



# Test Catalog

Diagnostic. Prognostic. Predictive. Predisposition.



## PgR

### Alternative Name

Progesterone Receptor

### Methodology

Immunohistochemistry (IHC)

### Test Description

Progesterone Receptor (PR) belongs to a superfamily of nuclear hormone receptors. Estrogen Receptor (ER) induces PR expression, therefore, PR status serves as an indicator of an intact ER pathway. There are two known isoforms of PR; PR $\alpha$  and PR $\beta$ . The current assays in clinical breast cancer measure both isoforms. PR is expressed in about 60-70% of invasive breast cancers. It is a weak prognostic factor by itself but a modest predictive factor that adds to the predictive value of ER for response to endocrine therapies, both in adjuvant and metastatic settings. The primary indication to assess PR in breast cancer is to predict response to hormonal therapies, such as tamoxifen, other selective estrogen receptor modulators (SERMs) and aromatase inhibitors.

### 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 (qualitative IHC) or 88360 (quantitative/semi-quantitative – manual) or 88361 x 1 (quantitative/semi-quantitative – computer assisted)

### New York Approved

Yes

### Level of Service

Stain Only, Global

### Turnaround Time

Global: 48 hours, Image Analysis (tech-only): 48 hours, Tech-Only (stain only): 24 hours

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