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## 2003 CPT Coding Change Recommendations

These recommendations for 2003 coding changes, additions and revisions to our recommended codes are based on information presented in the Specialty Laboratories 2003 Directory of Services. The coding is based on the terminology in the 2003 CPT and HCFA instructions. All coding recommendations are subject to change at any time. It is the client's responsibility to verify the accuracy of the codes and to assign values based on the reimbursement for your area. If you have any questions, please refer to the Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) Manual published by the American Medical Association. To verify reimbursement or if you have questions regarding usage of a CPT code, please contact your local Medicare carrier.

Test Code	Test Name	Recommendations for CPT coding	
		Change from	Change to
5659	AFB Suscept: MAI (MAC) Comprehensive Panel ( <i>revision</i> )	87190x24	87190x21
7532	Brain Natriuretic Protein (BNP) EvaluatR ( <i>2003 coding change</i> )	83519	83880
1842	Breast Cancer Basic ER/PR, HER-2/ <i>neu</i> IHC Reflex to FISH ( <i>revision</i> )	If reflexed add CPT 88271, 88291	If reflexed add CPT 83950
5836	Breast Cancer HER-2/ <i>neu</i> by FISH only ( <i>revision</i> )	88365	83950
1684*	CD4 Surface Marker	86361	88180
1650*	Cellular Immune Dysfunction Evaluation	85048, 86359, 86360, 88180x4	85048, 88180x7
5110	Complete Blood Count & Differential ( <i>2003 coding change</i> )	85014, 85018, 85041, 85048, 85595	85014, 85018, 85041, 85048, 85049
7528	Pro-ANP DetectR™ for Congestive Heart Failure ( <i>2003 coding change</i> )	83520	83880
7530	Pro-BNP DetectR™ for Congestive Heart Failure ( <i>2003 coding change</i> )	83520	83880
9189	<i>Cryptococcus</i> Antigen ( <i>revision</i> )	87499	87899
2421	Cytomegalovirus Ag Detection ( <i>2003 coding change</i> )	87918	87271
5846	HER-2/ <i>neu</i> [IHC] Reflex to FISH ( <i>revision</i> )	If reflexed add CPT 88271	If reflexed add CPT 83950
9872*	HIV-1 RNA UltraQuant® [bDNA] & CD4 Cell Count	85048, 86361, 87536	85048, 87536, 88180
9872SR*	HIV-1 RNA UltraQuant® [bDNA] & CD4 Cell Count Serial Rept	85048, 86361, 87536	85048, 87536, 88180
2432	<i>Legionella pneumophila</i> Evaluation ( <i>revision</i> )	87070, 87278	87081, 87278
2404	<i>Legionella</i> Spp. Culture ( <i>revision</i> )	87070	87081
1671*	Lymphocyte Enumeration, Basic	85048, 86359, 86360, 88180	85048, 88180x4
1668*	Lymphocyte Enumeration, Basic & NK Cells	85048, 86359, 86360, 88180x2	85048, 88180x5
1656*	Lymphocyte Enumeration, Helper/Inducer	85048, 86361	85048, 88180
1656SR*	Lymphocyte Enumeration, Helper/Inducer W/Serial Report	85048, 86361	85048, 88180
1657*	Lymphocyte Enumeration, Helper/Suppressor	85048, 86360	85048, 88180x2
1659*	Lymphocyte Enumeration, Helper/Suppressor - Limited	85048, 86360	85048, 88180x2
1658*	Lymphocyte Enumeration, T & B Cell	85048, 86359, 88180	85048, 88180x2
1655*	Lymphocyte Enumeration, T Cell	85048, 86359, 86360	85048, 88180x3
4994	Megaloblastic Anemia AssessR™ ( <i>revision</i> )	83090, 83918	83090, 83921
3496	Methylmalonic Acid ( <i>revision</i> )	83918	83921
3496U	Methylmalonic Acid Urine ( <i>revision</i> )	83918	83921
1386	Myeloperoxidase Autoabs ( <i>revision</i> )	83520	86021
1866	PAN-ANCA™ Evaluation ( <i>revision</i> )	83520x2, 86021, 86038	86021x3, 86038
1868	PAN-ANCA™ PLUS ( <i>revision</i> )	83520x3, 86021, 86038	83520, 86021x3, 86038
5160	Platelet Count	85595	85049
1726	Rapidly Progressive Glomerulonephritis Evaluation ( <i>revision</i> )	83520x3, 86021, 86038, 86060, 86161x2	83520, 86021x3, 86038, 86060, 86161x2
9901	TORCH IgG & IgM Abs Evaluation ( <i>2003 coding change</i> )	80090, 86645, 86695, 86696, 86778	86644, 86645, 86694, 86695, 86696, 86762x2, 86777, 86778

**\*Flow Cytometry Methodology Revisions:** We changed the Immunology codes 86359, 86360 and 86361 to the Flow Cytometry code 88180. Although the previous Immunology codes are correct, the AMA recommends 88180 because it reflects the Flow Cytometry method used for the tests designated by \* above.