

# Test Catalog

Diagnostic. Prognostic. Predictive. Predisposition.





## DPC4

#### **Alternative Name**

SMAD4

## Methodology

Immunohistochemistry (IHC)

## **Test Description**

The gene *DPC4* (deleted in pancreatic carcinoma 4, also called SMAD4) was identified in 18q21.3 This gene is frequently mutated and deleted in pancreatic carcinomas (55%) and less frequently (20 - 22%) in colon carcinomas. Loss of expression is specific for pancreatic malignancy (in-situ or invasive) vs. benign process, particularly helpful in biopsies.

## **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)\*

88342 x 1 or 88341 x 1

### **New York Approved**

Yes

#### **Level of Service**

Stain Only

#### **Turnaround Time**

24 hours

Please direct any questions regarding coding to the payor being billed.

<sup>\*</sup>The CPT codes provided with our test descriptions are based on AMA guidelines and are for informational purposes only. Correct CPT coding is the sole responsibility of the billing party.

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