

**EFFECTIVE MAY 1<sup>ST</sup> – CHANGE IN HIV ASSAY & CPT CODE**

On May 1<sup>st</sup>, Physicians Laboratory is switching to a 4<sup>th</sup> Generation HIV assay. The new HIV Ag/Ab Combo assay provides simultaneous qualitative detection of the p24 antigen in addition to the other antibodies that the 3<sup>rd</sup> generation test could detect (HIV-1 antibody, HIV-2 antibody, and HIV-1 group O antibody). Specimens that are resulted as reactive will automatically be sent out for confirmation. Physicians Laboratory will continue to use the same order choice for HIV testing #680; however, the 4<sup>th</sup> Generation HIV assay has a new CPT code of 87389. For this reason, the following tests will need to be updated in your EMR, LIS, and billing systems:

#680 **New Test Description:** HIV Ag/Ab Combo  
Previous CPT Code: 86703  
**New CPT Code:** 87389

#2557 Female Donor Panel  
Previous CPT Codes: 86703, 86704, 86780, 86803, 86900, 86901, 87340  
New CPT Codes: 87389, 86704, 86780, 86803, 86900, 86901, 87340

#2554 Male Infertility Panel  
Previous CPT Codes: 86703, 86780, 86803, 87340  
New CPT Codes: 87389, 86780, 86803, 87340

#2680 Exposure Panel  
Previous CPT Codes: 86703, 86706, 86803, 87340  
New CPT Codes: 87389, 86706, 86803, 87340

#2555 Female Infertility Panel  
Previous CPT Codes: 86703, 86644, 86645, 86762, 86780, 86787, 86803, 86900, 86901, 87340  
New CPT Codes: 87389, 86644, 86645, 86762, 86780, 86787, 86803, 86900, 86901, 87340

#7975 HCFR Panel 1  
Previous CPT Codes: 86703, 86762, 86780, 86787, 86803, 86900, 86901, 87340  
New CPT Codes: 87389, 86762, 86780, 86787, 86803, 86900, 86901, 87340

**EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY – HELICOBACTER PYLORI IGA #9393 & IGM #9297 DISCONTINUED**

The American College of Gastroenterology no longer recommends serology for the detection of H. Pylori infection since the test does not determine whether the patient has a current infection nor can it be used to determine whether H. Pylori has been eradicated after treatment. The American Gastroenterological Association (AGA) and the American College of Gastroenterologists (ACG) recommend the Urea Breath Test and stool antigen for diagnosis and confirmation of eradication.

<http://etd.paml.com/etd/display.php?id=8208>

**TEST INFORMATION FOR H PYLORI UREA BREATH TEST & STOOL ANTIGEN**

- 9778 Helicobacter Pylori Breath Test (Adult)  
Specimen Requirements: Breath Tek UBT Kit \*\*Call Sendouts Department to Obtain Kits\*\*  
Stability: Room Temperature 1 Week.  
CPT Code: 83013
- 8378 Helicobacter Pylori Breath Test (Pediatric)  
Specimen Requirements: Breath Tek UBT Kit \*\*Call Sendouts Department to Obtain Kits\*\*  
Stability: Room Temperature 1 Week.  
CPT Code: 83013
- 2095 Helicobacter Pylori Antigen Fecal  
Specimen Requirements: 5.0 g Unpreserved Stool.  
Stability: Refrigerated 3 days/Frozen Indefinitely.  
CPT Code: 87338