



Client Communication

Fluid Testing and 24 Hour Urine Testing

Updates Effective August 8, 2022

Pathology Laboratories, Inc. (PathLabs) is in the process of making updates to Fluid Testing and 24 Hour Urine Testing, which will be effective Monday, August 8, 2022, as disclosed in the chart provided herein.

The test updates include changes for certain tests in the following areas:

- CPT Code Changes
- EMR Mapping and LOINC codes
- Revised Result Fields
- Specimen and Handling Instructions

The enclosed listing, categorized by specimen type and alphabetized by test, contains specific information as to the modifications. All changes are marked as **bright blue**.

Our online test directory will be updated to reflect this information on August 8, 2022.

This Client Communication will be posted to our website for reference.

Please review the information and make changes as applicable to your practice/facility. If you have any questions, please contact our Client Service Department at 419-255-4601/800-281-8804 or your account executive. Thank you.



Fluid Code Changes

Order Code	Reporting Title			
99013	CELL COUNT, FLUID			
	RESULT	CODE	LOINC	CPT
	18021	WBC	26473-9	89051
	18020	RBC	26455-6	
	18475	SPECIMEN TYPE (Ask at Order Entry)	31208-2	
	18024	NEUTROPHILS	26513-2	
	18025	LYMPHOCYTES	26476-2	
	18026	OTHER CELLS		
	All other Result Code fields are removed. (Report order of Result Codes changed.)			
	SPECIMEN AND HANDLING INSTRUCTIONS FLUID. LAVENDER EDTA . REFRIGERATE. PREFERRED VOLUME 1ML. INDICATE SPECIMEN TYPE ON REQUISITION.			
99001	CELL COUNT, SYNOVIAL FLUID			
	RESULT	CODE	LOINC	CPT
	18021	WBC	26473-9	89051
	18020	RBC	26455-6	
	18475	SPECIMEN TYPE (Ask at Order Entry)	31208-2	
	18024	NEUTROPHILS	26513-2	
	18025	LYMPHOCYTES	26476-2	
	18026	OTHER CELLS		
	All other Result Code fields are removed. (Report order of Result Codes changed.)			
	SPECIMEN AND HANDLING INSTRUCTIONS SYNOVIAL FLUID. LAVENDER EDTA . REFRIGERATE. PREFERRED VOLUME 1ML. INDICATE SPECIMEN TYPE ON REQUISITION.			
36376	CRYSTALS, FLUID			
	RESULT	CODE	LOINC	CPT
	36376	CRYSTALS, FLUID	6825-4	89060
	18476	SPECIMEN TYPE (Ask at Order Entry)	31208-2	

Fluid Code Changes (continued)

Order Code	Reporting Title			
99003	CRYSTALS, SYNOVIAL FLUID			
	RESULT	CODE	LOINC	CPT
	99003	CRYSTALS, SYNOVIAL FLUID	5781-0	89060
	18474	SPECIMEN TYPE (Ask at Order Entry)	31208-2	
37860	GLUCOSE, FLUID			
	RESULT	CODE	LOINC	CPT
	37860	GLUCOSE, FLUID	2344-0	82945
	378601	SPECIMEN TYPE (Ask at Order Entry)	31208-2	
	(Report order of Result Codes changed.)			
36465	GLUCOSE, SYN FLUID			
	RESULT	CODE	LOINC	CPT
	36465	GLUCOSE, SYN FLUID	2344-0	82945
	364651	SPECIMEN TYPE (Ask at Order Entry)	31208-2	
	(Report order of Result Codes changed.)			
36417	LDH, FLUID			
	RESULT	CODE	LOINC	CPT
	36417	LDH, FLUID	14803-1	83615
	364170	SPECIMEN TYPE (Ask at Order Entry)	31208-2	
	(Report order of Result Codes changed.)			
37861	PROTEIN, FLUID			
	RESULT	CODE	LOINC	CPT
	37861	PROTEIN, FLUID	2881-1	84155
	378611	SPECIMEN TYPE (Ask at Order Entry)	31208-2	
	(Report order of Result Codes changed.)			
36464	PROTEIN, SYN FLUID			
	RESULT	CODE	LOINC	CPT
	36464	PROTEIN, SYN FLUID	2881-1	84155
	364641	SPECIMEN TYPE (Ask at Order Entry)	31208-2	
	(Report order of Result Codes changed.)			

Fluid Code Changes (continued)

Order Code	Reporting Title			
36463	URIC ACID, SYN FLUID			
	RESULT	CODE	LOINC	CPT
	36463	URIC ACID, SYN FLUID	53612-8	84560
	364631	SPECIMEN TYPE (Ask at Order Entry)	31208-2	
	(Report order of Result Codes changed.)			

24 Hour Urine Code Changes

Order Code	Reporting Title			
60065	pH, 24 HOUR URINE			
	RESULT	CODE	LOINC	CPT
	600301	pH, 24 HOUR URINE	2756-5	81003
	All other Result Code fields are removed.			
	SPECIMEN AND HANDLING INSTRUCTIONS			
	24 HOUR URINE. REFRIGERATE. PREFERRED VOLUME 8ML. DO NOT USE PRESERVATIVE. STERILE CONTAINER ALSO ACCEPTABLE.			

NOTE: CPT codes are provided for information only, and are based on Pathology Laboratories' current understanding of Medicare rules and carrier instructions and in accordance with the current issue of physicians' current procedural terminology (CPT), published by the American Medical Association. Medicare coding may differ from coding used by other third party payers. Questions regarding coding should be confirmed with the payer being billed. Pathology Laboratories cannot accept responsibility for the reimbursement clients may or may not receive based on the procedure codes provided.