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Pathology and Laboratory Guidelines

Guidelines to direct general reporting of services are presented in the **Introduction**. Some of the commonalities are repeated here for the convenience of those referring to this section on **Pathology and Laboratory**. Other definitions and items unique to Pathology and Laboratory are also listed.

- 88399** Unlisted surgical pathology procedure
- 88749** Unlisted in vivo (eg, transcutaneous) laboratory service
- 89240** Unlisted miscellaneous pathology test
- 89398** Unlisted reproductive medicine laboratory procedure

Services in Pathology and Laboratory

Services in Pathology and Laboratory are provided by a physician or by technologists under responsible supervision of a physician.

Special Report

A service that is rarely provided, unusual, variable, or new may require a special report. Pertinent information should include an adequate definition or description of the nature, extent, and need for the procedure; and the time, effort, and equipment necessary to provide the service.

Separate or Multiple Procedures

It is appropriate to designate multiple procedures that are rendered on the same date by separate entries.

Unlisted Service or Procedure

A service or procedure may be provided that is not listed in this edition of the CPT codebook. When reporting such a service, the appropriate “Unlisted Procedure” code may be used to indicate the service, identifying it by “Special Report” as discussed below. The “Unlisted Procedures” and accompanying codes for **Pathology and Laboratory** are as follows:

- 81099** Unlisted urinalysis procedure
- 81479** Unlisted molecular pathology procedure
- 81599** Unlisted multianalyte assay with algorithmic analysis
- 84999** Unlisted chemistry procedure
- 85999** Unlisted hematology and coagulation procedure
- 86486** unlisted antigen, each
- 86849** Unlisted immunology procedure
- 86999** Unlisted transfusion medicine procedure
- 87999** Unlisted microbiology procedure
- 88099** Unlisted necropsy (autopsy) procedure
- 88199** Unlisted cytopathology procedure
- 88299** Unlisted cytogenetic study