**Background**

Right ventricular (RV) pacing has been the standard practice for patients requiring permanent ventricular pacing. However, long-term RV apical pacing creates a non-physiologic activation pattern and may lead to worsened systolic and diastolic function in a subset of patients.¹

His-bundle pacing may preserve synchronous ventricular depolarization, which could mitigate ventricular dysfunction relative to RV pacing. The lead that would be intended for ventricular pacing, which would normally be placed in the right ventricle, can be placed on the lower septal part of the right atrium or in the upper septal part of the right ventricle to pace the bundle of His. The lead placement decision is based on the clinician’s intent to pace. This document focuses on the special considerations for coding when the lead intended to pace the ventricle is placed at the bundle of His.

The Medtronic C315HIS and the C304HIS delivery catheters are designed for placement of the SelectSecure™ MRI SureScan™ 3830 lead at the bundle of His.

**Currently, the FDA-approved indications for the Model 3830 lead state the following:**

“Model 3830 lead is intended for pacing and sensing in the atrium or right ventricle. It is also intended for pacing and sensing at the bundle of His as an alternative to right ventricular pacing in a single or dual chamber pacing system.”²

Other indications are either considered not within the current labeling or off-label use.
Possible Coding Solutions for Pacing at the Bundle of His — Initial Implant

His bundle pacing can be used to treat bradycardia (e.g., AV block, sinus node disease). In these scenarios the RV lead is placed at the bundle of His rather than at the RV apex. The final placement at the bundle of His may be anatomically in either the atrium (floor of atrium near tricuspid valve) or ventricle (at the roof of the ventricle near the tricuspid valve). Therefore, both scenarios are provided below.

Possible CPT® Coding Solutions for Physicians and Hospital Outpatient Setting:

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Possible Coding Solutions for Pacing at the Bundle of His — Lead Replacement

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Possible ICD-10-PCS Coding Solutions for Hospital Inpatient Setting

The ICD-10-PCS procedure coding would include both a generator insertion code and the appropriate number of codes for insertion of lead(s). For example, a single chamber ventricular system with His bundle placement should report the generator placement (e.g., 0JH604Z) and the atrial lead placement (02H63JZ). A dual chamber system with His bundle placement for the ventricle should report the generator code and the atrial lead code twice, once for the atrium and once for the lead at the bundle of His (assuming an atrial anatomical placement). Note that some coders would view reporting the atrial lead twice as optional and instead would report it only once, particularly since the payment impact is the same.

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*Percutaneous approach is the equivalent of transvenous.

Coding for His Bundle Recording/Mapping

Placing a lead appropriately at the His bundle often requires mapping the intracardiac tissue to identify the precise location of the conduction mechanism. It might be reasonably questioned whether two electrophysiology CPT codes for bundle of His recording (CPT code 93600) and intra-atrial pacing (CPT code 93610) might be assigned for this maneuver in conjunction with the code for the lead implant.

While arguments can be made, we do not believe reporting either of these codes separately for mapping prior to placing a lead at the bundle of His — whether using an external EP catheter or using the lead itself — would withstand scrutiny by external reviewers.

By coding convention, identifying the location for leads is included in the lead placement procedure and not separately reported. Further, the introductory language in the CPT manual specifies use of 93600 and other recording/mapping codes as reportable when trying to identify tachyarrhythmias for ablation based on the mapped tachycardias combined with diagnostic information. This indicates that these electrophysiology codes are not used when trying to locate the precise position in which to place a lead, whether in the atrium, apex of the ventricle, or at the bundle of His.

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MRI Technical Manual for MRI-specific warnings and precautions. Patients and their implanted systems must be screened to meet the following requirements for inhaled beclomethasone 17,21-dipropionate have been described. Drug interactions of beclomethasone 17,21-dipropionate with the Model 3830 lead have not been studied.

Caution:
1-800-328-2518 and/or consult the Medtronic website at medtronic.com for more detail.

See the appropriate Device MRI SureScan Technical Manual before performing an MRI Scan and Lead Technical Manual for detailed information regarding the implant procedure, indications, contraindications, warnings, precautions, and potential complications/adverse events. For further information, please call Medtronic at 1-800-328-2518 and/or consult the Medtronic website at medtronic.com or mrisurescan.com.

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‡Cardiac Image from https://www.medtronicacademy.com/powerpoint/cardiac-anatomy-and-physiology (slide 33)