

SPECIMEN SOURCE CODE, DESCRIPTION AND CPT CODE CORRELATION

Source Code	Description	Comment	CPT	Blocks	Tasks	Specimen Handling	System
ABORTI	Abortion, Induced	Rarely used specimen type - most abortions are spontaneous	88304	3			OBG
ABORTI S	Abortion, Spontaneous	Majority at MC, All from ER	88305	3			OBG
ABSCES	Abscess	Any site	88304	1			GEN
ADENOI	Adenoids		88304	1 per side		If both tonsils in one container, 2 caps	ENT
ADRENA	Adrenal, Resection		88307	5			GEN
ANEURY	Aneurysm	Any site	88304	1		Elastin stain x 1	VASC
ANUS I	Anal Tag		88304	1			GI
APPEND	Appendix, Other than Incidental	Appendicitis, tumor	88304	2			GEN
APPEND I	Appendix, Incidental	With any surgery other than abdominal pain	88302	1			GEN
ARTERY	Artery, Biopsy	Ex. r/o arteritis, not for carotid endarterectomy specimens	88305	1	H&E, Elastic stain	Do not cut, write "TEMP ARTERY" on side of cassette	VASC
ATHERO	Atherosclerotic Plaque	Use for endarterectomy	88304	1			VASC
AUTOPSY	Autopsy	Used for fetal autopsy		None			PED
BARTH	Bartholin's gland Cyst		88304	1			OBG
BIOPSY	Biopsy, Unspecified Site not stepped		88305	1 to 3			GEN
BIOPSY NO TASKS	Biopsy, No charges or processing tasks						
BIOPSY RIBBON	Biopsy, Unspecified Site with Ribbon	Used for nearly all small ("IR") needle core biopsy samplings	88305	2	Ribbons, 1 slide, unstained slides	Conservative tissue processing	GEN
BLADDE	Bladder biopsy		88305	1	steps, 2 slides		GU
BLADDE R	Bladder, TUR	Aggregate resection of bladder tumor	88307	1 to 5			GU
BLADDE T	Bladder, Partial/Total Resection	Also used for cystoprostatectomy if bladder is primary tumor site	88309	15			GU
BONE B	Bone, Biopsy/Curettings/Path fracture	Primarily used when looking for tumor	88307	1	ribbons, 1 slide, immunocal if needed	Conservative tissue processing. If possible, separate bone fragments from soft tissue and only decal one block	ORTHO
BONE E	Bone Exostosis		88305	1	decal		ORTHO
BONE F	Bone Fragments, Other than Path Fracture	Primarily for debridment	88304	1	decal		ORTHO
BONE G	Bone, Gross only	Use for bone specimen without micros, except joint resections	88300	None			ORTHO
BONE R	Bone, Resection	Use for suspected bone tumors	88309	1 to 5	decal	If possible, separate bone fragments from soft tissue and only decal caps with bone (it is preferable to have at least one tumor block that has not been decalcified)	ORTHO
BRACHI	Brachial Cleft Cyst	Also brachial cleft sinus	88305	1 to 3			ENT
BRAIN	Brain Biopsy, Tumor Resection	Any brain specimen (biopsy or resection) looking for tumor	88307	1 to 10		If a very small (< 3 mm) biopsy is received, convert to tan cap and add ".PK CORE" in PTOE) for conservative tissue processing. For larger specimens, green caps (no steps or ribbons) are sufficient. Number of caps depends on volume of tissue - brain specimens are entirely submitted up to 10 caps.	NEURO
BRAIN O	Brain, Other than for Tumor	Any biopsy or resection for infection, degenerative diseases or seizures	88305	1 to 10		If a very small (< 3 mm) biopsy is received, convert to tan cap and add ".PK CORE" in PTOE) for conservative tissue processing. For larger specimens, green caps (no steps or ribbons) are sufficient. Number of caps depends on volume of tissue - brain specimens are entirely submitted up to 10 caps.	NEURO
BREAST	Breast, biopsy without margins, reduction	Incisional tumor biopsies, reduction mammoplasty	88305	3			BR
BREAST C	Breast, Core Biopsy		88305	1	Steps, 4 slides, recut teaching		BR
BREAST M	Breast, Biopsy with Margins, Mastectomy	Partial or total mastectomy	88307	15			BR
BREAST N	Breast, Mastectomy with Nodes	Mastectomy with axillary nodes	88309	18			BR
BRONCH	Bronchus, Biopsy		88305	2	Ribbons, unstained slides (repeat per cap)	Conservative tissue processing	PULM
BURSA	Bursa		88304	1			ORTHO
CARPAL	Carpal Tunnel Tissue		88304	1			ORTHO
CARTIL	Cartilage, Shavings		88304	1	decal (if bony tissue)	If no bone, convert to green cap(s) and no decal	ORTHO
CERVIX	Cervix, Biopsy		88305	1	Steps, 1 slide		OBG
CERVIX C	Cervix, Cone Biopsy		88307	4	Steps, 2 slides		OBG
CHOLE	Cholesteatoma		88304	1			ENT
CNS AUTOPSY	Post Mortem Examination of Brain	For cases using "FA" report prefix only		None			NEURO

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COLON	Colon, Biopsy	May be labeled as cecum, ascending, hepatic flexure, transverse, splenic flexure, descending colon, or rectum - these are all "colon biopsies". For r/o Hirshsprung's, see below	88305	1	Steps, 1 slide		GI
COLON H	Colon, Hirschsprungs	Hirshprung's biopsy handling - If separate fresh specimen is received, accession as separate specimen, transfer to formalin, and accession as "COLON H". Do not change any specimen tasks.	88305	1	Steps x 3, Choline Transporter (CHT) IHC, Calretinin IHC, unstained x 1, steps x 3		
COLON O	Colon, Partial Resec., Other than Tumor	For partial resection, not for tumor (i.e. diverticulosis, obstruction, bleeding)	88307	10			GI
COLON R	Colon, Segmental Resection for Tumor	May be used for any colon or rectal tumor resection	88309	15			GI
COLON T	Colon, total Resection	Primarily resection for IBD/UC	88309	10			GI
COLOST	Colostomy Stoma	Use for any GI stoma removal	88304	2			GI
CONJUN	Conjunctiva		88304	1			OPHT
CORNEA	Cornea		88304	1			OPHT
DEBRID	Soft Tissue, Debridement	May be used for any debridement	88304	1			GEN
DIVERTI	Diverticulum	Typically small intestine, NOT for colonic diverticulosis	88304	1			GEN
DUODEN	Duodenum, biopsy		88305	1	Steps, 1 slide		GI
DUPUT	Dupuytren's Contracture Tissue	May also be listed as palmar or plantar fibromatosis	88304	1			ORTHO
EMBOLU	Embolus		88304	1			VASC
ENDOCE	Endocervix, Curettings/Biopsy		88305	1			OBG
ENDOME	Endometrium, Curettings/Biopsy		88305	1	Steps, 2 slides		OBG
ESOPHA	Esophagus, Biopsy		88305	1	Steps, 1 slide	Grossing staff: Order PAS stain if requisition states to "rule out Candida"; yellow cap if PAS stain ordered	GI
ESOPHA R	Esophagus, Resection		88309	15			GI
EXTREM	Extremity, Trau.Amputation, with micro	Do not use for gross only amputations	88305	3			ORTHO
EXTREM D	Extremity, Disarticulation		88309	3 green, 1 white			ORTHO
EXTREM G	Extremity, Amputation, Gross Only		88300	0			ORTHO
EXTREM O	Extremity, Amputation, Non-traumatic		88307	3 green, 1 white			ORTHO
EYE	Eye, Enucleation		88307			Send specimen to FMO for consultation with Dr. Keefe if for primary ocular disease; if removed secondary to regional tumor, may process at MC	OPHT
FALLOP	Fallopian Tube, Sterilization		88302	1		Write "ON END" on side of cap	OBG
FALLOP B	Fallopian Tube, Biopsy		88305	1			OBG
FALLOP C	Fallopian Tube, Part of Hyst. or Oophor	Use for separately submitted tubes accompanying either an ovary or uterus	no charge	3			OBG
FALLOP E	Fallopain tube, Ectopic Pregnancy		88305	3			OBG
FEMORA F	Femoral Head, Fracture		88305	1	Decal	If soft tissue is present at fracture site, submit additional non-decalcified tissue in a green cap (in addition to decalcified tissue)	ORTHO
FEMORA G	Femoral Head, Gross Only	for degenerative arthritis	88300	0			ORTHO
FEMORA O	Femoral Head, Other Than Fracture	Usually for aseptic necrosis	88304	1	Decal		ORTHO
FETUS	Fetus, with Dissection	If gross only, use GROSS, if part of POC, use appropriate ABORTI	88309	5		For all specimen with identifiable fetal parts, specimen is handled by autopsy resident/pediatric pathologist. Page resident on autopsy service to notify of pending examination	OBG
FINGER	Finger, Traum. Amputation, with micros	Primarily used for delayed traumatic amputations	88302	3			ORTHO
FINGER G	Finger, Traum. Amputation, Gross Only		88300	0			ORTHO
FINGER O	Finger, Amputation, Non-traumatic		88305	3			ORTHO
FISSUR	Fissure, fistula		88304	1			GEN
FORESK	Foreskin, Newborn		88302	1			GU
FORESK O	Foreskin, Other than Newborn		88304	1			GU
GALLBL	Gallbladder		88304	2			GI
GANGLI	Ganglion Cyst		88304	1			ORTHO
GINGIV	Gingiva, Biopsy		88305	1	Steps, 1 slide		GI
GROSS	Misc. Gross Only		88300	0			GEN
HEART	Heart, Explant		88307	4 green, 4 tan			CARDI
HEMATO	Hematoma	Any site	88304	1			GEN

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HEMORR	Hemorrhoids		88304	1			GEN
HERNIA	Hernia Sac, Any Location		88302	1			GEN
HYDATI	Hydatid of Morgagni/Paratubal cyst		88304	2			OBG
HYDROC	Hydrocele sac		88302	1			GU
ILEUM	Ileum, Biopsy		88305	1	Steps, 1 slide		GI
INTERV	Intervertebral Disc'		88304	1			ORTHO
JEJUNU	Jejunum, Biopsy		88305	1	Steps, 1 slide		GI
JOINT	Joint, Resection with Micros	Use for joints other than osteoarthritis	88305	1 green, 1 white			ORTHO
JOINT G	Joint, Resection, Gross Only	Use for osteoarthritis (femoral head, knee, shoulder)	88300	0			ORTHO
KIDNEY	Kidney, Biopsy	For medical renal disease (not for tumor)	88305	1p, 1if, em	ss, if, em		REN
KIDNEY D	Donor Kidney Biopsy for One Legacy			1			
KIDNEY R	Kidney, Partial/Total Nephrectomy		88307	15			GU
KIDNEY T	Kidney, biopsy post Transplant		88305	1p, 1if, em	ss, if, em		REN
LABIA	Labia, Biopsy		88305	1	Steps, 1 slide		OBG
LARYNX	Larynx, Biopsy		88305	1	Steps, 1 slide		ENT
LARYNX N	Larynx, Partial/Total Resect. with Nodes		88309	15			ENT
LARYNX R	Larynx, Resection		88307	12			ENT
LEIOMY	Leiomyomas, Without Uterus	Procedure is "myomectomy"	88305	1 to 5		If small, one cap. If large, 5 caps.	OBG
LIP	Lip, Biopsy, Resection		88305	1 to 3		If a very small biopsy, one cap. If a larger volume resection, three caps.	ENT
LIPOMA	Lipoma		88304	1			GEN
LIVER	Liver, Biopsy	For medical liver disease only. For a mass, use "LIVER (MASS BX)"	88307	1	2 slides, trichrome, iron, PAS/PAS-D		GI
LIVER (MASS BX)	Liver biopsy for mass (unstained slides)			2	Ribbons, 1 slide, unstained	Conservative tissue processing. Repeat all tasks for both blocks submitted.	
LIVER R	Liver, Wedge/Resection		88307	3 to 12			GI
LOOSE	Loose Body, Joint		88304	1	Decal	If no bone, convert to green cap(s) and no decal	ORTHO
LUNG	Lung, Transbronchial Biopsy	Also use for transcutaneous biopsy	88305	2	Unstained	Conservative tissue processing	PULM
LUNG, CORE	Core Biopsy of Lung			2	Unstained	Conservative tissue processing	
LUNG R	Lung, Total/Lobe/Segment Resection		88309	12			PULM
LUNG W	Lung, Wedge Biopsy		88307	4			PULM
LYMPH	Lymph Node, Biopsy		88305	1			GEN
LYMPH B	Lymph Node, Sentinel Node for Breast	Orders steps and unstained	88305	1	Steps, 4 slides, unstained		GEN
LYMPH M	Lymph Node, Sentinel Node for Melanoma	Orders steps and unstained for two IP	88305	1	Steps, 4 slides,	S-100, Melanoma cocktail IHC stains	GEN
LYMPH R	Lymph Nodes, Regional Resection		88307	10-Feb			GEN
LYMPH GYN	Sentinel Nodes from GYN sites	Orders steps and unstained for CK antibody	88305	1	Steps, 4 slides, unstained	CK IHC stain	GEN
MARROW	Bone Marrow, Aspirate and Biopsy		88305	2	11sm		HEME
MARROW A	Bone Marrow, Aspirate		88305	1	8sm		HEME
MARROW C	Bone Marrow, Core Biopsy only		88305	1	3sm		HEME
MARROW P	Bone Marrow, Aspirate for Pediatrics		88305	1	8sm		HEME
MEDIAS	Mediastinum, Mass	Use for a resection, if small specimen, use "BIOPSY"	88307	10			PULM
MENING O	Meninges, Other than Tumor		88305	2 to 3			NEURO
MENING T	Meninges, Tumor Resection		88307	3 to 5			NEURO
MENISC	Meniscus		88304	1			ORTHO
MUCOCE	Mucocele, Salivary		88304	1			ENT
MUSCLE	Muscle, Biopsy	Use for neuromuscular work up only	88305	1	steps, four slides	Write "MUSCLE" on side of cassette	NEURO
MYOCAR	Myocardial Biopsy, Post-Transplant		88307	1	Steps, 3 slides, CD3, CD68 IHC stains	Draw a heart shape + number of frags on side of cassette, also list in Cerner PTOE under "pieces", if < 0.1 cm, include a "-" after the number of pieces	CARDI
MYOCAR C4D	RV endomyocardium for C4d studies			1		This specimen is handled by EM laboratory	
MYOCAR O	Myocardium, Other than Post-Transplant	Use for heart failure work up. Do not use for tissue from cardiac repair	88307	1	Steps, 2 slides	STAINS: Sulfated alcian blue, congo red, iron, and trichrome stains to be ordered by grossing staff	CARDI
NASAL	Nasal Mucosa, Biopsy		88305	1	Steps, 1 slide		ENT
NASAL P	Nasal/Sinonasal Inflammatory Polyps		88304	1			ENT
NERVE	Nerve Biopsy	Use for neuromuscular work up only, otherwise use "NERVE I"	88305	1	Tease	Do not cut - write "NERVE" on side of cassette	NEURO
NERVE G	Sympathetic Ganglion		88302	1			GEN
NERVE I	Nerve, Other than biopsy		88302	1			GEN
NEUROM	Neuroma, Morton's/Traumatic		88304	1			GEN

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ODONTO	Odontogenic Cyst		88305	1			ENT
ODONTO T	Odontogenic Tumor		88307	1 green, 1 white			ENT
OMENTU	Omentum, Biopsy		88305	2			GEN
OMENT RES NOT TUMOR	Omental resection, not for tumor			2			
OMENT RES TUMO	Omental resection with tumor			2 to 4			
OVARY	Ovary w/wo Tube, Non-neoplastic	Ovary without cyst or tumor, not accompanying uterus	88305	2			OBG
OVARY B	Ovary w/wo Tube, Biopsy/Wedge Resection		88305	2			OBG
OVARY C	Ovary, Part of Hyst-Oophorectomy	Use for separately submitted ovaries without tumor or cyst accompanying a uterus	no charge	2			OBG
OVARY T	Ovary w/wo Tube, Neoplastic	Use for any ovary containing a cyst or tumor	88307	3 to 6			OBG
PANCRE	Pancreas, Biopsy	Most often used for pancreatic tumor	88307	2	Unstained	Conservative Tissue Processing	GI
PANCRE R	Pancreas, Total/Subtotal Resection		88309	15			GI
PARATH	Parathyroid Gland		88305	1			ENT
PAROTI	Parotid Gland, Biopsy		88305	2	Unstained	Conservative Tissue Processing	ENT
PAROTI R	Parotid gland, Resection		88307	5			ENT
PERICA	Pericardium, Biopsy		88305	1			PULM
PERIPH	Peripheral smear review		no charge				HEME
PERITO	Peritoneum, Biopsy		88305	1			GEN
PHARYN	Nasopharynx/Oropharynx, Biopsy	use for ENT biopsies of head and neck	88305	1			ENT
PILONI	Pilonidal Cyst, Sinus		88304	1			GEN
PITUIT	Pituitary Biopsy		88305	1			NEURO
PLACEN	Placenta, Third Trimester		88307	4			OBG
PLACEN O	Placenta, Other than Third Trimester		88305	4			OBG
PLAQUE	Atherosclerotic Plaque		88304	1			VASC
PLEURA	Pleura, Biopsy		88305	1	Unstained	Conservative tissue processing	PULM
POLYP C	Polyp, Colorectal		88305	1	Steps, 1 slide		GI
POLYP S	Polyp, Stomach/Small Bowel		88305	1	Steps, 1 slide		GI
POLYP U	Polyp, Cervix/Endometrium		88305	1			OBG
PROSTA	Prostate, Needle Biopsy		88305	1	Steps, 1 slide		GU
PROSTA R	Prostate, TUR		88305	2 to 10			GU
PROSTA S	Prostate, Resection Other than Radical	Use for simple prostatectomy for obstruction or hyperplasia	88307	18			GU
PROSTA T	Prostate, Radical Resection		88309	18			GU
RFS 1	Biopsy or margin for RFS, 1 slide	Do not use for resections with RFS. For those, add .RFS through PTOE	88305 88331	1	1 RFS, 1 perm		GEN
RFS 2	Biopsy or margin for RFS, 2 slides	Do not use for resections with RFS. For those, add .RFS through PTOE	88305 88331	1	1 RFS, 1 RFS Deeper, 1 perm		GEN
RFS 3	Biopsy or margin for RFS, 3 slides	Do not use for resections with RFS. For those, add .RFS through PTOE	88305 88331	1	1 RFS, 2 RFS Deeper, 1perm		GEN
SINUS	Sinus, Paranasal, Biopsy	Donot use for sinonasal polyps, use POLYP N	88305	1			ENT
SKIN	Skin, Cyst/tag/debridm.		88304	1			GEN
SKIN I	Skin, plastic repair, incidental, etc.		88302	1			GEN
SKIN IF	Skin, Biopsy for Immunoflouresence						
SKIN O	Skin Biopsy, Other than cyst/tag/debrim		88305	1			GEN
SMALL	Small Bowel, Biopsy		88305	1	Steps, 1 slide		GI
SMALL O	Small Bowel, Resection Other than Tumor		88307	8			GI
SMALL R	Small Bowel, Resection for Tumor		88309	15			GI
SOFT	Soft Tissue Mass, Other than Lipoma	If specimen submitted as "Mass", visually inspect to see if lipoma before accessioning	88307	3 to 10			GEN
SOFT O	Soft T., Other than Tumor/MassDebride.		88305	1 to 2			GEN
SOFT R	Soft Tissue Tumor, Extensive Resection		88309	15			GEN
SPERMA	Spermatocele		88304	1			GU
SPLEEN	Spleen		88305	5			GEN
STILLBORN	Report to Reference Stillborn Autopsy	Notify autopsy resident/pediatric pathologist for case handling					
STOMAC	Stomach, Biopsy		88305	1	Step, 1 slide		GI
STOMAC O	Stomach, Resection other than for Tumor	Typically will be for ulcers, bariatric surgery	88307	3			GI
STOMAC T	Stomach Subtotal/Total Resect for Tumor		88309	12			GI
SUBMAN	Submandibular Gland, Biopsy		88305	1			ENT
SUBMAN R	Submandibular Gland, Resection		88307	5			ENT
SYNOVI	Synovium, Biopsy		88305	1			ORTHO

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TENDON	Tendon/Tendon Sheath		88304	1			ORTHO
TESTIC	Testicular Appendage		88304	1			GU
TESTIS	Testis, Biopsy		88307	1	Step, 1 slide		GU
TESTIS C	Testis, Castration	Typically will have accompanying history of prostate carcinoma	88302	3			GU
TESTIS O	Testis, Other than Tumor/Biopsy/Castration		88305	5			GU
TESTIS R	Testis, Resection for Tumor		88309	12			GU
THROMB	Thrombus	any site	88304	1			VASC
THYMUS	Thymus, Tumor		88307	5			CARDI
THYMUS G	Thymus with gross only examination			None			
THYMUS I	Thymus, Incidental		88302	1			CARDI
THYROG	Thyroglossal Duct Cyst		88305	1			ENT
THYROI	Thyroid, Total/Lobe		88307	5 per lobe			ENT
TOE	Toe, Amputation, Traumatic		88302	3			ORTHO
TOE G	Toe, Traum. Amputation, Gross Only		88300	None			ORTHO
TOE O	Toe, Amputation, Non-traumatic		88305	3			ORTHO
TONGUE	Tongue, Biopsy		88305	1	Steps, 1 slide		ENT
TONGUE R	Tongue, Resection for Tumor		88309	10			ENT
TONSIL	Tonsil(s), Simple Resection	use for tonsillectomy, adenoidectomy/tonsillectomy	88304	2 (1 per tonsil)			ENT
TONSIL B	Tonsil, Biopsy	These will typically be adults, looking for tumor	88305	1			ENT
TONSIL R	Tonsil, Resection for Tumor		88309	5			ENT
TRACHE	Trachea, Biopsy		88305	1	Steps, 1 slide		PULM
URETER	Ureter, Biopsy		88305	1	Steps, 1 slide	Write "LUMEN" on cassette	GU
URETER R	Ureter, Resection		88307	3			GU
URETHR	Urethra, Biopsy		88305	1	Steps, 1 slide		GU
UTERUS C	Uterus, Part of Hyst-Oophorectomy	Use for separately submitted uterus accompanying an ovarian tumor	no charge	8			OBG
UTERUS O	Uterus w/wo Tubes & Ovaries, Nonneoplastic	This will typically be with history of menometrorrhagia, pelvic pain or endometriosis	88307	10			OBG
UTERUS P	Uterus, w/wo Tubes & Ovaries, Prolapse		88305	6 (6 if tubes/ovaries present)			OBG
UTERUS T	Uterus, w/wo Tubes and Ovaries, Neoplastic		88309	12			OBG
VAGINA	Vagina, Biopsy		88305	1	Steps, 1 slide		OBG
VAGINA I	Vaginal Mucosa, Incidental	Typically from enterocele or cystocele repair	88302	1			OBG
VAGINA R	Vaginal Resection/excision	Used for tumor resections		5			
VALVE	Cardiac Valve, With Micros	Use if there is a history of "vegetation" or "endocarditis"	88305	1		Gram stain to be ordered by gross room staff (if there is a history of endocarditis on requisition)	CARDI
VALVE G	Cardiac, Valve, Gross Only	Use if there is no history of "vegetation" or "endocarditis"	88300	None			CARDI
VARICO	Varicocele		88304	1			VASC
VAS	Vas Deferens, Sterilization		88302	1 per side		Write "LUMEN" on cassette	GU
VAS O	Vas deferens, Other than Sterilization		88304	1			GU
VEIN	Vein, Varicose		88304	1			VASC
VULVA	Vulva, Biopsy		88305	1	Steps, 1 slide		OBG
VULVA R	Vulva, Resection		88309	10			OBG
WASHING, GYN	Pelvic washings for cell button	Use for any fluid on which a cell block but no smears are made	88305	1			OBG