

Pathology CPT Updates for 2012

Cytopathology

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88107 (Cytopathology, fluids, washings, or bushings, except cervical or vaginal: simple filter preparation, with interpretation (To report smears and simple filter preparation, see **88104, 88106**)

Revised Codes

88104 Cytopathology, fluids, washings or brushings, except cervical or vaginal; smears with interpretation

88106 simple filter method with interpretation

> (DO NOT REPORT 88016 IN CONJUCTION WITH **88104**) <

Surgical Pathology

Revised Codes

88312 Special stains including interpretation and report; Group I for microorganism, acid fast, methenamine

(Report one unit of 88312 for each special stain, on each surgical Pathology block, cytologic specimen, or hematologic smear)

88313 Special Stains including interpretation and report; Group II, all other (e.g., iron, trichrome), except stains for stain for microorganism, stains for enzyme constituents or immunocytochemistry and immunohistochemistry

(Report one unit of **88313** for each special stain on each surgical pathology block, cytologic specimen or hematologic smear)

* (For immunocytochemistry and immunohistochemistry use **88342**)

88314 Special stains including interpretation and report; histochemical stain on frozen tissue block (list separately in addition to code for primary procedure)

(Use 88314 in conjunction with **17311-17315, 88302-88309, 88331, and 88332**)

** (do not report **88314** with **17311-17315** for routine frozen section stain (eg, hematoxylin and eosin, toluidine blue) performed during a Mohs surgery. When a no routine histochemical stain on frozen tissue during Mohs surgery is utilized, report 88314 with modifier 59)

**(For a special stain performed on frozen tissue section material to identify enzyme constituents, use 88319)

88319 Special stains including interpretation and report; Group III for enzyme constituent

*(For each stain on each surgical pathology block, cytologic specimen or hematologic smear, use one unit of 88319)

*(for detection of enzyme constituents by immunohistochemical or immunocytochemical technique, use 88342)

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88318 has been deleted