

Spotlight on Research Fees: Common Clinical Procedures

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A few clinical procedures appear in a majority of Phase II-IV clinical trial protocols, but the frequency drops off quickly.

Common Procedures in a Clinical Trial Protocols

(All Therapeutic Areas, Phases II-IV, Industry-Sponsored Pharmaceutical and Biotechnology Studies at Worldwide Research Sites, 2002-2007)¹

Rank	Procedure ²	Description	Frequency
1	CPT85025	Blood Count; Complete (CBC, Hemogram, Hematology), Automated (Hgb, Hct, RBC, WBC w/ Platelet Count) With Auto. Differential WBC Count, Routine	70%
2	CPT99205	Initial Visit (Visit w Initial History, Comp. Physical, Vital Signs), Routine	67%
3	CPT99212	Follow-Up Visit (Visit w Updated History, Focused Physical and Vital Signs), Routine	60%
4	CPT99211	Brief Visit with Vital Signs (Visit w Blood Pressure and Weight), Routine	52%
5	CPT93000	Electrocardiogram, ECG/EKG With at Least 12 Leads; With Interpretation and Report, Routine	44%
6	NC125 ³	Blood Chemistry Panel. Includes 13 - 22 Blood Chemistries, Kidney/Renal/Metabolic Panel, Serum Chemistry, Routine	43%
7	CPT84702	Serum Pregnancy, Human Chorionic Gonadotropin (hCG, Beta-hCG); Quantitative, Routine	35%
8	CPT84703	Urine Pregnancy, Human Chorionic Gonadotropin (hCG, Beta-hCG); Qualitative, Routine	30%
9	NC124 ³	Blood Chemistry Panel. Includes 5 - 12 Blood Chemistries, Kidney/Renal/Metabolic Panel, Serum Chemistry, Routine	25%
10	CPT81000	Urinalysis (UA) Dip Stick/Tablet Reagent For BIL, Gluc, Hgb, Ketones, Leuko, Nitrate, pH, Prot, SpG, UROBIL, Any Constit; Non-Auto w/ MIC, Routine	25%

References

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