

Reflex Testing Guidelines Annual Notice: 2026

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Blood Bank (Immunohematology)					
Antibody Screen	Antibody Screen	86850	Positive Screen	Antibody Identification	86870
Antibody Screen	Antibody Screen	86850	First time antibody identification	Antigen Typing	86905
Presurgical Antibody Screen	Antibody Screen	86850	No current history	ABO type / RH type	86900 / 86901
Direct Antiglobulin Test, IgG	Direct AntiglobulinTest, IgG	86880	If patients have been transfused within the last three months	Acid Eluate	86860
Cord Blood Evaluation	Direct AntiglobulinTest, IgG	86880	Positive DAT of newborn	Total bilirubin	82247
ABO type / RH type	ABO type / RH type	86900 / 86901	No blood type history for pre-transfusion specimens	ABO type / RH type verification	86900 / 86901
RH Immune Globulin Workup	Fetal Screen	85461	Positive Screen	Kleihauer-Betke	85460
RH Immune Globulin Workup	Fetal Screen	85461	No current history	ABO type / RH type to verify RH negative	86900 / 86901
Blood Bank to Hold	History Check/ Clerical Check	36415	No historical type on Mom	ABO type/ RH type	86900/86901
Microbiology					
Anaerobic Culture (source varies)	Anaerobic Culture	87075	Positive Culture	Anaerobic Identification	87076
Culture (source varies)	Culture	Varies	Pathogen identified on culture	Organism Identification	87077
Culture (source varies)	Culture	Varies	Pathogen identified on culture	Antibiotic Sensitivity	87186
Culture (source varies)	Culture	Varies	Always performed on: Body Fluid, Cerebral Spinal Fluid, Eye, Fungus, Genital / Vaginal, Respiratory (Nose / Sputum), Tissue, Wound	Gram Stain	87205
Fungal Culture	Fungal Culture	87102	Positive Culture	Fungal Identification	87106 / 87107
C. diff PCR	C. diff PCR	87493	Positive C. diff	C. diff EIA	87324
Standard Infectious Stool Panel	FilmArray Stool Panel	87505	Positive C. diff	C. diff EIA	87324
Expanded Infectious Stool Panel	FilmArray Stool Panel	87507	Positive C. diff	C. diff EIA	87324
Strep A Antigen - Rapid	Strep A Antigen- Rapid	87430	Negative Screen	Strep PCR	87798, 87651
SARS CoV-2 Antigen	SARS antigen	87426	Negative result on Symptomatic patient Positive Result on Asymptomatic Patient	SARS CoV-2 by PCR	U0003 or 87635
Chemistry/Immunology					
ANA (Antinuclear Antibody)	ANA Screen	86038	Positive Screen	ENA Profile	86225 / 86235
Syphilis IgG/IgM w/Reflex	Syphilis IgG and IgM	87680	Positive Result	RPR, Qualitative and possibly Treponema Pallidum Antibody by TP-PA	86780, 86593
Allergen Peanut with Reflex	Peanut	86003	Positive Result	ARA H1, ARA H2, ARA H3, ARA 6, ARA H8, ARA H9	86008

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Allergen Milk with Reflex	Milk	86003	Positive Result	Alpha-lactoalbumin, beta-lactoglobulin and casein	86008
Allergen Egg White with Reflex	Egg White	86003	Positive Result	Ovalbumin and ovomucoid	86008
Allergen Cashew nut	Cashew	86003	Positive Result	rAna o 3	86008
Allergen Brazil nut	Brazil	86003	Positive Result	rBer e 1	86008
Allergen Hazelnut	Hazelnut	86003	Positive Result	rCor a 1 PR-10, rCor a 8 LTP, nCor a 9, rCor a 14	86008
Allergen Walnut	Walnut	86003	Positive Result	rJug r 1, rJug r 3 LTP	86008
Hepatitis B Surface Antigen	Hepatitis B Surface Antigen	87340	Positive Result (2 COI results ≥ 1)	Confirmation by neutralization (Qualitative Chemiluminescent Immunoassay)	87341
Hepatitis C Antibody	Hepatitis C Antibody, IgG	86803	Positive Result (2 COI results ≥ 1)	Confirmation via Real-Time Reverse Transcription-Polymerase Chain Reaction	86804
HIV Antibody Screen (HIV Ab)	HIV-1/0/2 Antibody	86703	HIV-1/0/2 Antibody 2 COI results ≥ 1.0	Confirmation & differentiation of HIV-1 & HIV-2	86689
HCG, Serum Qual	HCG, Qualitative	84703	Positive Screen, Emergency Room patients only	HCG, Quantitative	84702
Lyme IgG, IgM Antibody	Lyme IgG, IgM Antibody	86618	Positive or Equivocal Screen	Confirmation via MTTT (Modified Two-Tiered Test) Differentiation of IgG from IgM reactivity via Immunoassay	86617
Protein Electrophoresis	Protein Electrophoresis	84165	Dependent on pathology interpretation	Immunofixation Electrophoresis	86334
Urinalysis with reflex testing	Urine macroscopy (Dipstick only)	81002	Blood positive (trace or greater) OR Protein ≥ 30 mg/dl OR Nitrite positive OR Leukoesterase positive (trace or greater)	Urine microscopy	81001
Urinalysis with reflex testing	Urine microscopy	81001	WBC > 10/hpf (EXCLUDES bagged urines or urine specimens collected in a non-sterile container)	Urine Culture	87088
Special Coagulation					
Prolonged Prothrombin Evaluation (mixing studies - coagulation inhibitors)	Prothrombin Time	85610	Abnormal Baseline Prothrombin Time	Mixing studies followed by repeat Prothrombin Time assay(s)	85610 per repeat assay
Prolonged Partial Thromboplastin Time Evaluation (mixing studies - coagulation inhibitors)	Partial Thromboplastin Time	85730	Abnormal Baseline Partial Thromboplastin Time	Mixing studies followed by repeat Partial Thromboplastin Time assay(s)	85730 per repeat assay

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Platelet Function Assay (PFA)	PFA	85576	Abnormal COL / EPI	Perform COL / ADP	85576
Cytopathology					
Pap	Screening	88175	Abnormal Screen	Pathologist Review	88141
HPV (Human Papillomavirus)	Screening Pap with Reflex	88175	ASCUS Pap screening ASC-H Pap screening	HPV	87621
HPV (Human Papillomavirus)	HPV screen with Pap Reflex	87624	Positive HPV results	PAP	88142