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NTRK & RET NGS Fusion Panel

Alternative Name

NTRK & RET NGS Fusion Profile

Methodology

Molecular

Test Description

The NTRK & RET NGS Fusion Profile is an RNA-based next-generation sequencing panel that detects translocations and fusions of the genes NTRK1, NTRK2, NTRK3 and RET with known and novel fusion partners. Point mutations in select exons of these four genes are also detected. Examples of some of the published fusions detectable in this test include CD74-NTRK1, LMNA-NTRK1, MPRIP-NTRK1, TPM3-NTRK1, SQSTM1-NTRK1, PPL-NTRK1, AFAP1-NTRK2, PAN3-NTRK2, TRIM24-NTRK2, BTBD1-NTRK3, ETV6-NTRK3, CCD6-RET (aka RET-PTC1), KIF5B-RET, and NCOA4-RET (aka RET-PTC3).

This test may be used to select patients for the following FDA-approved therapies:

- NTRK- ROZLYTREK® (entrectinib), VITRAKVI® (larotrectinib)
- RET- GAVRETO™ (pralsetinib), RETEVMO™ (selpercatinib)

See also [NTRK NGS Fusion Panel](#) and [Lung NGS Fusion Panel \(Complete or Limited\)](#).

Clinical Significance

NTRK gene fusion is the primary mechanism of oncogenic activation of TRK proteins. Gene fusions have been reported in >20 tumor types. They occur in >90% of certain rare tumors and are considered essentially pathognomic in secretory breast cancer, congenital fibrosarcoma, congenital mesoblastic nephroma, and mammary analogue secretory carcinoma (MASC). Tumors with intermediate NTRK fusion frequencies (5-25%) include papillary thyroid cancer (PTC), GIST without KIT/PDGFR/RAS mutations, Spitzoid neoplasms, and certain pediatric gliomas. NTRK fusions are detected in <5% of a wide range of common tumors including non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC, ~1%); pancreatic adenocarcinoma; head and neck squamous cell; breast, colorectal, and renal cell carcinoma; melanoma; and adult brain tumors such as astrocytoma and glioblastoma.

RET translocations detected in this test are common in papillary thyroid carcinoma (>20%) and are also seen in 1-2% of NSCLC.

Numerous TRK and RET inhibitor therapies are in various stages of clinical availability, trial, and development.

Specimen Requirements

- **FFPE tissue:** Paraffin block is preferred. Alternatively, send 1 H&E slide plus 5-10 unstained slides cut at 5 or more microns. Please use positively-charged slides and 10% NBF fixative. Do not use zinc fixatives.

Storage & Transportation

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

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New York Approved

Yes

Level of Service

Global

Turnaround Time

21 days

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