

Prostate Px[⊕] is easy to order. Here is an overview of the process.

1. Prostate Px[⊕] Test Requisition Form

To order the test, the Prostate Px[⊕] Test Requisition form must first be completed and sent to Aureon. This form requests the following:

- Physician information including name, address, phone/fax numbers, and **signature**.
- Patient information, including:
 - Name and Address
 - Date of Birth
 - Age at Time of Biopsy
 - PSA Level
 - Biopsy Gleason Score, including Dominant Grade
 - Clinical Stage cTNM Level
- The specific test selection, including optional additional analyses of various biomarkers
- Appropriate billing and insurance information or a copy of the patient's insurance card (front and back) attached

2. Submitting the Request

Fax the Prostate Px[⊕] Test Requisition form to 1-888-564-9654

The form can also be mailed to: Aureon Laboratories
Accessioning Department
28 Wells Avenue
Yonkers, New York 10701

3. Coordinating with your Pathology Lab

- Biopsy sample submissions are handled by a pathologist
- Please fill out and **sign** the patient Tissue Block/Slide Request form and fax to Aureon along with the Test Requisition form at 1-888-564-9654

4. Prostate Px[⊕] Results

- Test results are mailed and faxed
- Results can be sent to multiple locations/recipients upon request

5. Aureon Patient Care Program (APCP)

- Claims Submission and Management
- Denial Management
- Multiple Levels of Appeals
- Patient Assistance Programs
- Hotline: 1-888-797-7284 (1-888-SYS-PATH)

Prostate Px post-prostatectomy test (PX101) can also be ordered by the same easy process.

Prostate Px[®] Specimen Handling: Instructions for the Pathologist

PROSTATE PX[®] SPECIMEN PREPARATION

1. PREFERRED SPECIMEN

Selection of Paraffin Block (along with available intervening blank/unstained sections)

- Pathologist to review all diagnostic slides and select a single paraffin block from the biopsy specimen which is most representative of the Gleason score, with priority given to highest Gleason grade. (**SUBMISSION OF ALL POSITIVE BLOCKS IS PREFERRED**)
- Tumor volume: Selected block shall contain at least one 200x field (2-3 preferred) with ≥50% tumor, most likely to be present in subsequent serial sections: this total tumor content can also be distributed among three 20X fields.
- Tumor quality: tumor with good morphology (i.e., well fixed) lacking areas of crush, mechanical distortion and over-fragmentation.
- Place corresponding paraffin block, carefully wrapped in tissue paper to protect block face, into the plastic biohazard specimen bag and seal.
- Place corresponding intervening blank/unstained sections into the Aureon-labeled plastic slide holders, then plastic biohazard specimen bag and seal.

2. ALTERNATE SPECIMEN (if block can not be sent)

NOTE: If blank/unstained intervening sections from the initial sectioning of the optimal representative paraffin block (see above) were saved, these may be included in the total count (7); please label slides as “precut”.

Preparation of Unstained Slides

- Select block as above, perform minimal facing, and cut seven (7) consecutive 4-5 µm serial sections (avoid “chatter” and uneven thickness).
- Center one section on each SuperFrost™ Plus glass slide (cannot be less than 5 mm from any edge), numbered 1-7 (with a graphite pencil) corresponding to serial sections respectively, avoiding wrinkles, folds or tears.
- Allow slides to dry at room temperature for a minimum of one hour.
- Place the seven (7) slides into the two Aureon-labeled plastic slide holders provided in the Block/Slide Mailer, insert small foam piece or tissue (to immobilize slides) before firmly pressing the top to close.
- Place the two Aureon-labeled plastic slide holders into the plastic biohazard specimen bag and seal.

PROSTATE PX SPECIMEN PREPARATION

1. PREFERRED SPECIMEN

Selection of Paraffin Block

- Pathologist selects paraffin block(s) from prostatectomy specimen which is most representative of the Gleason grade and score of the prostate cancer.
- Tumor volume: Selected block shall contain ≥50% tumor, most likely to be present in subsequent serial sections.
- Tumor quality: tumor with good morphology (i.e., well fixed) lacking areas of crush, mechanical distortion and over-fragmentation.
- Place corresponding paraffin block, carefully wrapped in tissue paper to protect block face, into the plastic biohazard specimen bag and seal.

2. ALTERNATE SPECIMEN

Preparation of Unstained Slides

- Select a single paraffin block, perform minimal facing, and cut seven (7) consecutive 4-5 µm serial sections (avoid “chatter” and uneven thickness).
- Place one section in the middle of each SuperFrost™ Plus glass slide (no less than 5 mm from any edge), numbered 1-7 (with a graphite pencil) corresponding to serial sections respectively, avoiding wrinkles, folds or tears.
- Allow slides to dry at room temperature for a minimum of one hour.
- Place the seven (7) slides into the two Aureon-labeled plastic slide holders provided in the Block/Slide Mailer, insert small foam piece or tissue (to immobilize slides) before firmly pressing the top to close it.
- Place the two Aureon-labeled plastic slide holders into the plastic biohazard specimen bag and seal.

DOMESTIC SHIPPING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Prepare Specimen for Shipping and Arrange for FedEx Pickup

- Place sealed biohazard specimen bag(s) with slide holders and/or block(s) into Block/Slide Mailer and close lid.
- Place closed Block/Slide Mailer box and the patient Pathology Report into FedEx Pak.
- Remove Return Label from the adhesive backing, place on the FedEx Pak in the designated area, seal Pak, remove the tracking information from the bottom of the Return Label and retain for your records.
- Place the package in a designated FedEx pickup location at your facility
- If your facility does not have standard FedEx pickup, please call **(800) GO FEDEX (800-463-3339)** to arrange for pickup

TIMING OF SHIPPING

Specimens can be shipped Monday through Saturday. FedEx does not operate on the following holidays:
• New Year's Day • Independence Day • Thanksgiving Day • Memorial Day • Labor Day • Christmas Day

INCOMPLETE SHIPPING FORMS AND PATIENT PATHOLOGY REPORTS

An incomplete Block/Slide Mailer and/or patient Pathology Report shall result in delay of testing and result reporting to ordering Physician. Please enclose the paraffin block(s) or the appropriate number of slides, along with the patients Pathology Report.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS

For inquiries regarding the above information, please contact our Customer Service Department: phone: **(888) SYS PATH (888-797-7284)**, E-mail: info@aureon.com, or fax: **(914) 377-4001 / (888) 564-9654**.