

Technical Bulletin

Tissue Oncology Testing for CARE*Link Users

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The DLS Central molecular diagnostics laboratory performs a comprehensive next generation sequencing tumor profiling assay to provide personalized information about your patient's tumor variants, which can assist you with treatment decisions [Oncology Testing Supports QMC Precision Medicine Program (dlslab.com)]. We expect a better turn-around time. The requisition and more information can be found at: https://dlslab.com/services/precision-medicine-program/.

The process for requesting NGS testing is now orderable in CARE*Link. The two tests are NGS Oncology Tumor Profile (72060) and NGS Oncology Melanoma Profile (72070). Physicians are encouraged to use CARE*Link, although faxing requests to the QMC Pathology Department at (808) 691-4045 is an option if CARE*Link is not available. Pathologists will continue to work with ordering physicians to ensure specimen acceptability and availability of genetic testing for your patients.

CARE*Link tumor profile requests are designed to push to the laboratory tab and pathology filter. A pdf copy of the full report can be viewed in CARE*Link. All other tumor profile requests will be reported through your routine laboratory reporting method. A copy of the pdf report will be mailed or delivered to your office.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call DLS Client Services at 589-5101.