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# CDKN2A/B (p16) Deletion FISH for ALL

### Methodology

**FISH** 

# **Test Description**

**Probes:** CDKN2A/B (p16) (9p21) | Centromere 9 **Disease(s):** Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL)

# **Clinical Significance**

Loss of the CDKN2A/B gene (also called p16 or pINK4A) at 9p21 is frequently observed in acute lymphocytic leukemia (30-40% of cases) and requires a method more sensitive than cytogenetics (such as FISH) for reliable detection. CDKN2A/B gene deletion is associated with an adverse prognosis in pediatric, adolescent, and adult patients with B-cell ALL (B-cell precursor or BCP-ALL) due to increased risk for relapse, poor response to therapy, lower overall survival, and/or higher incidence of concurrent deletion of other genes. Reports vary whether the impact of heterozygous deletions is as severe as homozygous deletions.

# **Specimen Requirements**

- Bone Marrow Aspirate: 1-2 mL sodium heparin tube. EDTA tube is acceptable.
- Peripheral Blood: 2-5 mL sodium heparin tube. EDTA tube is acceptable...
- Fresh, Unfixed Tissue: Tissue in RPMI.
- Fluids: Equal parts RPMI to specimen volume.
- Paraffin Block or Cut Slides: Not available.
- **Note:** Please exclude biopsy needles, blades, and other foreign objects from transport tubes. These can compromise specimen viability and yield, and create hazards for employees.

# **Storage & Transportation**

Refrigerate specimen. Do not freeze. Use cold pack for transport, making sure cold pack is not in direct contact with specimen. For fresh samples: ship same day as drawn whenever possible; specimens <72 hours old preferred.

#### CPT Code(s)\*

88377x1 manual or 88374x1 automated

#### **New York Approved**

Yes

#### **Level of Service**

Global

#### **Turnaround Time**

3-5 days

#### References

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