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Global Pathology Services

## HEMATOPATHOLOGY SERVICES



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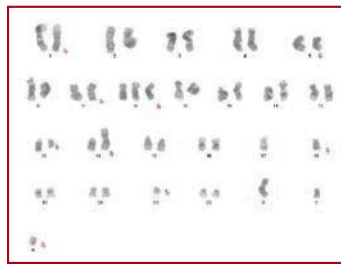
## Chromosome Analysis

**Chromosome analysis** (or karyotyping) is the most common type of testing for hematologic cancers. It evaluates the number and structure of a person's chromosomes in order to detect abnormalities. A cell sample is taken and cultured to promote cell division. Chromosomes are then isolated from the nucleus, placed on a slide and stained. Then they are mapped and examined for mutations that could indicate the presence of cancer such as changes in arrangement, size, or number.

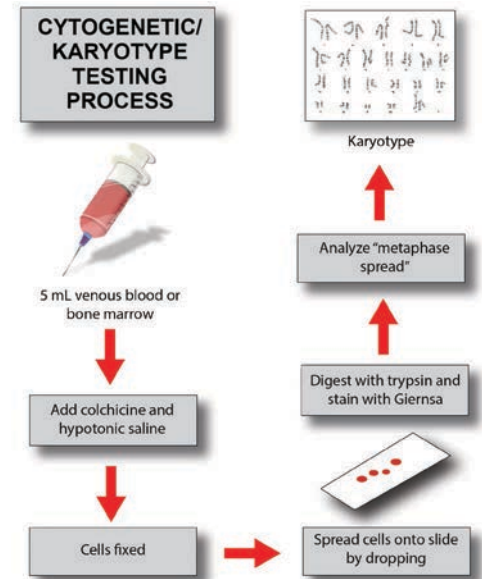
Karyotyping can help diagnose and differentiate leukemias by identifying specific translocations for certain acute leukemias, acute promyelocytic leukemias, chronic myelocytic leukemias, and acute lymphoblastic leukemias. Karyotyping is a good starting point for diagnosis and prognosis, as well as for determining what course of action to take when creating a treatment plan.



Normal Karyotype



Abnormal Male Karyotype with Multiple Complex Abnormalities



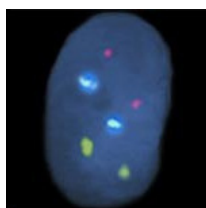
## Fluorescence in Situ Hybridization (FISH) Testing

**FISH testing** is much more sensitive than karyotyping. With FISH, an abnormal gene segment is made to "light up" or fluoresce when bound by a special probe. This process allows us to detect the presence or absence of a specific chromosomal abnormality through a microscope. Both balanced and unbalanced chromosomal translocations and chromosome number changes can be observed using FISH. Diagnostic and prognostic information may be determined by the presence of such cytogenetic abnormalities. FISH is often ordered following a cancer diagnosis to identify prognostic chromosomal abnormalities to better determine the cancer's stage and to predict its course. FISH also helps diagnose different cancers that may look similar but that have different genetic abnormalities that could require different treatments. FISH panels may be ordered along with standard cytogenetics for diagnosis, prognosis, and to monitor minimal residual disease. In addition, FISH testing delivers results more quickly than conventional cytogenetic testing, since FISH does not need to be performed on actively dividing cells.

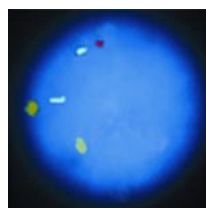
### FISH Image Samples

Normal pattern/aberration comparisons

Deletions of the long arm of chromosome 13 (13q-) are observed in patients with multiple myeloma.

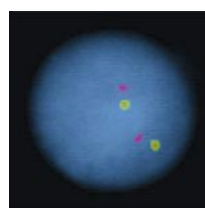


Normal Pattern 13q14.3, 13q34 and 12p11.1q11

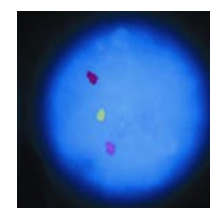


13q Deletions (13q14.3- and 13q34)

The image on the right shows a 11q22.3 deletion often found in patients with chronic lymphocytic leukemia, the most common type of leukemia found in adults.



Normal 17p13.1 and 11q22.3



11q22.3 Deletion (ATM-)

## GoPath FISH Test Panel Descriptions

FISH Test Panel	Disease	Probe Targets/Genes
ALL Panel	Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia	t(1;19) PBX1/TCF3, t(9;22) BCR/ABL1, MLL, t(12;21) ETV6(TEL)/RUNX1(AML), trisomy 4, 5, 10, 17
AML Panel	Acute Myeloid Leukemia	inv(3), t(3;3) RPN1/MECOM, del(5q) EGR1, del(7q)/monosomy 7, t(8;21) RUNX1T1(ETO)/RUNX1(AML), MLL, t(15;17) PML/RARA, inv(16), t(16;16) CBFβ
CLL Panel	Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia	del(11q) ATM/del(17p) TP53, trisomy 12/del(13q) 13q14/13q34, t(11;14) CCND1/IGH XT
CML Probe	Chronic Myeloid Leukemia	t(9;22) BCR/ABL1
MDS Panel	Myelodysplastic Syndrome	inv(3), t(3;3) RPN1/MECOM, del(5q) EGR1, del(7q)/monosomy 7, trisomy 8/del(20q), MLL, del(13q) 13q14/13q34
MM Panel	Multiple Myeloma	1p32.3/1q21 CDKN2C/CKS1B, t(11;14) CCND1/IGH XT, del(13q) 13q14/13q34, del(17p) TP53, reflex: t(4;14) FGFR3/IGH, t(14;16) IGH/MAF
MPN Panel	Myeloproliferative Neoplasia	del(5q) EGR1, del(7q)/monosomy 7, trisomy 8/del(20q), t(9;22) BCR/ABL1, MLL, 4q12 FIP1L1/CHIC2/PDGFRα, 5q33 PDGFRβ, 8p11 FGFR1
NHL Panel	Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma	2p23 ALK, 3q27 BCL6, 8q24 MYC, t(11;14) CCND1/IGH XT, 18q21 BCL2, reflex: t(8;14) MYC/IGH, t(11;18) BIRC3/MALT1, t(14;18) IGH/BCL2
T-Cell Panel	Leukemia/Lymphoma	2p23 ALK, 14q11.2 TRA, 7q34 TRB, i(7q) 7cen/7q22/7q31, 14q32 TCL1A, 10q24 TLX1, 5q35 TLX3
Transplant		XX/XY for Sex Mismatched Transplants

## Microarray Analysis

**Chromosomal microarray analysis (CMA)** takes cytogenetic testing one step further by helping to identify genetic changes that are not detected by conventional chromosome analysis or FISH studies. Microarray analysis complements both chromosome analysis and FISH testing by helping to establish an accurate diagnosis and prognosis to better assist in managing hematologic malignancies.

Although many chromosomal abnormalities are large enough to be detected with conventional chromosome analysis, many others are below its limits of resolution. Microarray analysis can detect copy-neutral loss of heterozygosity, something that karyotyping and FISH testing cannot do.

## Liquid Biopsy

**Liquid biopsy** examines DNA mutations and other changes in genetic material found in fragments that detach from tumors and circulate in the blood of patients with cancer. These tests can help physicians better monitor disease progression without having to take traditional tumor biopsies, which can cause complications depending on the location of the tumor and the condition of the patient. Liquid biopsy could be a surrogate for tissue biopsy in early cancer diagnosis, assessment of prognosis, monitoring relapse and predicting drug responsiveness. By detecting mutations found in tumor DNA, these tests can also assist doctors in predicting how a cancer will respond to certain treatments and which drug therapies will be most effective for the patient.

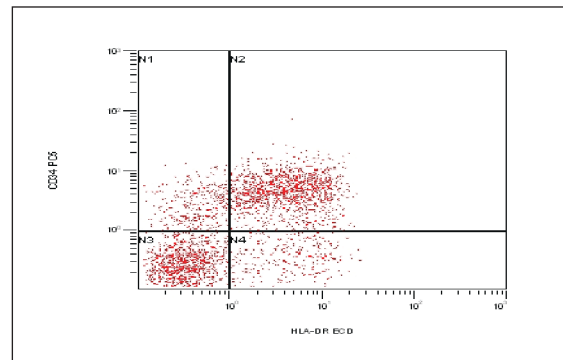
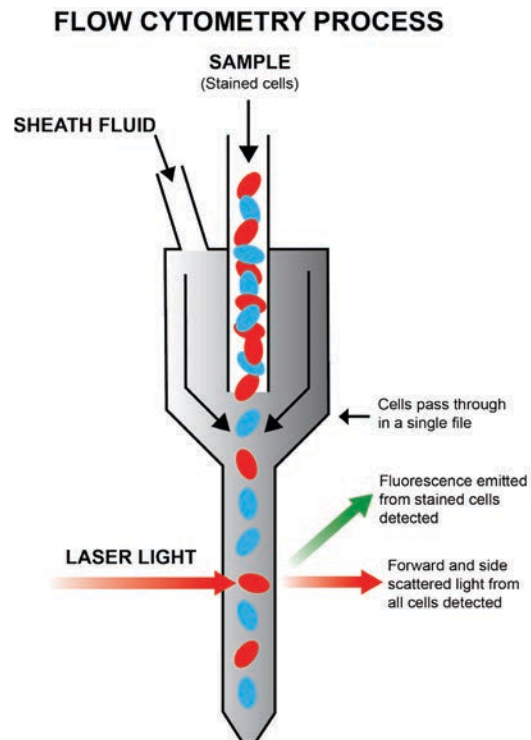


## Flow Cytometry (Immunophenotyping)

**Flow cytometry** is often ordered in addition to other cytogenetic tests to help establish a prognosis and to monitor the progression of certain cancers. It also can be used to help differentiate between cancers. Cells from the blood or bone marrow are incubated with commercially generated antibodies that selectively bind to antigens on the surface of leukemia cells or in their cytoplasm. The antigens act like markers and are detected by flow cytometry, which uses a laser beam to identify cell types based on the antigens present.



Flow cytometry determines the number of cells in a sample, the size and shape of the cell, and the presence of tumor markers. It is a highly-sensitive test that can detect minimal residual disease after cancer treatment when other tests show no signs of malignancy. Since flow cytometry analyzes thousands of cells per second, the results are gathered very quickly.



Blasts expressing CD34 and HLA-DR

Testing Process	Specimen Required	TAT
Chromosome Analysis	Peripheral blood or bone marrow aspirate stored at room temperature in sodium heparin (green top) anticoagulant	5-7 days
FISH		3-5 days
Flow Cytometry / Molecular Testing	Peripheral blood or bone marrow aspirate refrigerated in an EDTA (purple top) anticoagulant	24-48 hours

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