

# 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.**

**\*Note—Bolded diagnoses below have the highest utilization**

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Code	Description
C91.00	Acute lymphoblastic leukemia not having achieved remission
C91.01	Acute lymphoblastic leukemia, in remission
C91.02	Acute lymphoblastic leukemia, in relapse
<b>C92.10</b>	<b>Chronic myeloid leukemia, BCR/ABL-positive, not having achieved remission</b>
C92.11	Chronic myeloid leukemia, BCR/ABL-positive, in remission
D46.0	Refractory anemia without ring sideroblasts, so stated
D46.20	Refractory anemia with excess of blasts, unspecified
D46.4	Refractory anemia, unspecified
<b>D46.9</b>	<b>Myelodysplastic syndrome, unspecified</b>
<b>D72.0</b>	<b>Genetic anomalies of leukocytes</b>
E28.39	Other primary ovarian failure
<b>E29.1</b>	<b>Testicular hypofunction</b>
Q90.9	Down syndrome, unspecified
Z13.71	Encounter for nonprocreative screening for genetic disease carrier status
<b>Z13.79</b>	<b>Encounter for other screening for genetic and chromosomal anomalies</b>
Z31.448	Encounter for other genetic testing of male for procreative management

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