

Cytogenetic Studies

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CMS National Coverage Policy

Coverage Indications, Limitations, and/or Medical Necessity

The term cytogenetic studies is used to describe the microscopic examination of the physical appearance of human chromosomes.

Indications and Limitations of Coverage Medicare covers these tests when they are reasonable and necessary for the diagnosis or treatment of the following conditions:

- Genetic disorders (e.g., mongolism) in a fetus; (See the Medicare Benefit Policy Chapter 15, "Covered Medical and Other Health Services," §20.1)
- Failure of sexual development;
- Chronic myelogenous leukemia;
- Acute leukemias lymphoid (FAB L1-L3), myeloid (FAB M0-M7), and unclassified; or
- Myelodysplasia

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The ICD10 codes listed below are the top diagnosis codes currently utilized by ordering physicians for the limited coverage test highlighted above that are also listed as medically supportive under Medicare’s limited coverage policy. **If you are ordering this test for diagnostic reasons that are not covered under Medicare policy, an Advance Beneficiary Notice form is required.**

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Code	Description
C91.00	Acute lymphoblastic leukemia not having achieved remission
C91.01	Acute lymphoblastic leukemia, in remission
C92.00	Acute myeloblastic leukemia, not having achieved remission
C92.10	Chronic myeloid leuk, BCR/ABL-positive, not achieve remis
C92.11	Chronic myeloid leukemia, BCR/ABL-positive, in remission
C92.40	Acute promyelocytic leukemia, not having achieved remission
C93.11	Chronic myelomonocytic leukemia, in remission
C95.00	Acute leukemia of unsp cell type not achieve remission
D46.1	Refractory anemia with ring sideroblasts
D46.4	Refractory anemia, unspecified
D46.9	Myelodysplastic syndrome, unspecified
D46.A	Refractory cytopenia with multilineage dysplasia
D72.0	Genetic anomalies of leukocytes
E29.1	Testicular hypofunction
Q90.9	Down syndrome, unspecified
Q99.8	Other specified chromosome abnormalities
Q99.9	Chromosomal abnormality, unspecified
Z13.79	Encntr for oth screening for genetic and chromsoml anomalies

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