Maintain An Established Culture (Not Prenatal)

**Test Code:** TB  
**Turnaround time:**  
**CPT Codes:** 88233 x1

## Condition Description

Cells from many different types of solid tissues may be cultured, frozen, and stored. The establishment of a cell line may be useful for future studies. This test will produce cell cultures which can then be used for additional genetic or other analyses.

## Indications

This test is indicated for:

- the continued maintenance of cell lines for current or future testing.

## Methodology

The tissue specimen is minced or enzymatically disaggregated, treated with collagenase, and placed in a tissue culture vessel with media to establish a fibroblast culture. The cultures are sub-cultured into 1 to 3 T25 tissue culture flasks or 1 to 2 T75 tissue culture flasks and frozen for future use.

## Specimen Requirements

## Special Instructions

Other sample types accepted, but please call a laboratory genetic counselor before sending.

## Related Tests

- Maintain An Established Prenatal Culture (CV or AF)  
- Tissue Culture Only  
- Establish Prenatal Culture (CV or AF)