make a diagnosis. The referring pathologist's and clinician's name and phone numbers are essential. Specific diagnosis may require correlation with clinical information; this information must be sent with the specimen.

Clinical Reference

Sundaram S, Jizzini M, Lamonica D, et al. Utility of bone marrow aspirate and biopsy in staging of patients with T-cell lymphoma in the PET-Era-tissue remains the issue. Leuk Lymphoma. 2020;61(13)3226-3233. doi:10.1080/10428194.2020.1798950

Performance

Method Description

All requests will be processed as a consultation case. Ancillary testing will be performed as appropriate to be diagnostically indicated and at an additional charge.

PDF Report
No

Day(s) Performed
Monday through Saturday

Report Available
3 to 7 days; Cases requiring additional material or ancillary testing may require additional time.

Specimen Retention Time
Specimens embedded and slides prepared at Mayo Clinic: Indefinitely; Bone marrow aspirate: 2 weeks

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
Not Applicable

CPT Code Information
85007 (if appropriate)
85060 (if appropriate)
85097 (if appropriate)
88305 (if appropriate)
88311 (if appropriate)

LOINC® Information

Test ID	Test Order Name	Order LOINC® Value
HPWET	Hematopathology Consult	78251-6

Result ID	Test Result Name	Result LOINC® Value
71098	Interpretation	60570-9
71099	Participated in the Interpretation	No LOINC Needed
71100	Report electronically signed by	19139-5
71101	Addendum	35265-8
71102	Gross Description	22634-0

71446	Material Received	85298-8
71103	Disclaimer	62364-5
71827	Case Number	80398-1