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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:

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