

## Frequently Asked Questions- Patients

### 1. **What is cell-free DNA and ctDNA?**

Cell-free DNA is DNA that circulates freely in the bloodstream. It is shed by both healthy cells and tumor cells.

### 2. **What is FoundationACT?**

FoundationACT is a blood-based genomic assay that can identify genomic alterations in ctDNA. This enables physicians to make informed personalized treatment decisions based on each patient's unique genomic profile. FoundationACT is developed for those patients who cannot go through tissue-based comprehensive genomic profiling due to inadequate tissue and repeat biopsy is not feasible.

### 3. **Does it matter what type of cancer I have and how advanced the cancer is?**

The science behind which tumors shed ctDNA and during what stages of cancer still remains unclear. For patients with solid tumors, if tissue is available we recommend FoundationOne tissue-based testing. If tissue is not available and repeat biopsy is not feasible, then we recommend FoundationACT.

### 4. **I have tissue left from a recent biopsy, should I do tissue-based testing or FoundationACT?**

If you have tissue, then we recommend doing FoundationOne Tissue based test.

### 5. **What is the price of FoundationACT?**

The list price of FoundationACT is \$5,800.

### 6. **Is the test covered by my insurance?**

Foundation Medicine bills the patient's insurance company for each test as the provider of service. Typically, it takes 60 to 90 days for the insurance company to respond to Foundation Medicine's claims. During this time the patient may receive an Explanation of Benefits; this is not a bill and will explain the coverage initially offered by the insurance company.

If the insurance company denies coverage, Foundation Medicine works on behalf of the patient to attempt to obtain coverage and will assist in pursuing appeals on your behalf to minimize the financial burden when appropriate. We may also contact your office for assistance in the appeals process.

### 7. **How long does it take for test results?**

Your physician will receive a report 11-14 days after Foundation Medicine receives your sample for FoundationACT.

### 8. **What are the specimen requirements?**

Two tubes of 10 mL whole blood

**9. Will I receive a bill?**

You may receive an Explanation of Benefits – this is not a bill. Foundation Medicine first bills your insurance company. We work on your behalf to attempt to obtain coverage and will assist you in pursuing appeals to minimize the financial burden when appropriate. We are required by law to bill you for co-pays, coinsurance or deductibles as directed by your insurance company.

**10. Is there a financial assistance program available?**

Yes. FoundationACCESS has been developed to address any financial, access and claim issues for FoundationOne, FoundationOne Heme and FoundationACT testing. Please visit <http://access.foundationmedicine.com> for submitting online financial assistance.