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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.

## Services in Pathology and Laboratory

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

## 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:

<b>81099</b>	Unlisted urinalysis procedure
# <b>81479</b>	Unlisted molecular pathology procedure
<b>81599</b>	Unlisted multianalyte assay with algorithmic analysis
<b>84999</b>	Unlisted chemistry procedure
<b>85999</b>	Unlisted hematology and coagulation procedure
<b>86486</b>	unlisted antigen, each
<b>86849</b>	Unlisted immunology procedure
<b>86999</b>	Unlisted transfusion medicine procedure
<b>87999</b>	Unlisted microbiology procedure
<b>88099</b>	Unlisted necropsy (autopsy) procedure

<b>88199</b>	Unlisted cytopathology procedure
<b>88299</b>	Unlisted cytogenetic study
<b>88399</b>	Unlisted surgical pathology procedure
<b>88749</b>	Unlisted in vivo (eg, transcutaneous) laboratory service
<b>89240</b>	Unlisted miscellaneous pathology test
<b>89398</b>	Unlisted reproductive medicine laboratory procedure

## 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.