MSK-ACCESS gets New York State approval

November 2019—Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center announced that the New York State Department of Health has issued an approval for its Analysis of Circulating cfDNA to Evaluate Somatic Status (MSK-ACCESS) molecular assay. MSK-ACCESS was developed in the Marie-Josée and Henry R. Kravis Center for Molecular Oncology and has been clinically validated and implemented by members of MSK's molecular diagnostics service.

The MSK-ACCESS assay is a comprehensive liquid biopsy test that offers noninvasive cancer genomic profiling and disease monitoring. It involves the deep sequencing of 129 key cancer-associated genes selected from MSK's solid tumor genomic-profiling assay, MSK-IMPACT. MSK-ACCESS is designed to detect genetic alterations in cell-free DNA specimens.

"MSK-ACCESS could potentially be used for patients whose tumor tissue isn't available or is difficult to biopsy, or if MSK-IMPACT on a tumor biopsy fails to produce informative results because too few tumor cells were in the biopsy, which primarily happens in people with advanced metastatic cancer," Michael Berger, PhD, associate director of the Marie-Josée and Henry R. Kravis Center for Molecular Oncology, said in a press release.
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