

# Test Catalog

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# PAX5

### Methodology

Immunohistochemistry (IHC)

## **Test Description**

Paired Box 5 (PAX5) is a B-cell specific activator protein (BSAP). In early stages of B-cell development, PAX5 influences the expression of several B-cell specific genes, such as CD19 and CD20. PAX5 is expressed primarily in pro-, pre-, and mature B-cells, but not in plasma cells. There is an excellent correlation between CD20 and PAX5 expression; however, anti-PAX5 exceeds the specificity and sensitivity of L26 (CD20) because of its earlier expression in B-cell differentiation and its ability to detect all committed B-cells, including classic Hodgkin lymphoma. It is very specific to B-cell lineage and does not stain T-cells.

### **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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