Local Coverage Article: Flow Cytometry Coverage Clarification (A55933)

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Article Guidance

Article Text:

Flow cytometry is a complex laboratory process to examine body fluids, including blood and cerebrospinal fluid (CSF); bone marrow; and components of the lymphoreticular system, such as lymph nodes, tonsil, and spleen. The use of peripheral blood and fine needle aspirate material avoids more invasive procedures for diagnosis. LCD L34215-Flow Cytometry outlines the coverage criteria for flow cytometry testing. When covered, testing is limited to no more than 24 markers without additional medical necessity documentation.

Flow cytometry for the detection and/or identification or enumeration of bacteria or viruses in patients with chronic rhinosinusitis with or without polyps is investigational/experimental and is not a Medicare benefit.

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