



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.

INITIAL TEST	CPT CODE	REFLEX CRITERIA	CONFIRMATORY TEST
ANA Screen	86038	Positive	ANA titer
Anticardiolipin screen	86147	Positive or equivocal	Cardiolipin IgG and IgM
CBC with Diff	85025	Questionable Cell Counts/Cell Abnormalities	Manual differential
CDiff Panel (Toxin EIA & GDH antigen)	87324 87449	Indeterminate (Ag+, toxin EIA, negative)	CDiff toxin by PCR
Hepatitis A Antibody	86708	Positive	HAVAB IgM
Hepatitis B Core Antibody	86704	Neg Ag and AB, Pos Core total	HBcAB IgM
Thyroid Cascade	84443	TSH High TSH low T ₄ Free Normal T ₄ Free Low	T ₄ Free (end) T ₄ Free High (end) T ₃ Free (end) T ₃ Free (end)
Microbiology Culture	87070	Growth	Organism ID antibiotic sensitivity
Microbiology Blood Culture	87040	Growth	Rapid Blood Culture Identification PCR assay if first positive bottle within 72 hours, or if gram stain is different from previous positive
Rapid Strep A Screen	87430	Negative or Indeterminate	Culture
Treponemal AB	86780	Positive or equivocal	RPR and titer if RPR is positive
UA with sediment if needed	81003	Sediment reviewed if protein, blood, wbc, leukocyte esterase, nitrites is positive	Sediment review
UA with sediment and culture if needed.	81003	Sediment reviewed if protein, blood, nitrites, leukocytes is positive. Culture set up if positive for leukocyte esterase, nitrites, >6wbc, mod or large bacteria	Urine sediment urine culture Urine sensitivity
Vaginal wet mount	87210	Indeterminate for Trichomonas	Trichomonas Ag

In addition to above reflex testing, a confirmatory test procedure will be performed to validate the accuracy of the initial test result for the following test. This is per CDC recommendations.

INITIAL TEST	CPT CODE	REFLEX CRITERIA	CONFIRMATORY TEST
HbsAg	87340	Positive	HbsAg confirmation
HIV	86703	Positive	HIV Differentiation
Lyme Total Ab	86618	Positive or equivocal	Lyme IgG & Lyme IgM

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).

Ordering Providers:

If you determine that reflex testing is not medically necessary, you must indicate this on the requisition by listing the specific test **AND** by writing “No Reflex” on the requisition next to the test. Any questions regarding reflex testing should be addressed to Dr. Dianne Grunes at (413) 748-9576.