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## Test: Breast Cancer HER-2/neu Amplification - Solid Tumor Tissue

Fluorescence In Situ Hybridization (FISH)

**Purpose of Test:** To detect amplification of the HER-2/neu gene which has been associated with breast cancer prognosis and treatment decisions.

**Required Information:** Please provide indications (ICD-9) for testing on our referral form with each specimen. Accurate testing and interpretation may otherwise be compromised.

## Paraffin-Embedded Tissue Block

- Formalin-fixed, paraffin-embedded breast cancer tissue block.
- Send at least 4 slides with tissue sections cut at ~4um thick and put on positively charged slides.
- Include 1 hematoxylin-and-eosin stained slide with abnormal region clearly outlined with a marker.
- If a tissue block is sent, the tissue will be sectioned and slides will be prepared at an additional cost.

Turn Around Time: 3-4 days

Probe(s): HER-2/neu gene and centromere for chromosome 17 (CEP 17)

## **CPT Code Information:**

88271x2 DNA probe, each

88274 Molecular cytogenetics; 25-99 cells

88365 Interpretation and report