



PATHOLOGY AND LABORATORY GUIDELINES

AUTOMATED MULTI-CHANNEL TESTS

The following list contains examples of those tests that can be and are frequently done as groups and combinations (“profiles”) on automated multi-channel equipment. Groups of the tests listed here are distinguished from multiple tests performed individually for immediate or “stat” reporting.

Alanine aminotransferase (ALT SGPT)
Albumin
Aspartate aminotransferase
Bilirubin, direct
Bilirubin, total
Calcium
Carbon dioxide content
Chloride
Cholesterol
Creatinine
Glucose
Lactate dehydrogenase (LD)
Phosphatase, alkaline
Phosphorus (inorganic phosphate)
Potassium
Protein, total
Sodium
Urea Nitrogen (BUN)
Uric Acid

PROFESSIONAL/TECHNICAL COMPONENT FEE

Most pathology and laboratory codes are automated and will not necessitate or warrant a separation of the technical and professional fees. When applicable, the payment for the professional (26/PC) and technical (27/TC) portions for codes 80000-89999 may be billed and reimbursed separately. Payment shall be made at 50% of the fee schedule allowance for the technical portion (TC/27) and at 50% of the fee schedule allowance for the professional portion (26/PC). Under no circumstance shall more than 100% of the fee schedule allowance be reimbursable in aggregate. Any laboratory or pathology charges performed in a hospital setting covered under a cost to charge ratio are assumed to be the full procedure and a separate professional component billing would not be allowable.