

**TEST TITLE AND SPECIMEN
REQUIREMENT CHANGE**

NOTIFICATION DATE: August 3, 2010

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 7, 2010

**PORPHYRINS EVALUATION, ERYTHROCYTES
#88886**

EXPLANATION: Currently, test #88886, Porphyrins Evaluation, Erythrocytes accepts two specimen types; whole blood and washed erythrocytes. A new unit code will be created to help facilitate ordering the separate specimen types. To reflect this update, the current unit code will also undergo a published name change.

CURRENT PUBLISHED NAME: Porphyrins Evaluation, Erythrocytes

NEW PUBLISHED NAME: Porphyrins Evaluation, Whole Blood

SPECIMEN REQUIRED:

Specimen must arrive within 48 hours of draw.

Draw a full, green-top (heparin) tube and place on wet ice immediately.

Send entire heparinized whole blood specimen refrigerated.

Specimen cannot be frozen.

- Note:
1. Include a list of medications the patient is currently taking and forward with the specimen.
 2. Patient should abstain from alcohol for 24 hours.
 3. Test will be canceled if frozen whole blood is received.

NOTE: Unit code #88886 will now only accept whole blood specimens as described above.

If specimen cannot arrive within 48 hours, please send washed erythrocytes by ordering unit code #31893. Include the cell suspension information.

LIST FEE: \$140.60

The following tests may be added per the testing algorithm:

\$176.90 for #28116 "Protoporphyrins, Fractionation, Reflex"

\$222.00 for #28117 "Porphyrins, Fractionation, Reflex"

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