



CPT® Category I Pathology and Laboratory Codes for Rubella Long Descriptors

Most recent changes to the CPT® Category I New Rubella Long Descriptor document:

- Addition of 1 Category I code (87638) accepted for immediate release by the CPT Editorial Panel.

*Note that code 87638 will be a child code under parent code 87468. It is represented here as the full long descriptor including the language from parent code 87468.

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The following code was accepted at the May 2026 CPT Editorial Panel meeting for the 2027 CPT production cycle. This code is effective immediately on May 15, 2026.

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Code	Long Code Descriptor	Released to AMA website	Effective	Publication
#●87638	Infectious agent detection by nucleic acid (DNA or RNA); rubella (measles) virus	May 15, 2026	May 15, 2026	CPT® 2027