

Skin/Soft Tissue Punch Biopsy for Pathology/Histology Analysis

Test:	Pigmented Lesion (r/o melanoma panel) Non-Pigmented Lesion (r/o carcinoma) panel Dermatitis panel Tumor (Ganglion/Lipoma/Sarcoma) panel
Submission Criteria:	2 mm to 4 mm punches. Multiple punches may be appropriate for larger lesions and may be submitted together when they are from the same anatomical site and for the same condition. Place immediately into formalin.
Rejection Criteria:	Rejection criteria include but are not limited to those with: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Mismatched requisitions2. Specimens without two patient identifiers3. Specimens submitted without approval
Turnaround Time:	3 days
Clinical Significance:	This is one of the most important diagnostic tests for skin disorders. Ideal for examination of cutaneous neoplasms, pigmented lesions, inflammatory lesions, and chronic skin disorders with deep dermal involvement. Multiple punch biopsies may provide similar diagnostic information as a larger excisional biopsy with reduced healing time.
Reference Ranges:	Not detected for all targets
Method:	Panels are comprised of one or more of the following: Hematoxylin and Eosin Stain Periodic Acid – Schiff Stain Grocott’s Methenamine Silver Stain Gram’ Stain Fontana Masson Stain Immunohistochemical Staining
CPT Code:	Punch biopsy: 11104; 11105 Histopathology: 88300; 88302; 88304; 88305; 88307; 88309; 88311; 88213; 88313; 88314; 88319; 88321; 88325; 88342 (CPT codes are assigned by the pathologist when the case is complete)