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CARD 20-001 | TERM	CARD 20-001 | DEFINITION
Analyte	The substance being measured in a laboratory test (e.g., glucose, potassium, troponin).
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CARD 20-002 | TERM	CARD 20-002 | DEFINITION
Autopsy (Necropsy)	Postmortem (after-death) examination of a body to determine cause of death or evaluate disease.
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CARD 20-003 | TERM	CARD 20-003 | DEFINITION
CLIA	Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendments; federal law establishing quality standards for laboratory testing. Tests are categorized as waived, moderate-complexity, or high-complexity.
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CARD 20-004 | TERM

Culture

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CARD 20-004 | DEFINITION

A laboratory procedure in which microorganisms are grown under controlled conditions to identify the causative organism of an infection.

CARD 20-005 | TERM

Cytopathology

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CARD 20-005 | DEFINITION

The microscopic examination of individual cells to detect disease, including cancer and infection. Includes Pap smears and FNA cytology.

CARD 20-006 | TERM

Definitive Drug Testing

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CARD 20-006 | DEFINITION

Testing that identifies specific drugs or metabolites, often using chromatography and mass spectrometry; results may be qualitative or quantitative.

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CARD 20-007 | TERM

Fine Needle Aspiration (FNA)

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CARD 20-007 | DEFINITION

A procedure using a thin needle to aspirate cells from a mass or lesion for cytopathologic examination.

CARD 20-008 | TERM

Frozen Section

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CARD 20-008 | DEFINITION

An intraoperative tissue examination technique where tissue is rapidly frozen, sectioned, and stained for immediate microscopic evaluation during surgery.

CARD 20-009 | TERM

Immunohistochemistry (IHC)

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CARD 20-009 | DEFINITION

A laboratory technique using antibodies to identify specific proteins (antigens) in tissue sections, used to classify tumors and guide treatment decisions.

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CARD 20-010 | TERM	CARD 20-010 | DEFINITION
MAAA Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	Multianalyte Assay with Algorithmic Analysis; proprietary laboratory tests that combine multiple measured values with an algorithm to produce a clinically meaningful score (e.g., OncotypeDX).
CARD 20-011 | TERM	**CARD 20-011 | DEFINITION**
Modifier -91 Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	Repeat clinical diagnostic laboratory test; appended when the same test is repeated on the same day for serial, medically necessary results - NOT due to lab error or faulty specimen.
CARD 20-012 | TERM	**CARD 20-012 | DEFINITION**
Molecular Pathology Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	Laboratory analysis of DNA, RNA, chromosomes, and proteins to detect genetic alterations, heritable conditions, or somatic mutations.

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CARD 20-013 | TERM	CARD 20-013 | DEFINITION
Panel	A predefined bundle of specific laboratory tests grouped together in CPT. ALL tests in the panel must be performed to report the panel code.
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CARD 20-014 | TERM	CARD 20-014 | DEFINITION
Presumptive Drug Testing	Initial screening for possible drugs or drug classes, often by immunoassay; a positive screen may require more specific testing.
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CARD 20-015 | TERM	CARD 20-015 | DEFINITION
Professional Component (-26)	The portion of a diagnostic service that represents the physician's interpretation and written report. Modifier -26 is appended to indicate only the professional component is being billed.
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CARD 20-016 | TERM

Qualitative Test

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CARD 20-016 | DEFINITION

A laboratory test that identifies the presence or absence of a substance (positive/negative result) without measuring a specific amount.

CARD 20-017 | TERM

Quantitative Test

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CARD 20-017 | DEFINITION

A laboratory test that measures the exact amount of a substance (numeric result with units, e.g., glucose = 142 mg/dL).

CARD 20-018 | TERM

Sensitivity Testing

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CARD 20-018 | DEFINITION

Antibiotic susceptibility testing performed on a cultured organism to determine which antibiotics will inhibit its growth.

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CARD 20-019 | TERM

Surgical Pathology

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CARD 20-019 | DEFINITION

The gross and microscopic examination of tissue removed during a surgical procedure. CPT levels I-VI determine code selection based on specimen type.

CARD 20-020 | TERM

Therapeutic Drug Monitoring (TDM)

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CARD 20-020 | DEFINITION

Measurement of drug concentrations in blood to ensure levels remain within the therapeutic range - effective but not toxic. Used for prescribed medications such as digoxin, phenytoin, lithium, and cyclosporine.

CARD 20-021 | TERM

Requisition

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CARD 20-021 | DEFINITION

A documented request or order for a laboratory test.

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CARD 20-022 | TERM

Specimen

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CARD 20-022 | DEFINITION

A sample of tissue, fluid, cells, or other material collected for examination.

CARD 20-023 | TERM

Serum

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CARD 20-023 | DEFINITION

The liquid portion remaining after blood has clotted.

CARD 20-024 | TERM

Plasma

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CARD 20-024 | DEFINITION

The liquid portion of blood containing clotting factors.

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CARD 20-025 | TERM	CARD 20-025 | DEFINITION
CBC Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	Complete blood count: a group of measurements of blood cells and related indices.
CARD 20-026 | TERM	**CARD 20-026 | DEFINITION**
CMP Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	Comprehensive metabolic panel: a specified group of chemistry tests.
CARD 20-027 | TERM	**CARD 20-027 | DEFINITION**
BMP Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	Basic metabolic panel: a specified group of chemistry tests narrower than the CMP.

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CARD 20-028 | TERM	CARD 20-028 | DEFINITION
Urinalysis Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	Examination of urine using the documented chemical, physical, and/or microscopic methods.
CARD 20-029 | TERM	**CARD 20-029 | DEFINITION**
Hemoglobin A1c Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	A measure reflecting the proportion of glycated hemoglobin, used to assess longer-term glucose exposure.
CARD 20-030 | TERM	**CARD 20-030 | DEFINITION**
TSH Corrina Lynch | Medical Coding Mastery	Thyroid-stimulating hormone, measured in evaluating thyroid function.

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CARD 20-031 | TERM

Antigen

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CARD 20-031 | DEFINITION

A substance or structure recognized by an immune response or antibody.

CARD 20-032 | TERM

Antibody

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CARD 20-032 | DEFINITION

An immune protein that recognizes a specific antigen.