

Coding Guidelines

Genetic Testing - B2006.31 R15

1. When billing for KRAS testing, use the appropriate CPT codes (81403 or 81405) 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. For billing KRAS mutational analysis of archived tissues, use CPT 88363 (new for 2011): Examination and selection of retrieved archival (i.e., previously diagnosed) tissue(s) for molecular analysis (e.g., KRAS mutational analysis)
3. 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 or there is reason to suspect it is a different tumor.
4. These billing instructions will be modified if and when a specific CPT code(s) is developed and assigned for designation of KRAS testing.
5. The BCR/ABL fusion gene is the classic mutation seen in Chronic Myelogenous Leukemia (CML). The gene is also seen in Acute Lymphocytic Leukemia (ALL) and certain other hematologic diseases. Payment may be made when documentation clearly demonstrates medical necessity for this testing.