



# Test Catalog

Diagnostic. Prognostic. Predictive. Predisposition.



## AFB

### Alternative Name

Acid Fast Bacillus

### Methodology

Immunohistochemistry (IHC)

### Test Description

Special stain. Ziehl-Neelsen Acid-Fast Bacilli Stain is used to detect the presence of acid-fast mycobacteria in tissue sections. Acid-fast techniques are of value in the detection of mycobacteria, rod-shaped organisms that sometimes exhibit filamentous (fungus-like) growth. The most significant disease-producing mycobacteria are *Mycobacterium tuberculosis* and *Mycobacterium leprae*.

### Specimen Requirements

- A formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded (FFPE) tissue block is preferred specimen type or
- One (1) unbaked, unstained slide for H&E staining (required) and two to three (2-3) positively charged unstained slides (all cut at 4-5 microns) for each test/antibody ordered
- Block and slide identifiers should be clearly written and match exactly with the specimen ID and specimen labeling as noted on the requisition.

### Storage & Transportation

Use cold pack for transport. Make sure cold pack is not in direct contact with specimen.

### CPT Code(s)\*

88312

### New York Approved

Yes

### Level of Service

Global, Stain Only

### Turnaround Time

Global: 48 hours, Tech-Only (stain only): 24 hours

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