LOINC Code Mapping:

<u>Why do you need to link LOINC codes?</u>

In order to upload lab results to the ChartMaker® PatientPortal and to meet certain CQM requirements for Meaningful Use, LOINC codes must be mapped for the applicable procedures. Don't worry though, this is a "once and done" step so you won't need to re-visit this later, unless you need to link additional codes!
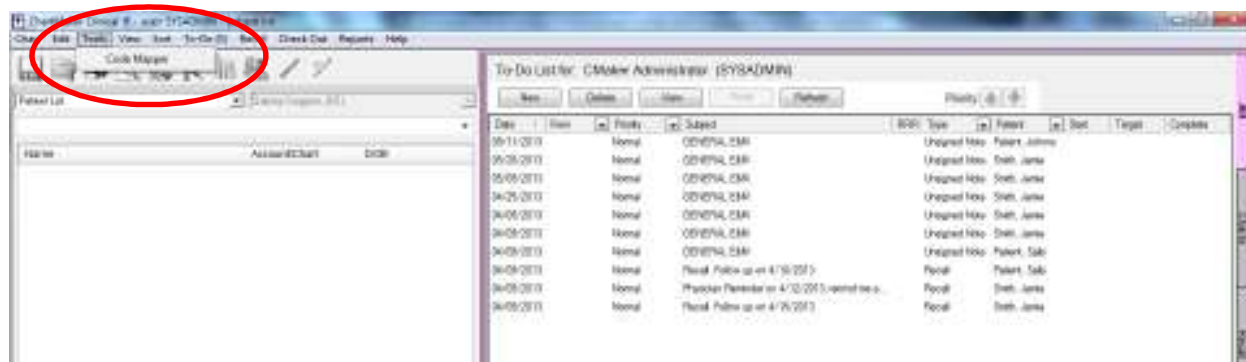
In order for lab results to upload successfully to the ChartMaker® PatientPortal for the patient to view, certain requirements must be met:

- Lab results must be linked to LOINC codes (whether you have an electronic lab interface OR you are manually recording lab results through a numeric field in a chart note).
  Note: If you are recording lab results through a numeric field in a chart note because an electronic lab interface is not possible, lab results will upload to the ChartMaker® PatientPortal when that chart note is signed.
- Lab results MUST be signed within 24 hours of their receipt.
  Note: Currently, the results are uploaded to the ChartMaker® PatientPortal if signed within 24 hours of receipt. This is going to change for our 2014 Meaningful Use version (version 5.1). The 24 hour time frame will be eliminated and the lab results will automatically upload to the PatientPortal upon note signing.
- If the lab is a panel (e.g. CMP - Comprehensive Metabolic Panel), all elements of the panel (e.g. Albumin, Bilirubin, Calcium, etc.) must be linked to their individual LOINC codes.

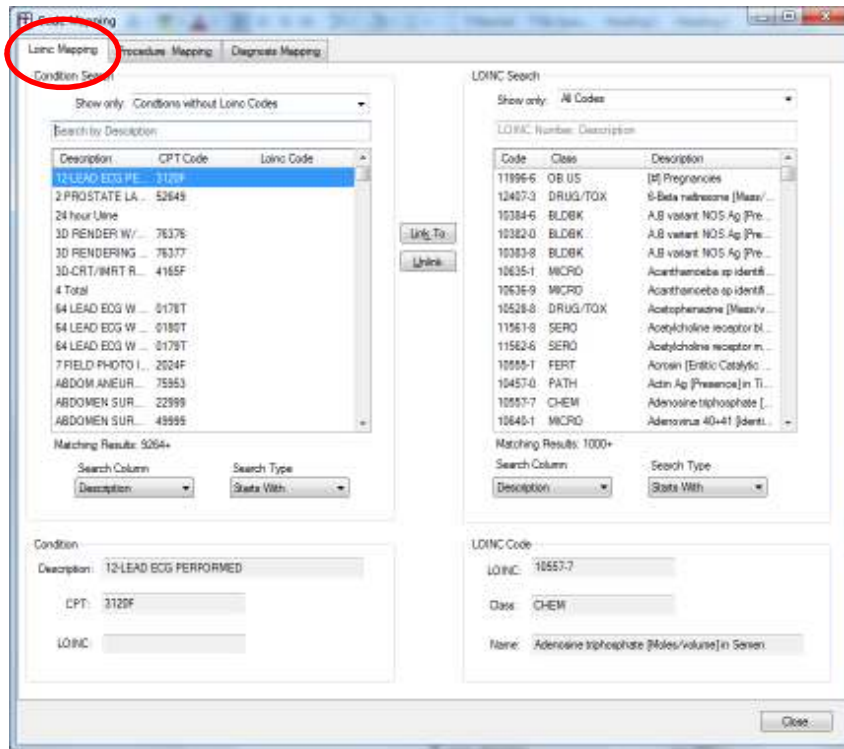For help on some of the commonly used LOINC codes please visit: http://loinc.org

To Link LOINC Codes:

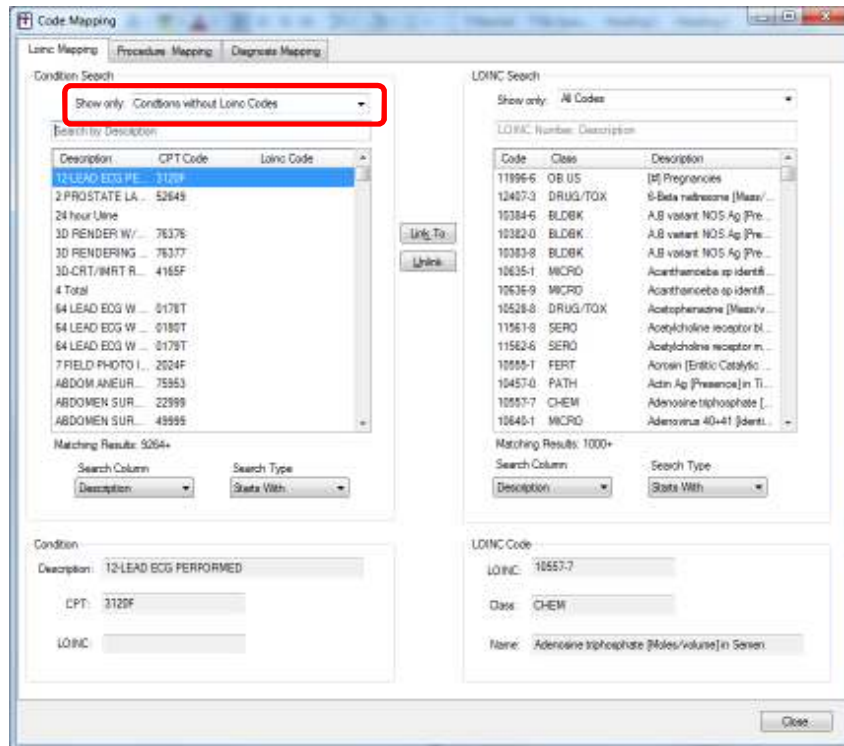1. In Clinical, go to Tools > Code Mapper

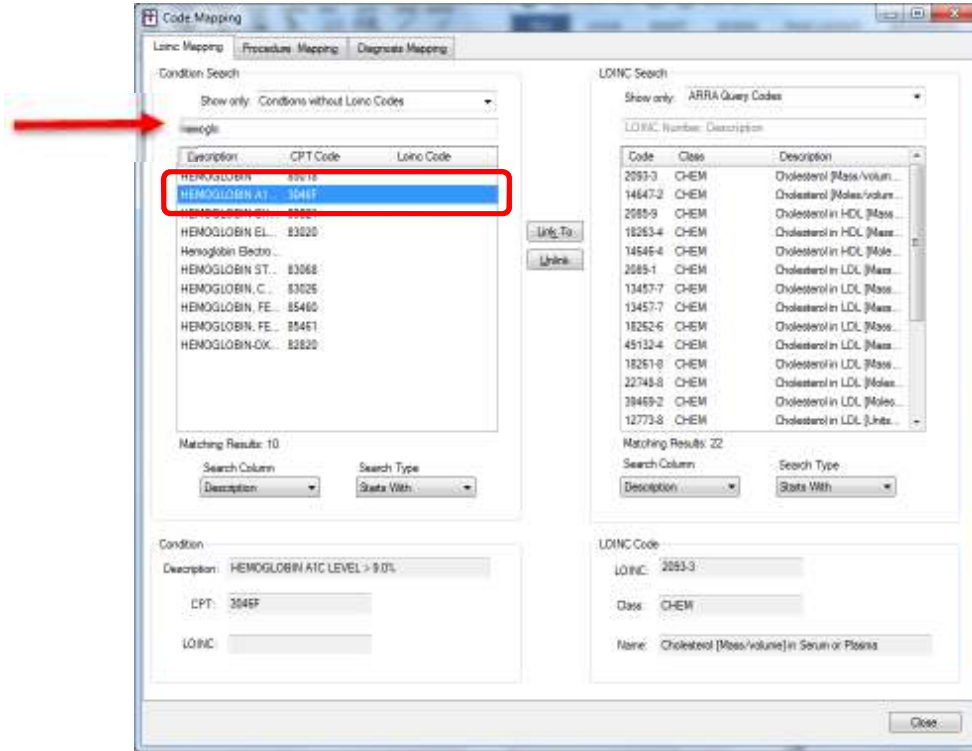*If you have any questions, please call our Support line: **1-800-487-9135**, Option 1 and then Option 2*
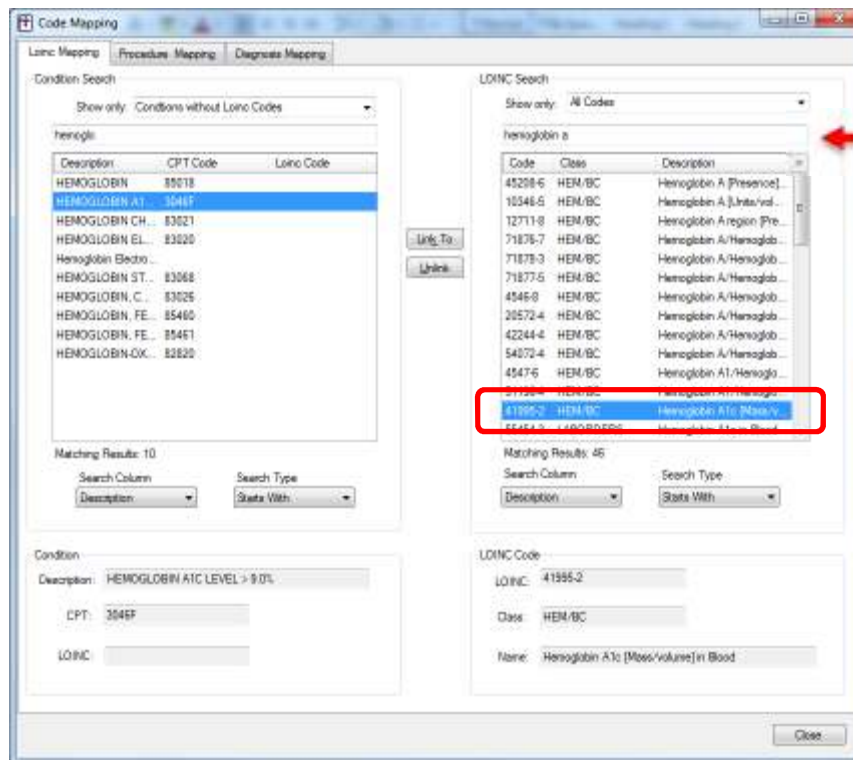
2. Click the "LOINC Mapping" tab

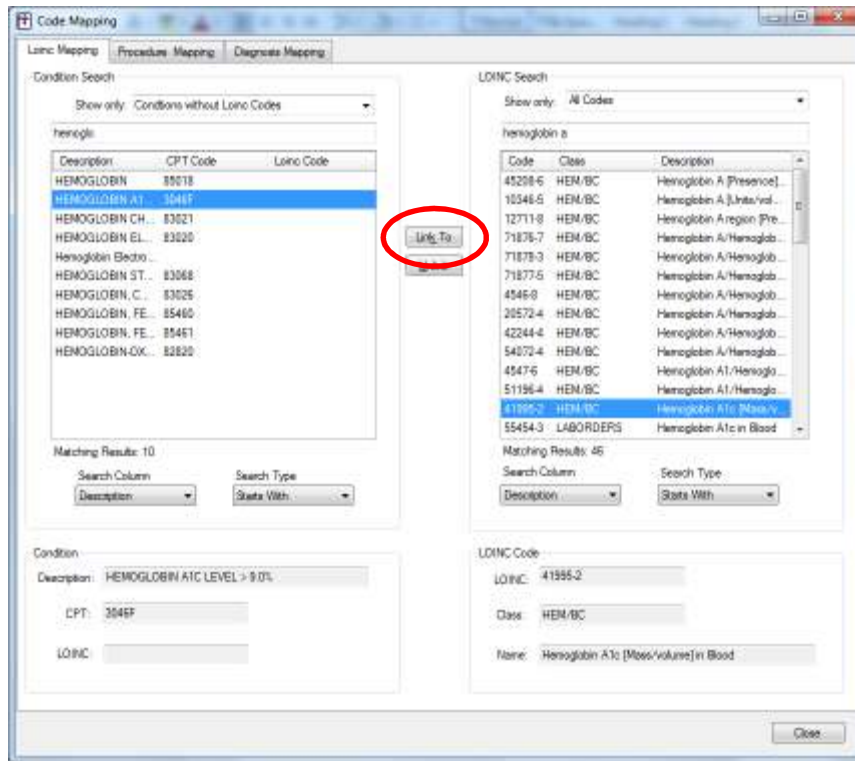3. From the "Show only" dropdown, select "Conditions without LOINC codes"

4. Search for the lab/test by typing the description in the "Search by Description" box and then highlight the appropriate lab/test that you want to link.

5. On the right, under LOINC Search, select "All Codes" from the "Show Only" dropdown

6. On the right (in the "LOINC Number, Description" box) search for the lab/test by typing the description and then highlight the appropriate lab/test that you want to link.

7. Click "Link To"

NOTE: This will link the codes to each other and the matching code will now display under the LOINC code column on left. To unlink a code, highlight the appropriate codes and click "Unlink".

8. Repeat steps 4 – 7 as necessary

9. Click "Close" when you are done