REFLEX TESTING

For some laboratory tests, when certain criteria are met, additional testing will be generated to provide more conclusive laboratory information for diagnosis and treatment. The CPT code will accurately reflex the testing that is performed.

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<th>CPT CODE</th>
<th>REFLEX CRITERIA</th>
<th>CONFIRMATORY TEST</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>ANA Screen</td>
<td>86038</td>
<td>Positive</td>
<td>ANA titer</td>
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<tr>
<td>Anticardiolipin screen</td>
<td>86147</td>
<td>Positive or equivocal</td>
<td>Cardiolipin IgG and IgM</td>
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<tr>
<td>CBC with Diff</td>
<td>85025</td>
<td>Questionable Cell Counts/Cell Abnormalities</td>
<td>Manual differential</td>
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<tr>
<td>CDiff Panel (Toxin ElA &amp; GDH antigen)</td>
<td>87324, 87449</td>
<td>Indeterminate (Ag+, toxin ElA, negative)</td>
<td>CDiff toxin by PCR</td>
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<tr>
<td>Hepatitis A Antibody</td>
<td>86708</td>
<td>Positive</td>
<td>HAVAB, IgM</td>
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<tr>
<td>Hepatitis B Core</td>
<td>86704</td>
<td>Neg Ag + AB, + Core total</td>
<td>HBCAB, IgM</td>
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<tr>
<td>Hepatitis C</td>
<td>86803</td>
<td>Positive or equivocal</td>
<td>HCVRiBA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thyroid Cascade</td>
<td>84443</td>
<td>TSH High TSH low T4 Free Normal T4 Free Low</td>
<td>T4 Free (end) T4 Free High (end) T3 Free (end) T3 Free (end)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Microbiology Culture</td>
<td>87070</td>
<td>Growth</td>
<td>Organism ID antibiotic sensitivity</td>
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<tr>
<td>Microbiology Blood Culture</td>
<td>87040</td>
<td>Growth</td>
<td>Rapid Blood Culture Identification PCR assay if first positive bottle within 72 hours, or if gram stain is different from previous positive</td>
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<td>Rapid Strep A Screen</td>
<td>87430</td>
<td>Indeterminate</td>
<td>Culture</td>
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<tr>
<td>Treponemal AB</td>
<td>86780</td>
<td>Positive or equivocal</td>
<td>RPR and titer if RPR is positive</td>
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<tr>
<td>UA with sediment if needed</td>
<td>81003</td>
<td>Sediment reviewed if protein, blood, wbc, leukocyte esterase, nitrites is positive</td>
<td>Sediment review</td>
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<td>UA with sediment and culture if needed</td>
<td>81003</td>
<td>Sediment reviewed if protein, blood, nitrites, leukocytes is positive. Culture set up if positive for leukocyte esterase, nitrites, &gt;6wbc, mod or large bacteria</td>
<td>Urine sediment urine culture Urine sensitivity</td>
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<tr>
<td>Vaginal wet mount</td>
<td>87210</td>
<td>Indeterminate for Trichomonas</td>
<td>Trichomonas Ag</td>
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In addition to reflex testing, a confirmatory test procedure will be performed to validate the accuracy of the initial test result.

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<td>87340</td>
<td>Positive</td>
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<td>HIV</td>
<td>86703</td>
<td>Positive</td>
<td>Western Blot confirm</td>
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<td>Lyme</td>
<td>86618</td>
<td>Positive or equivocal</td>
<td>Lyme Western Blot</td>
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Life Laboratories also utilizes outside reference laboratories to perform esoteric testing. These laboratories utilize reflex testing (i.e.: B.pertussis AB, IgG/IgA, IgM CPT Codes: 86615 x 3).

If you determine that reflex testing is not medically necessary, you must indicate this on the requisition by listing only the specific test or component needed, or by writing "no reflex" on the requisition. Any questions regarding reflex testing should be addressed to Dr. Maria Gorgan at (413) 748-9065.