

Relative Values for Physicians

Relative values based on physician survey data from Relative Value Studies, Inc.



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Introduction

User Guide

Its long history and careful development make *Relative Values for Physicians* the most accurate and comprehensive relative value system available. Use of *Relative Values for Physicians* spans North America and several European countries. In this relative value system, values are provided for physician services contained in the American Medical Association's (AMA) Physicians' Current Procedural Terminology (CPT°) system, as well as Medicare's HCPCS Level II (National) codes. Additional codes, as recommended by physicians, have been

included in this system and assigned relative values to address special reimbursement issues.

Relative Values for Physicians provides a user-friendly listing of physician services with unit values. The accompanying instructions, guidelines, and modifiers explain the application and use of relative value units in the medical practice. All sections of the book may be used by any or all physicians or other qualified health care professionals. For example, codes found in the surgical section are not confined to use by a surgeon. Likewise, codes found in the medicine section are not limited to use by internists or primary care providers.

Definitions of Terms in *Relative Values for Physicians* **Column Descriptions**

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UPD		Code	Description			Units	Anes	Global		
150	S	① 10030	Image-guided fluid collection drainage by car lymphocele, cyst), soft tissue (eg, extremity, a			3.7 (I)	3	XXX		
(1) U	PD	updated for 2016 the u etc. Mid-ye during the would indi	an indicates the date the procedure was a <i>Relative Values for Physicians</i> . For the year pdate stamp will read 160; for 2015, 150; car updates are posted to the web site preceding year. The update stamp 151 cate a value that was changed mid-year update stamp is removed after three years.	0	the primary proced same physician on primary service/pro reported as a stand- Indicates the proce identified as exemp	the same date ocedure, and -alone code. dure is modif	e of service must never ier 51 exem	as the be		
(2) T	YPE		ode type or AMA icon		to multiple procedireduction or modif			nent		
M		book or HO remains withose codes year for CP deleted cod	code that has been deleted from the CPT CPCS code set. The CPT copyright th the AMA. This publication contains which have been deleted within the past PT codes and HCPCS codes. One year of les is maintained for both CPT and	that the procedure modifier 51 (multi this icon is backed	Codes identified by this Optum360 icon indicate that the procedure should not be reported with modifier 51 (multiple procedures). Any code with this icon is backed by official AMA guidelines but is not identified by the AMA with their modifier 51 exempt icon.					
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•			indicates that the code was added to the or HCPCS code set.		the diagnostic or th supports should no 99143–99145 in a	t report mod ddition to the	erate sedati e basic proc	ion codes cedure		
+			ndicates an add-on code. Add-on codes ditional intra-service work associated with			code. In rare instances a second provider other the the provider performing the diagnostic or therape				

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UPD		Code	Description	Units	Anes	Global
		36833	with thrombectomy, autogenous or nonautogenous dialysis graft (separate procedure)	9.5	6	090
		36835	Insertion of Thomas shunt (separate procedure)	15.6	6	090
		36838	Distal revascularization and interval ligation (DRIL), upper extremity hemodialysis access (steal syndrome)	11.6 (I)	6	090
140		36860	External cannula declotting (separate procedure); without balloon catheter	1.0	6	000
		36861	with balloon catheter	2.0	6	000
	S	⊙ 36870	Thrombectomy, percutaneous, arteriovenous fistula, autogenous or nonautogenous graft (includes mechanical thrombus extraction and intra-graft thrombolysis)	7.0	6	090
		37140	Venous anastomosis, open; portocaval	31.0	15	090
		37145	renoportal	30.0	15	090
		37160	caval-mesenteric	31.0	15	090
		37180	splenorenal, proximal	31.0	15	090
		37181	splenorenal, distal (selective decompression of esophagogastric varices, any technique)	40.0	15	090
		37182	Insertion of transvenous intrahepatic portosystemic shunt(s) (TIPS) (includes venous access, hepatic and portal vein catheterization, portography with hemodynamic evaluation, intrahepatic tract formation/dilatation, stent placement and all associated imaging guidance and documentation)	13.1 (I)	7	000
	S	⊙ 37183	Revision of transvenous intrahepatic portosystemic shunt(s) (TIPS) (includes venous access, hepatic and portal vein catheterization, portography with hemodynamic evaluation, intrahepatic tract recanulization/dilatation, stent placement and all associated imaging guidance and documentation)	6.2 (I)	7	000
160	S	▲ ⊙ 37184	Primary percutaneous transluminal mechanical thrombectomy, noncoronary, non-intracranial, arterial or arterial bypass graft, including fluoroscopic guidance and intraprocedural pharmacological thrombolytic injection(s); initial vessel	9.1	6	000
160	S	△ ©+ 37185	second and all subsequent vessel(s) within the same vascular family (List separately in addition to code for primary mechanical thrombectomy procedure)	3.3 (I)	0	ZZZ
160	S	▲ ⊙+ 37186	Secondary percutaneous transluminal thrombectomy (eg, nonprimary mechanical, snare basket, suction technique), noncoronary, non-intracranial, arterial or arterial bypass graft, including fluoroscopic guidance and intraprocedural pharmacological thrombolytic injections, provided in conjunction with another percutaneous intervention other than primary mechanical thrombectomy (List separately in addition to code for primary procedure)	5.0 (I)	0	ZZZ
	S	⊙ 37187	Percutaneous transluminal mechanical thrombectomy, vein(s), including intraprocedural pharmacological thrombolytic injections and fluoroscopic guidance	8.5	6	000
	S	⊙ 37188	Percutaneous transluminal mechanical thrombectomy, vein(s), including intraprocedural pharmacological thrombolytic injections and fluoroscopic guidance, repeat treatment on subsequent day during course of thrombolytic therapy	6.1	6	000

UPD	Code		Description	Units	Global
160	● # 80081	00 26 TC	Obstetric panel (includes HIV testing)	RNE RNE RNE	XXX
	80150	00 26 TC	Amikacin	3.7 1.2 2.5	XXX
140	80155	00 26 TC		3.2 (I) 1.1 (I) 2.1 (I)	XXX
	80156	00 26 TC	Carbamazepine; total	3.2 1.0 2.2	XXX
	80157	00 26 TC		2.0 0.7 1.3	XXX
	80158	00 26 TC		3.2 1.1 2.1	XXX
140	80159	00 26 TC	Clozapine	3.2 (I) 1.1 (I) 2.1 (I)	XXX
150	80162	00 26 TC	Digoxin; total	3.0 0.9 2.1	XXX
150	80163	00 26 TC	free	RNE RNE RNE	XXX
150	# 80164	00 26 TC	Valproic acid (dipropylacetic acid); total	4.0 1.3 2.7	XXX
150	# 80165	00 26 TC	Valproic acid (dipropylacetic acid); free	RNE RNE RNE	XXX
	80168	00 26 TC	Ethosuximide	4.0 1.6 2.4	XXX
140	80169	00 26 TC		3.2 (I) 1.1 (I) 2.1 (I)	XXX
	80170	00 26 TC	Gentamicin	4.1 1.4 2.7	XXX
150	# 80171	00 26 TC	Gabapentin, whole blood, serum, or plasma	3.2 (I) 1.1 (I) 2.1 (I)	XXX
	80173	00 26 TC	Haloperidol	3.0 1.0 2.0	XXX

⁺ Add-on Code O AMA Mod 51 Exempt Optum Mod 51 Exempt O Moderate Sedation # Resequenced Code Note: For a complete explanation of each icon, please see the Introduction