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Test	Occult blood test
Test Description	The occult blood test is a rapid test for detecting occult blood in a stool specimen. It is used as a qualitative aid to the diagnosis of various gastrointestinal conditions, which manifest themselves by the presence of fecal occult blood. It is also suitable for monitoring post-surgical bleeding as well as patients with ulcerative colitis, peptic ulcers, or iron deficiency anemia.
Acceptable specimens	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Stool specimen in a sterile container 2. Stool sample applied to a Propper Seracult Plus test card <p><i>Note: Other brands of test cards are not acceptable. Also, due to the sensitivity of the test, it is important that the patient follow a red meat-free, low-peroxidase diet for at least two days prior to the testing period to decrease the possibility of false positive results.</i></p>
Specimen storage	Stool specimens in a sterile container should be kept refrigerated. Stool samples applied to the Propper Seracult Plus test card may be kept at room temperature after specimen application; the card should be kept away from heat and light.
Specimen shipping	Stool specimens should be shipped refrigerated and received by the laboratory within 3 days of collection. Propper Seracult Plus test cards can be shipped at room temperature and must be received by the laboratory within 21 days after specimen application.
CPT code	82270
Test fee	Refer to the posted fee schedule
Result availability (turnaround time)	Results from an occult blood test are typically faxed to the submitter on the same day as specimen receipt.