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Aerobic Culture with Gram Stain <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AERCU CPT 87070, 87205 Group A Strep Screen w/Reflex to Group A Strep Culture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ALXSC CPT 87081, 87880 Group A Strep Culture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> STRSC CPT 87081 Group B Strep Culture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GBSCU 87081 MRSA Screening Culture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MRSCU CPT 87081 	 Aerobic Culture Swab, Red Top Supply ID MICRO112	Skin, ear, throat, nasopharyngeal, superficial wound, vaginal, cervical, perirectal	Submit <u>room temperature</u> ASAP or within 24 hours strongly recommended. Can accept up to 48 hours.





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Bordetella pertussis DNA Detection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BPD CPT 87798 COVID 19 by PCR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> COV19 CPT U0003, U0004, 87635, or U0002 Respiratory Pathogen Panel by PCR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> RESPP CPT 87486 87581 87633 87798 	 Universal Viral Transport Supply ID MICRO 114	Nasopharyngeal swab	Submit <u>refrigerated</u> ASAP.

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Aerobic/Anaerobic Culture w/ Gram Stain <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ANACU CPT 87070 87075 87205 	 Aerobic Culture Swab Supply ID MICRO112 AND  Anaerobic Culture Swab Supply ID MICRO113	Pus, tissue, or other material obtained from an abscess, biopsy, aspirate, drainage, exudate, lesion, or wound.	Submit <u>room temperature</u> ASAP or within 24 hours strongly recommended. Can accept up to 48 hours.

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Urine Culture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> URNCU CPT 87086 	 Urine Culture & Sensitivity Kit Supply ID MICRO107	Clean catch, catheter, cystoscopic or suprapubic urines.	Submit <u>refrigerated</u> ASAP or within 24 hours strongly recommended. Can accept up to 48 hours.


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<p>Blood Culture, Aerobic & Anaerobic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BLDCU • CPT 87040 <p>Blood Culture, Pediatric</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BLDA • CPT 87040 	 <p>Aerobic Blood Culture Supply ID MICRO101</p>  <p>Anaerobic Blood Culture Supply ID MICRO102</p>  <p>Pediatric Blood Culture Supply ID MICRO104</p>	<p>3.0-10.0 mL of blood into each aerobic (blue) and anaerobic (purple) bottle. Optimum blood specimen is 20 mL.</p> <p>For Pediatric patients, 1.0-3.0 mL of blood injected into Pediatric (pink) aerobic culture bottle is sufficient.</p>	<p>Submit <u>room temperature</u> ASAP or within 24 hours strongly recommended.</p>	<p>Herpes Virus Panel CMV, HSV, EBV, VZV, HHV-6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HVMPOT (sources other than blood—NO SWABS) • If swab collected, order CMVDO, EBVDO, HHV6O, HSVD, VZVDO individually. • CPT 87496, 87529, 87532, 87798x2 <p>HSV 1 & 2, DNA Direct Detection, Swab</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HSVD • CPT 87529 <p>Varicella Zoster DNA Detection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VZVDO (sources other than blood) • CPT 87798 <p>CMV DNA Detection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CMVDO (sources other than blood) • CPT 87496 <p>Epstein Barr Virus (EBV) DNA Detection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EBVDO • CPT 87798 <p>Adenovirus DNA Detection</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ADVOT (specimens other than blood) • CPT 87798 	 <p>Universal Viral Transport Supply ID MICRO114</p> <p>Use swab provided.</p>	<p>Swab should be rolled in base of fresh vesicle to obtain cells.</p> <p>All other specimens (bone marrow in EDTA, bronch wash/BAL, amniotic fluid, CSF and tissue, body fluid other than blood) should be submitted in a sterile container.</p>	<p>Submit <u>refrigerated</u> ASAP or within 24 hours strongly recommended. Can accept up to 48 hours.</p>

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Gastrointestinal Pathogen Panel <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GIP CPT 87507 Stool Culture to Methodist <ul style="list-style-type: none"> STCULT CPT 87045, 87046,87427 	 Enteric Plus Pathogens Container Supply ID MICRO106	Stool	Submit <u>room temperature</u> ASAP. STCULT must be received within 96 hours.
Panel Includes the Following			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Campylobacter sp. Plesiomonas shigelloides Salmonella sp. Yersinia enterocolitica Vibrio sp. Vibrio cholera Enteroaggregative E. Coli (EAEC) Enteropathogenic E. coli (EPEC) Shiga-like toxin producing E. coli (STEC) stx1/stx2 E. coli O157 Shigella/Enteroinvasive E. coli (EIEC) Adenovirus F 40/41 Astrovirus Norovirus GI/GII Rotavirus A Sapovirus Cryptosporidium Cyclospora cayetanensis Entamoeba histolytica Giardia lamblia 			




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Clostridium difficile Toxin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CDIF CPT 87324, 87449 Stool WBC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> STWBC CPT 83630 Stool Occult Blood <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SBLDB CPT 82272 Stool Occult Blood (screening) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SBLDS CPT 82270 Helicobacter pylori Antigen <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HPYAG CPT 87338 	 Sterile Container Supply ID MICRO117	Stool	Submit <u>refrigerated</u> ASAP. WBC must be tested within 48 hours of collection. C. diff, rotavirus and H. pylori must be tested within 72 hours.

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Tissue Culture with Gram Stain <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TISCU CPT 87070, 87075, 87176, 87205 Acid Fast Culture with Acid Fast Stain <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CPT AFBCU 87116, 87206 Fungus Culture <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FUNCU CPT 87102 Fungus Culture for Dermatophyte (Skin Scrapings, Hair, Nails) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> FUNDCU CPT 87101 	 Sterile Container Supply ID MICRO117	Tissue Culture: Tissue or bone, moistened slightly with sterile saline, in sterile container. Acid Fast Culture: Tissue, body fluid, drainage, respiratory specimens. Fungus Culture: Tissue moistened slightly with sterile saline, pus, purulent fluid, respiratory specimens, body fluid or biopsy. 5 mL fluid minimum. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full fungal culture with yeast ID if present. For immunocompromised patients. Tissue specimen requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1mm required if tissue culture only (TISCU) 5mm required if culture, acid fast and fungus (FUNCU, TISCU, AFBCU) 	Submit <u>refrigerated</u> ASAP. Submit <u>refrigerated</u> ASAP. Submit <u>room temperature</u> ASAP. Submit <u>room temperature</u> ASAP.

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<p>Chlamydia trachomatis / N. gonorrhoeae Amplified Probe</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • STDSW • CPT 87491, 87591 	 <p>Aptima Swab—GC/Chlam (Male & Female) Supply ID MICRO110 OR</p>  <p>Aptima Urine Transport—GC/Chlam Supply ID MICRO111</p>	<p>Endocervical, vaginal, urethral, rectal, throat swab submitted in Aptima swab transport kit.</p> <p>Urine: Patient should NOT urinate for at least 1 hour prior to collection of specimen. Patient should collect ONLY the first 20-30 ml of the initial urine stream in a sterile urine cup. Transfer 2ml of urine into the Aptima urine transport tube.</p>	<p>Submit <u>room temperature</u> ASAP.</p>
<p>Vaginal Pathogens, Direct Probe (Affirm)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VAGSC • CPT 87480, 87510, 87660 	 <p>Affirm Swab and Transport System Supply ID MICRO109</p>	<p>Vaginal fluid</p>	<p>Submit <u>room temperature</u> ASAP.</p>

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<p>Cytology, Genital Screen/Pap Smear Screen or Diagnostic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CYGR • CPT Varies <p>HPV</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HPVSP • 87624 	 <p>SurePath Vial Supply ID PAP3</p>  <p>SurePath Broom Supply ID PAP1</p>  <p>SurePath Brush & Spatula Supply ID PAP2</p>	<p>Cervical</p>	<p>Submit <u>room temperature</u>.</p>

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