

PATHOLOGY/LABORATORY CODE PLACEMENT GUIDELINES

Molecular Pathology represents tests that analyze nucleic acid to detect variants in genes that may be indicative of germline or somatic conditions, or to test for histocompatibility antigens. Tier 1 molecular pathology codes each represent testing of a specific gene. Tier 2 molecular pathology codes each represent a level of resources and interpretation for testing of various genes. Tier 2 tests are generally performed in lower volumes than Tier 1 tests.

Genomic Sequence Procedures, or GSP, codes represent DNA or RNA sequence analysis that simultaneously assay multiple genes or genetic regions relevant to a specific clinical situation.

Multianalyte Assays with Algorithmic Analysis, or MAAAs, are procedures that use multiple results derived from panels of analyses.

MAAAs are divided into two sections: Administrative MAAA codes are used to report tests developed by a specific manufacturer or laboratory and only requires that the test is generally available for patient care. All other MAAA tests must meet the Category I criteria in addition to being available for patient care.

The "Other Pathology/Laboratory" represents all other sections of the Category I Pathology/Laboratory section of the CPT code set.

The Category III selection represents tests that do not meet Category I criteria, are not administrative MAAA tests, but do meet Category III criteria