



# Test Definition: CLLMF

Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia, Specified FISH,  
Varies

## Overview

### Useful For

Detecting recurrent common chromosome abnormalities in patients with chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL) using **client-specified** probe sets

Distinguishing patients with 11;14 translocations who have the leukemic phase of mantle cell lymphoma from patients who have CLL

Detecting patients with atypical CLL with translocations between *IGH* and *BCL3*

Evaluating specimens in which chromosome studies are unsuccessful

### Reflex Tests

| Test Id | Reporting Name                 | Available Separately | Always Performed |
|---------|--------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| CLLMB   | Probe, Each Additional (CLLMF) | No, (Bill Only)      | No               |

### Testing Algorithm

This test includes a charge for the probe application, analysis, and professional interpretation of results for one probe set (2 individual fluorescence in situ hybridization [FISH] probes). Additional charges will be incurred for additional probe sets performed. Analysis charges will be incurred based on the number of cells analyzed per probe set. If no cells are available for analysis, no analysis charges will be incurred.

**This test is performed using client-specified FISH probes and is not intended as a panel test. Specific probes must be listed in the probe request field.** Reflex probes can be performed when appropriate if specified in the order request field.

When specified, any of the following probes will be performed:

6q-, request probe D6Z1/MYB

11q-, request probe D11Z1/ATM

+12, request probe D12Z3/MDM2

13q-, request probe D13S319/LAMP1

-17/17p-, request probe TP53/D17Z1

t(11q13;var) or *CCND1* rearrangement, request probe *CCND1* break-apart

t(11;14)(q13;q32) or *IGH::CCND1* fusion, request probe *CCND1/IGH*

t(14;19)(q32;q13) or *IGH::BCL3* fusion, request probe *IGH/BCL3*

Appropriate ancillary probes may be performed at consultant discretion to render comprehensive assessment. Any additional probes will have the results included within the final report and will be performed at an additional charge.

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**Method Name**

Fluorescence In Situ Hybridization (FISH)

**NY State Available**

Yes

**Specimen****Specimen Type**

Varies

**Ordering Guidance**

This test is intended for instances when **limited** chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL) fluorescence in situ hybridization (FISH) probes are needed based on specific abnormalities or abnormalities identified in the diagnostic sample. **The FISH probes to be analyzed must be specified on the ordering request.** If targeted FISH probes are not included with this test order, test processing will be delayed and the test may be canceled and automatically reordered by the laboratory as CLLDF / Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia, Diagnostic FISH, Varies.

If a complete CLL FISH panel is preferred, order CLLDF / Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia, Diagnostic FISH, Varies.

If a paraffin-embedded tissue sample is received, this test will be canceled and automatically reordered by the laboratory as SLL / Small Lymphocytic Lymphoma, FISH, Tissue.

**Shipping Instructions**

Advise Express Mail or equivalent if not on courier service.

**Necessary Information**

- 1. A reason for testing must be provided.** If this information is not provided, an appropriate indication for testing may be entered by Mayo Clinic Laboratories.
- A flow cytometry and/or a bone marrow pathology report should be submitted with each specimen. The laboratory will not reject testing if this information is not provided but appropriate testing and interpretation may be compromised or delayed.

**Specimen Required**

**Submit only 1 of the following specimens:**

**Preferred**

**Specimen Type:** Whole blood

**Container/Tube:**

**Preferred:** Yellow top (ACD)

**Acceptable:** Green top (sodium heparin) or lavender top (EDTA)

**Specimen Volume:** 6 mL

**Collection Instructions:**

1. Invert several times to mix blood.
2. Send whole blood in original tube. **Do not aliquot.**

**Acceptable**

**Specimen Type:** Bone marrow

**Container/Tube:**

**Preferred:** Yellow top (ACD)

**Acceptable:** Green top (sodium heparin) or lavender top (EDTA)

**Specimen Volume:** 2 to 3 mL

**Collection Instructions:**

1. It is preferable to send the first aspirate from the bone marrow collection.
2. Invert several times to mix bone marrow.
3. Send bone marrow in original tube. **Do not aliquot.**

**Forms**

If not ordering electronically, complete, print, and send a [Hematopathology/Cytogenetics Test Request \(T726\)](#) with the specimen.

**Specimen Minimum Volume**

Whole blood: 2 mL; Bone marrow: 1 mL

**Reject Due To**

|              |        |
|--------------|--------|
| Fresh tissue | Reject |
|--------------|--------|

**Specimen Stability Information**

| Specimen Type | Temperature         | Time | Special Container |
|---------------|---------------------|------|-------------------|
| Varies        | Ambient (preferred) |      |                   |
|               | Refrigerated        |      |                   |

**Clinical & Interpretive**
**Clinical Information**

Chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL) is one of the most common leukemias in adults. The most frequently seen cytogenetic abnormalities in CLL involve chromosomes 6, 11, 12, 13, and 17. These are detected and quantified using the CLL [fluorescence in situ hybridization \(FISH\)](#) panel.

Use of CpG-oligonucleotide mitogen will identify an abnormal CLL karyotype in at least 80% of cases. This mitogen is added to cultures when chromosome analysis is ordered and the reason for testing is B-cell lymphoproliferative disorders (CHRBM / Chromosome Analysis, Hematologic Disorders, Bone Marrow and CHRHB / Chromosome Analysis, Hematologic Disorders, Blood).

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This FISH test detects an abnormal clone in approximately 70% of patients with indolent disease and greater than 80% of patients who require treatment. At least 5% of patients referred for CLL FISH testing have translocations involving the *IGH* locus. Fusion of *IGH* with *CCND1* is associated with t(11;14)(q13;q32), and fusion of *IGH* with *BCL3* is associated with t(14;19)(q32;q13.3). Patients with t(11;14) usually have the leukemic phase of mantle cell lymphoma. Patients with t(14;19) may have an atypical form of B-CLL or the leukemic phase of a lymphoma. The prognostic associations for chromosome abnormalities detected by this FISH assay are, from best to worst: 13q-, normal, +12, 6q-, 11q-, and 17p-.

**Reference Values**

An interpretive report will be provided.

**Interpretation**

A neoplastic clone is detected when the percent of cells with an abnormality exceeds the normal reference range for any given probe set.

The absence of an abnormal clone does not rule out the presence of a chronic lymphocytic leukemia clone or another neoplastic disorder.

**Cautions**

This test is not approved by the US Food and Drug Administration, and it is best used as an adjunct to clinical and pathologic information.

Fluorescence in situ hybridization (FISH) is not a substitute for conventional chromosome studies because the latter detects chromosome abnormalities associated with other hematological disorders that would go undetected in a targeted CLL FISH test.

If no FISH signals are observed post-hybridization, the case will be released indicating a lack of FISH results.

**Clinical Reference**

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**Performance****Method Description**

This test is performed using commercially available and laboratory-developed probes. Deletion of chromosomes 6q, 11q, 13q, and 17p, and trisomy of chromosome 12 are detected using enumeration strategy probe sets. A dual-color, dual-fusion fluorescence in situ hybridization (D-FISH) strategy probe set is used to detect *IGH::CCND1* rearrangements and for reflex testing to identify *IGH::BCL3* rearrangements. For enumeration strategy probe sets, 100 interphase nuclei are scored; 200 interphase nuclei are scored when D-FISH probes are used. All results are expressed as the percent abnormal nuclei. (Unpublished Mayo method)

**PDF Report**

No

**Day(s) Performed**

Monday through Friday

**Report Available**

7 to 10 days

**Specimen Retention Time**

4 weeks

**Performing Laboratory Location**

Mayo Clinic Laboratories - Rochester Main Campus

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**Fees & Codes****Fees**

- Authorized users can sign in to [Test Prices](#) for detailed fee information.
- Clients without access to Test Prices can contact [Customer Service](#) 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
- Prospective clients should contact their account representative. For assistance, contact [Customer Service](#).

**Test Classification**

This test was developed and its performance characteristics determined by Mayo Clinic in a manner consistent with CLIA requirements. It has not been cleared or approved by the US Food and Drug Administration.

**CPT Code Information**

88271x2, 88275, 88291-FISH Probe, Analysis, Interpretation; 1 probe set  
88271x2, 88275-FISH Probe, Analysis; each additional probe set (if appropriate)

**LOINC® Information**

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| Test ID | Test Order Name     | Order LOINC® Value |
|---------|---------------------|--------------------|
| CLLMF   | CLL, Specified FISH | 101920-7           |

| Result ID | Test Result Name       | Result LOINC® Value |
|-----------|------------------------|---------------------|
| 610725    | Result Summary         | 50397-9             |
| 610726    | Interpretation         | 69965-2             |
| 610727    | Result Table           | 93356-4             |
| 610728    | Result                 | 62356-1             |
| GC091     | Reason for Referral    | 42349-1             |
| GC092     | Specimen               | 31208-2             |
| 610729    | Source                 | 31208-2             |
| 610730    | Method                 | 85069-3             |
| 610731    | Additional Information | 48767-8             |
| 610732    | Disclaimer             | 62364-5             |
| 610733    | Released by            | 18771-6             |
| GC093     | Probes Requested       | 78040-3             |