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# MGMT Promoter Methylation Analysis

## Alternative Name

MGMT Methylation

## Methodology

Molecular

## Test Description

Bisulfite modification of tumor DNA and real-time PCR are used to quantify CpG methylation within the MGMT gene promoter. Please note detection of MGMT promoter methylation analysis is qualitative.

## Clinical Significance

Methylation (or hypermethylation) of the MGMT gene promoter down-regulates or inactivates the normal DNA-repair function of the MGMT enzyme, which can make tumors more susceptible to radiation or alkylating agent-based therapy. Testing is particularly useful in gliomas. About 45% of glioblastomas have MGMT methylation, and these patients show improved survival when treated with radiation and temozolomide over those patients with non-methylated tumors. Methylation has also been associated with improved survival in anaplastic gliomas, regardless of treatment. MGMT methylation has been reported in other tumors including colorectal, lung, and lymphoma, and alkylating agents and/or radiation therapy may be considered in these cases.

## Specimen Requirements

- **FFPE solid tumor tissue:** Paraffin block is preferred. Alternatively, send 1 H&E slide plus 5-10 unstained slides cut at 5 or more microns. Please use positively-charged slides and 10% NBF fixative. Do not use zinc fixatives. A minimum of 40% tumor is required. If the tumor cannot be enriched to at least 40%, then testing will not be performed.

## Storage & Transportation

Use cold pack for transporting block during summer to prevent block from melting. Slides can be packed at room temperature.

## CPT Code(s)\*

81287

## New York Approved

Yes

## Level of Service

Global

## Turnaround Time

10 days

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