

Genetic and molecular lab test registry

Frequently asked questions

Our genetic and molecular testing program uses the UnitedHealthcare Test Registry. Laboratories must register their tests to participate as part of the genetic and molecular testing prior authorization/advance notification process.

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What types of genetic and molecular tests are included in the test registry?

Labs can register the following genetic and molecular lab tests:

- Single gene tests
- Multi-gene panels
- Other molecular tests using genetic-based methodologies, such as gene expression profiles of tumors and multiplex polymerase chain reaction (PCR) assays of infectious pathogens

How should I register genetic tests from my compendium?

Laboratories should register tests in the way they are offered to referring physicians, whether a given test is offered as a stand alone test or as a part of a broader panel.

Can I submit more than 1 test registration at a time?

Yes. You can register either a single test or multiple tests in bulk.

How should I categorize genetic and molecular tests when registering?

Genetics must be selected as the Master Category. The Category field should be used to identify the specific clinical area that best describes the test. Only one Category may be chosen per test.

Which Test Type should I select?

Genetic and molecular tests should be classified as “Single Gene” for single gene tests or “Panel” for multi-gene or multiplex PCR pathogen assays in the Test Type field. If “Other” is selected, a text description is required. The number of genes included in the test should be noted in the Number of Genes field.

Can I register more than 1 test under a procedure code?

Yes. This scenario occurs with non-specific procedure codes (e.g., CPT® 81479). Register each test using the non-specific procedure code and provide additional details as to the exact nature of each test. Each test must be registered with a unique alphanumeric Test Code assigned by the laboratory.

Can I register a genetic test with a variable number of procedure codes or with multiple procedure codes or multiple units?

No. Tests should be registered with only 1 CPT code and 1 CPT code unit. This facilitates the advance notification/prior authorization process as well as claims adjudication.

Can I register genetic tests that can be ordered either as standalone tests or as a part of a panel?

Many laboratories offer single gene tests for certain analytes that may otherwise make up a comprehensive genetic panel. If a single gene test can be ordered by itself, it should be registered as an individual test. If the single gene test is only available as part of a larger panel, it shouldn't be registered as an individual test.



Questions?

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