



# Test Definition: LLPB

Leukemia/Lymphoma Immunophenotyping,  
Flow Cytometry, Blood

## Overview

### Useful For

Evaluating lymphocytoses of undetermined etiology

Identifying B- and T-cell lymphoproliferative disorders involving blood

Distinguishing acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL) from acute myeloid leukemia (AML) using whole blood specimens

Immunologic subtyping of ALL

Distinguishing reactive lymphocytes and lymphoid hyperplasia from malignant lymphoma using whole blood specimens

Distinguishing between malignant lymphoma and acute leukemia using whole blood specimens

Phenotypic subclassification of B- and T-cell chronic lymphoproliferative disorders, including chronic lymphocytic leukemia, mantle cell lymphoma, and hairy cell leukemia

Recognizing AML with minimal morphologic or cytochemical evidence of differentiation

Recognizing monoclonal plasma cells

### Reflex Tests

| Test Id | Reporting Name                       | Available Separately | Always Performed |
|---------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| FCINT   | Flow Cytometry Interp, 2-8 Markers   | No, (Bill Only)      | No               |
| FCIMS   | Flow Cytometry Interp, 9-15 Markers  | No, (Bill Only)      | No               |
| FCINS   | Flow Cytometry Interp, 16 or greater | No, (Bill Only)      | No               |

### Additional Tests

| Test Id | Reporting Name                      | Available Separately | Always Performed |
|---------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| FIRST   | Flow Cytometry, Cell Surface, First | No, (Bill Only)      | Yes              |
| ADD1    | Flow Cytometry, Cell Surface, Add1  | No, (Bill Only)      | Yes              |

### Testing Algorithm

A screening triage panel is initially performed to evaluate for monotypic B cells by kappa and lambda light chain expression, increased numbers of blast cells by CD34 and CD45 expression along with side scatter gating, and increased plasma cells by CD45 expression and side scatter gating. The triage panel also includes antibodies to assess the number of CD3-positive T cells and CD16-positive/CD3-negative natural killer cells present. This triage panel also determines if there is an increase in the number of T cells that aberrantly coexpress CD16, an immunophenotypic feature of T-cell granular lymphocytic leukemia.

If no abnormalities are detected by the initial panel, no further flow cytometric assessment will be performed unless otherwise indicated by specific features of the clinical presentation or prior laboratory results.

The triage screen panel, together with the provided clinical history and morphologic review, is used to determine what, if any, additional marker testing is needed for disease diagnosis or classification. If additional testing is required, it will be added per the algorithm to fully characterize a disease state with a charge per unique antibody tested. Possible additional panels containing specific markers include, but are not limited to, the following: T-cell panel, B-cell panel, acute panel, myeloperoxidase/terminal deoxynucleotidyl transferase (MPO/TdT) panel, killer-cell immunoglobulin-like receptor panel, B-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL) panel, plasma cell panel.

**Method Name**

Immunophenotyping

**NY State Available**

No

**Specimen****Specimen Type**

Whole blood

**Ordering Guidance**

This test is appropriate for hematopoietic peripheral blood specimens only.

For bone marrow specimens, order LLBM / Leukemia/Lymphoma Immunophenotyping by Flow Cytometry, Bone Marrow.

For solid tissue specimens, order LLTS / Leukemia/Lymphoma Immunophenotyping, Flow Cytometry, Tissue.

For body fluid and cerebrospinal fluid specimens, order LLBF / Leukemia/Lymphoma Immunophenotyping, Flow Cytometry, Body Fluid

**Shipping Instructions**

Specimen must arrive within 96 hours of collection.

## Specimen Required

**Specimen Type:** Whole blood

**Container/Tube:**

**Preferred:** Yellow top (ACD solution A or B)

**Acceptable:** Lavender top (EDTA)

**Specimen Volume:** 6 mL

**Slides:** If possible, include 5 to 10 unstained blood smears labeled with **two unique identifiers**

### Collection Instructions:

1. Send whole blood specimen in original tube. **Do not aliquot.**
2. Label specimen as blood.

## Specimen Minimum Volume

3 mL

## Reject Due To

|                 |        |
|-----------------|--------|
| Gross hemolysis | Reject |
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## Specimen Stability Information

| Specimen Type | Temperature | Time   | Special Container |
|---------------|-------------|--------|-------------------|
| Whole blood   | Ambient     | 4 days |                   |

## Clinical & Interpretive

### Clinical Information

Diagnostic hematopathology has become an increasingly complex subspecialty, particularly with neoplastic disorders of blood and bone marrow. While morphologic assessment of blood smears, bone marrow smears, and tissue sections remains the cornerstone of lymphoma and leukemia diagnosis and classification, immunophenotyping is a very valuable and important complementary tool.

Immunophenotyping hematopoietic specimens can help resolve many differential diagnostic problems posed by the clinical or morphologic features.

### Reference Values

An interpretive report will be provided.

This test will be processed as a laboratory consultation. An interpretation of the immunophenotypic findings and correlation with the morphologic features will be provided by a hematopathologist for every case.

### Interpretation

Report will include a morphologic description, a summary of the procedure, the percent positivity of selected antigens,

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and an interpretive conclusion based on the correlation of the clinical history with the morphologic features and immunophenotypic results.

**Cautions**

Specimens will be initially triaged to determine which, if any, of the immunophenotyping panels should be performed.

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**Performance****Method Description**

Flow cytometric immunophenotyping of peripheral blood is performed using the following antibodies:

Triage panel: CD3, CD10, CD16, CD19, CD34, CD45 and kappa and lambda surface light chains

Possible additional panels:

-B-cell panel: CD5, CD11c, CD20, CD22, CD23, CD38, CD103, and CD200

-T-cell panel: CD2, CD3, CD4, CD5, CD7, CD8, CD45, TRBC1 and gamma/delta T-cell receptors

-Killer-cell immunoglobulin-like receptor (KIR) panel: CD56, CD57, CD94, CD158a, CD158b, CD158e (p70), and NKG2a

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-Acute panel: CD2, CD7, CD13, CD15, CD33, CD36, CD38, CD56, CD64, CD117, and HLA-DR  
-B-cell ALL, minimal residual disease (MRD) panel: CD10, CD19, CD20, CD22, CD24, CD34, CD38, CD45, CD58, CD66c  
-Myeloperoxidase/terminal deoxynucleotidyl transferase (MPO/TdT) panel: cytoplasmic CD3, CD13, cytoplasmic CD22, CD34, CD45, cytoplasmic CD79a, nuclear TdT, and cytoplasmic MPO  
-Plasma cell panel: CD19, CD38, CD45, CD138, and cytoplasmic kappa and lambda light chains  
-Sezary Panel: CD2, CD3, CD4, CD5, CD7, CD8, CD26, CD45 and TRBC1  
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**PDF Report**

No

**Day(s) Performed**

Monday through Friday, Sunday

**Report Available**

1 to 4 days

**Specimen Retention Time**

14 days

**Performing Laboratory Location**

Mayo Clinic Jacksonville Clinical Lab

**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 using an analyte specific reagent. Its performance characteristics were determined by Mayo Clinic in a manner consistent with CLIA requirements. This test has not been cleared or approved by the US Food and Drug Administration.

**CPT Code Information**

88184-Flow cytometry; first cell surface, cytoplasmic or nuclear marker x 1  
88185-Flow cytometry; additional cell surface, cytoplasmic or nuclear marker (each)  
88187-Flow Cytometry Interpretation, 2 to 8 Markers (if appropriate)  
88188-Flow Cytometry Interpretation, 9 to 15 Markers (if appropriate)  
88189-Flow Cytometry Interpretation, 16 or More Markers (if appropriate)

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**LOINC® Information**

| Test ID | Test Order Name                     | Order LOINC® Value |
|---------|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| LLPB    | Leukemia/Lymphoma<br>Immunopheno, B | In Process         |

| Result ID | Test Result Name | Result LOINC® Value |
|-----------|------------------|---------------------|
| JF001     | Interpretation   | 69052-9             |