



# Test Catalog

Diagnostic. Prognostic. Predictive. Predisposition.



## MYCN (n-MYC) Amplification

### Alternative Name

n-MYC

### Methodology

FISH

### Test Description

**Probes:** MYCN (2p24.3) | Centromere 2

**Disease(s):** Brain cancer, neuroblastoma, alveolar rhabdomyosarcoma, small-cell lung cancer, prostate cancer.

### Clinical Significance

The MYCN gene, which encodes the n-myc protein, is a proto-oncogene with highest expression in the developing brain and insignificant expression in normal adult tissues. Gene amplification is detected in approximately 20% of neuroblastoma and a variety of other solid tumors including 5% medulloblastoma, glioblastoma multiforme, 25% alveolar rhabdomyosarcoma, 15-20% small-cell lung cancer, 40% neuroendocrine prostate cancer, and 5% prostate adenocarcinoma. MYCN amplifications are associated with aggressive disease and/or poor outcome. Detection can be useful to stratify patients for aggressive treatment. Numerous therapies are in development.

### Specimen Requirements

- **Bone marrow aspirate:** N/A
- **Peripheral blood:** N/A
- **Fresh, unfixed tissue:** N/A
- **Fluids:** N/A
- **Paraffin block:** Send paraffin block. Also send circled H&E slide for tech-only (required).
- **Cut slides:** H&E slide (required) plus 4 unstained slides cut at 4-5 microns. Circle H&E slide for tech-only.

### Storage & Transportation

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

### CPT Code(s)\*

88377x1 manual or 88374x1 automated.

### New York Approved

Yes

### Level of Service

Global, Technical

### Turnaround Time

3-5 days

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