

GENETIC TESTING - CODING GUIDELINES - J3 CB 2006.31 R10

1. When billing for KRAS testing, use the appropriate CPT codes designating the specific methods/procedures included in the testing, then insert “KRAS Testing” in Item 19 or the free-form space in the electronic claim form.
2. KRAS testing is limited to once per lifetime for any given tumor. For use in a tumor identified subsequent to an initial use of KRAS testing, documentation must confirm that the later tumor is in fact a different entity.
3. These billing instructions will be modified if and when a specific CPT code is developed and assigned for designation of KRAS testing.
4. The BCR/ABL fusion gene is the classic mutation seen in Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia (CML) and is also seen in Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia (ALL) and certain other hematologic diseases. Payment may be made when documentation clearly demonstrates that medical necessity for this testing.
5. For billing for KRAS mutational analysis of previously diagnosed archival tissues, use CPT 88363 (new for 2011): Examination and selection of retrieved archival (ie, previously diagnosed) tissue(s) for molecular analysis (eg, KRAS mutational analysis)