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# Bulletin

## Technical

## ARTHRITIS PANEL

The Arthritis Panel (CPT 80072) has been deleted from the AMA recognized panels for 2002. Therefore, effective February 1, 2002 we will no longer offer this as a panel.

The Arthritis Panel was composed of an ANA (86255), uric Acid (84550), ESR(85651) and rheumatoid factor, qualitative (86430). You may order these tests individually by marking the appropriate test on the requisition or selecting the test in Cerner.

Because of recent instrument changes in chemistry, the rheumatoid factor has been automated and will be reported as negative or with a quantitative number for the result. The CPT number for the rheumatoid factor (quantitative) will be 86431.

Please contact our Client Services department (888-432-8980 or 402-354-4541) if you have any questions.